THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF BUCKLAND MONACHORUM

England & Wales · Charity number 1132573

Details

Other names	ST. ANDREW'S PCC BUCKLAND MONACHORUM
Status	Registered
Legal form	Previously excepted
Registered	2009-11-07
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: Promoting the advancement of religion for all in the Parish and beyond.Providing space and opportunity for the worship of God, fellowship and pastoral care of those in our community, both young and old.

Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Individuals, Makes Grants To Organisations, Provides Human Resources, 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.
- Devon

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£198,241	£246,759	-	-
2023-12-31	£147,427	£158,329	-	-
2022-12-31	£178,231	£187,253	-	-
2021-12-31	£143,375	£155,077	-	-
2020-12-31	£156,931	£132,513	-	-

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Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Andrew William Reed		2025-04-27
Christopher Rowe		2022-05-14
David Tute		2023-05-14
Deborah Louise Corness		2019-04-20
Elizabeth Watson		2023-05-14
HELEN HOPKINS		2015-04-26
Hellen Williams		2024-05-12
Joseph Andrew Smart		2017-04-30
Lesley Pope		2025-04-27
Michelle Ann Broughton		2025-04-27
ROBERT HOPKINS		2015-04-26
ROGER MALCOLM WATKINS		2021-05-21
ROY EDWARD MATTHEWS		
Simon Lewis Bovey		2018-05-14
Stephen Charles Horn		2024-05-12
Terrence John West		2025-04-27
Wendy Castle		2025-04-27
William Marshall Houldsworth		2023-05-14

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Accounts

ST ANDREW'S CHURCH BUCKLAND MONACHORUM WITH THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT MILTON COMBE

Annual Report of the Parochial Church Council

The Churches of
MILTON COMBE &
BUCKLAND MONACHORUM

For the year ended 31st December 2024

Website: bucklandchurchdevon.co.uk

Diocese of Exeter **Charity No. 1132573**

Aims and Purposes

There are two churches in our parish and the Parochial Church Council includes representation from both. The Vicar, Andrew Bowden, along with the Associate Minister Andrew Farmer and the PCC, aspires to extend the ministry and teaching to the wider parish community of 2077 people (2021 census).

When planning our activities for the year, the incumbent and the PCC have considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and in particular, the specific guidance on charities for the advancement of religion.

As the churches of Milton Combe and Buckland Monachorum, we are a community of imperfect people, passionate about a perfect saviour, Jesus Christ! In light of that we endeavour to look in two directions:"

"Living in community as God's people; serving the wider community in God's world"

- "Looking inwards" – living in community as God's people; that as a church family we would put down strong spiritual roots, growing in our knowledge of God and learning how to live for his glory. For this we are reliant on the Holy Spirit, the Bible and prayer.
- "Looking outwards" – serving the wider community in God's world; as those who have received God's love, we want to share it abroad, striving to serve our local community through evangelism, social interaction and community engagement, whilst also supporting Christian missionary work around the world.

The above have been met in various ways, and include the following:

- **Regular Sunday Services:** Morning services take place at 09:15 in The Church of the Holy Spirit Milton Combe, and 10:30 in St Andrew's Buckland Monachorum, with services of Morning Worship and Holy Communion alternating between each church. We long for our services to be places where the faithful enjoy fellowship and are taught and built up in their faith, but also where the curious and the unbeliever are able to feel welcome and find out more about Jesus. Where a 5th Sunday appears in a month the two congregations join together at St. Andrew's.
- **Our preaching series:** In the spring term we took a few weeks to explore the riches of Matthew chapter 13, before a challenging series in the Old Testament book of Haggai. Over the summer term we studied the first 8 chapters of Paul's letter to the Romans, followed by 4 astonishing accounts of Jesus meeting a variety of different people, as recorded in Luke chapter 7. From September through the autumn, we walked together through Mark's Gospel, which was complemented by our "book of the term" – *Scattering Seeds of Hope* by Jeremy Marshall and Mary Davis, with the aim of encouraging the church family to consider how they could practically and naturally share their faith in Jesus, with family, friends, colleagues and so on. During Advent we looked at Luke chapter 1, before a wonderful Christmas season of services, offering something for everyone. Our Sunday services have been our main means of teaching the whole church family and have been complemented by our Discipleship Groups who meet regularly to disciple one another – delving deeper into God's word – sometimes reflecting on the Sunday sermon and on other occasions studying further books of the Bible. It has been a blessing to continue to meet with the church family, growing together in our knowledge and love of God, in our service to one another, and our desire to make Jesus known.
- **The first Sunday of the month** has also seen the continuation of two other services. At 08:00 we host a Book of Common Prayer Communion service at Buckland Monachorum. Then at 18:30 we have our **B²** service. B² stands for 'Bible and Beverage' and is a service that begins with a short topical talk in church, followed by Q&A and discussions, over a drink, in the Drake Manor Inn next door. This service has been a particular blessing in engaging with people who do not otherwise come to church.

- **Prayer:** Prayer is a vital part of all we do:
  - The prayer ministry team is available after each morning service at Buckland Monachorum, for any who might appreciate praying for a specific individual or concern.
  - The prayer chain is an important daily resource and support to anyone who requests prayer.
  - Morning Prayer services are held on Zoom twice a week – one from Common Worship and the other from the Book of Common prayer. Space to pray and offer intercessions are a central part of these brief services.
  - Our Central Prayer meeting continues on the first Wednesday evening of every month. We take time to focus on one of our mission partners each month, as well as praying for the needs of the world, our nation, the local community and our church.
  - A small group meet (on zoom) every Monday morning to pray specifically for our local Church of England school.
- **Evangelistic Courses:** Over the year we have developed a rhythm of running courses to reach out to folk outside of the church. In a change from our usual course of Christianity Explored, we offered a shorter three-week course called 3-2-1, which encourages people to consider how they make sense of God, the world and their place in it. Unfortunately, the courses had to be postponed due to small numbers, but we will continue to offer opportunities for people to hear the good news of the Gospel.
- **Discipleship Groups** – These are small mid-week groups which enable members of the church to learn, share, pray and grow together in faith. We have started a new group and been encouraged to see new members of the church family join other existing groups. Over the past year, groups have been spending time studying the Apostles' Creed as well as the Bible books of Nahum and Proverbs.
- **Youth and children's teams** - have sought to follow the same pattern in order to promote discussion at family times beyond the Sunday service.
- **Worship** - is not confined to our church meetings on a Sunday, but is an all-encompassing lifestyle, that seeks to glorify God in words and actions. Our musicians in both churches ably lead our sung worship week by week, and we are very grateful for those who use their God-given gifts to enable us to join together in praise.
- **Living in community** as God's people and serving the wider community in God's world. Being pro-active in monitoring and supporting those who are in need.

  To facilitate this work, it is important that we maintain the fabric of both churches in Buckland Monachorum and Milton Combe.

a) ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE 2024

Guidelines and Policy documents:

i) **Health & Safety Policy** - The PCC has a policy in place for both churches to ensure that current legislation is being met and measures put in place where required.

ii) **Safeguarding -** St Andrew's Church Buckland Monachorum and the Church of the Holy Spirit, Milton Combe adopts the Exeter Diocese Policy and Procedures. (*See the full report below).*

iii) **Reporting of Safeguarding and Serious incidents –** the reporting to the Charities Commission of serious incidents both regarding Safeguarding and other serious incidents is delegated to the Diocese of Exeter Board of Finance via the Diocesan Safeguarding Adviser and the Diocesan Secretary in a resolution that was passed by the PCC in January

2020. This is in accordance with the House of Bishops Guidance. There have been no incidents to report in 2024

iv) A **Privacy Statement** covering how the church handles personal data is now added to our website, in line with current legislation.

v) **A Domestic Abuse Statement** – as with all the above policies, we take this matter seriously; our statement can be found on our website.

Safeguarding

St Andrew's Church, Buckland Monachorum, and the Church of the Holy Spirit, Milton Combe continues to place Safeguarding as a high priority under the guidance from 'Promoting a Safer Church 2017. The PCC fully acknowledge that they have a responsibility to support, protect and safeguard all, but in particular the vulnerable, young children and the youth.

To support this, a culture of prevention, support and guidance is central and all who work with children and young people, as well as those who support the vulnerable, are recruited in accordance with the Diocesan Safer Recruitment guidance. All recruits are fully DBS checked and are given support and training for their role.

Review of Safeguarding Action Plan 2024

The Safeguarding Action Plan was presented to the PCC by the Parish Safeguarding Officer in January 2024 where it was approved. A mid-year review was undertaken in July and reported to the PCC.
Progress on this action plan was reported at each PCC meeting throughout the year.

Progress made on the Areas for Action 2024 :

Parish Dashboard:

- Training has been completed for all but 1 member of the PCC.
- Role Descriptions/specifications were created and approved for PCC members; Volunteers working with Children and Youth; the Children and Youth Worker role and the DBS verifier role.
- Most of stage 2 of the dashboard was completed and Stage 3 - recruitment tracker, has been started.
- Safer Recruitment Folder revisited and amended using the SRPM toolkit to ensure compliance. AB, AF and TW have online copies of the folder.
- Reacted to ongoing updates on Hub throughout the year.
- Key safeguarding documents that need to be renewed annually by the PCC were approved. The Social media policy is now to be renewed every 2 years.

The Introduction of the National Safeguarding Standards and Quality assurance Framework looking at 'How good is our safeguarding activity?":

- The Standards and Framework were introduced to the PCC and progress was reported at each PCC meeting thereafter.
- Currently progress is: -Culture, leadership and capacity is at 60%
    - Prevention is at 75%
    - Recognising, assessing and managing risk is at 100%
    - Learning, Supervision and support is at 52%

Provide resources, advice and direction to the PCC on Domestic Abuse:

- Unfortunately, no further progress was made this year, and it has been placed as a priority on the 2025 action plan. The PCC needs to agree on their priorities in this area and PSO will help them to fulfil these.

DBS/Training:

- Regular monitoring of training and DBS certification continued; emails regarding outstanding safeguarding training were sent monthly to those who had not completed/ needed to renew. To date we only have one PCC member with outstanding training.
- DBS renewal dates continued to be monitored regularly and followed through for compliance.

Awareness Raising of Safeguarding:

- Website has been updated as and when- new risk assessments, PCC approved documents and approved role descriptions were added.
- The volunteer pack for PCC members was completed and distributed as an online document.
- A start was made on updating the volunteer packs for those working with Children and Youth - but not fully completed.
- Further updating of volunteer packs for pastoral and prayer team also needs to be done.

Monitoring procedures:

- Monitoring happened on at least a monthly basis.
- An updated risk assessment was written for Children and Youth work.
- The 2024 Church Camp risk assessment was sent to DW/AB/TW for updates that the planning team might wish to add.

Other issues:

- First Aid training was arranged for earlier in the year, but unfortunately the uptake was not enough to warrant the trainer running it. Hopefully a new date(s) will be found soon in the coming year.

Trish Topham, Parish Safeguarding Officer.

b) **OUTREACH TO THE COMMUNITY –** This is shown in the following reports:

Charleston Friendship Cafe

The Charleston Friendship Cafe once again had a busy and productive 2024 offering a varied range of fun and activities to our 'friends'. We welcomed new members and so as a group we continue to grow. We have a team of 'helpers' who continue to provide us with invaluable help and support and we are so lucky to have them. They 'muck in' with getting the hall ready, making the refreshments, joining in the activities and helping to clear away. Not sure how we would cope without them.

We are self-financing but ask for voluntary contributions from our 'friends' to help pay for the village hall hire and running costs. We no longer can provide transport as the hire of the minibus was not viable. Once again, our team stepped up and now collects some who live out of the immediate vicinity. Those living further afield use Yelvecare.

Our fortnightly sessions are a valuable time for friendship, chatting and reminiscing about a wide range of things; armchair Pilates to strengthen our bodies, activities to exercise our minds, creative activities as well as lots of singing. Not forgetting the tea, wonderful cake and lots and lots of laughter!!

Our group participated in a real range of activities in 2024. We travelled to Scotland (in our armchairs) to experience the wonders Scotland has to offer, participated in our own highland games, eaten oatcakes and shortbread and heard the words of Burns. World Turtle Day was celebrated as well as World Chocolate Day and World Kindness Day. Other sessions included experiencing what it is like to be left-handed, pizza making, and decorating Easter biscuits. Keith Topham led our Christmas craft session: making clocks from old CD's. The outcomes were very impressive, and all seemed to enjoy making them.

Our Christmas party was great fun, and we were entertained with songs and carols from the Beehive Nursery and the choir at St Andrew's school. At times there wasn't a dry eye in the house as we listened to them!!

We have lots planned for 2025, and as always offer a warm welcome to anyone who wants company and laughter or just wants to see what we do. Trish Topham

Support in the Community
Several members of the church family support both the **Buckland Cares Group** that run the Food Hub, and also the **Play Café** which runs weekly during term time for parents and carers of pre-school children.

Milton Combe Church Roof Fundraising
The repair of Milton Combe church roof was required to be done urgently. A twelve-month timescale was set with monthly fundraising events taking place. It was agreed that a purpose and mission be established and that this would need to engage the local community as well as the church family. It was also considered that it should not be purely about the fundraising but that all the events should bring the both the church and the village together with the aim of maintaining this beautiful historical building in good repair.

Over the year several events were planned, such as a Murder & Mystery Evening and the Milton Combe Piano festival. A special evening was hosted by the local pub and the delicious meal cooked by our local celebrity chef, Peter Gorton. There was also an auction of promises, a table tennis tournament and many more equally enjoyable events. We are extremely grateful to the 'Who'd a Thought It' pub and the 'Village Hall' for enabling several events to take place.

Amazingly over forty thousand pounds was raised. That included many very generous personal donations and some grant funding that had been secured. Overall, it has been a wonderful celebration of what can be achieved with local people working together for a common goal. There was excellent collaboration between the church and the local community. Thanks go to all who played a part in making this happen, especially to Bill Houldsworth and Roger Watkins for driving it forward.

Community Carols
For the fourth year we hosted 'Community Carols', and for the first time, hosted the event in the grounds of St Andrew's Church in Buckland Monachorum. As this event had previously been held in the Meadows (behind the church), a new Risk Assessment was produced. Around 100, brave individuals of all ages joined us for the event. We were very grateful that the Tavistock Stannary Brass Band were able to join us, leading the music as we sang carols together. The evening also included a few readings; contemporary poetry as well as Bible readings, read by members of the church and the village community. At the end of the event, refreshments were served at The Drake Manor Inn: roasted chestnuts, mince pies and mulled wine. We were very thankful to Mandy and Garth (from the Inn) for partnering with us in this way.

Links with St Andrew's Primary School
St Andrew's Church continued to support St Andrew's School financially, physically and spiritually during 2024.
During the academic Year we said goodbye to Sarah Lakey who had been our Headteacher for just over 4 years. Sarah had accepted a post with Exeter Diocese, starting at Easter which is good for us in that we don't completely lose touch with Sarah who has provided a very strong lead for our school team. Unfortunately, this came at an awkward time for us as we were embarking upon the first stages of joining a Multi- Academy Trust (MAT). The MAT which the governors decided upon was the Learning Academy Partnership (LAP). This has within it, several schools mainly across South and West Devon and some schools just over the border in North Cornwall.

Sarah agreed to cover the transition period of the Summer Term, and the Diocese supported this. We did appoint a new Headteacher and Sarah, in her new role with the Diocese and representation from the LAP team, assisted governors with the new appointment. Deborah Nunn was our newly appointed headteacher and she started with us at the start of this Academic Year in September. We welcomed her to our Church Family in October within a special commissioning service within St Andrews Church which was watched by the whole school.

The school continues to use the facilities of the church on a regular basis, and we had a full program of events which involved staff, children and parents over the Autumn Term. The major events being Harvest in September and presentations by both KS1 children and KS2 children as part of Christmas celebrations. Both

Key stages gave 3 performances: a Dress Rehearsal for the rest of the school and an afternoon and evening performance for parents and family members.

The KS1 performance involved a Drama in Betlehem with the Bethlehem Police there to ensure the event was well policed as there were 'a lot of people around at the time!' KS2 gave us a series of choir pieces, some traditional, some new with readings between - and again this was thoroughly enjoyed by all. Governors (almost all of which are from our two churches) have still a lot of involvement with the school as outlined in Autumn Term and they are finding their way, (along with teachers and staff) with the Academy structure, which is a different approach for us all. We are on stream with most Academy procedures and training now – and because we are in transition with a new headteacher, Deborah Nunn, it has been agreed that we as governors and staff should be largely St. Andrews based before becoming members of the West Devon Hub, which at his stage includes, Lamerton, Gulworthy and Lifton Primary Schools. Many of our 'governing team'; remain with us for this transition phase and onward as we become part of the 'Hub Governance team'.
We have all been into schools for our school events as well as being involved as governors carrying out our role supporting the school, staff and events. Many of us have already undertaken formal visits as part of teams looking at Curriculum, RE and moral education, which with this Academy it has a strong focus on Ethos as part of its core values, for which the Diocese has a guiding and overarching role.

Terry West, Governor

Outreach Magazine
The magazine is a wonderful vehicle for the church, in reaching the community. It is independently funded by subscriptions and advertising, that covers the cost of production. It is expertly edited by Becky Butland with two of the church members dealing with the many advertisers and finances and the distribution is undertaken by other members of the church. The content of the magazine is very varied and includes much about church activity, links with the other organisations and articles about events within the parish.

c) GENERAL CHURCH ACTIVITY

Pastoral Care
The Pastoral Care Team seeks to be the hands and feet of our Lord, primarily within our church family, but also in our community. We are a small core team and a wider group who all seek to care and support those in need in practical ways. We continue to have a team of willing cooks who have supported people in need, with meals during the year. We also have several people who support with offering lifts to services when needed. In addition, we have continued to give Andy Bowden welcome packs to give out when he visits newcomers to our church and local area.

We liaise with the Prayer Chain and are always grateful when we are made aware of needs that we can support. We can be contacted by speaking to Andy Bowden or Andy Farmer or one of the Team, or by emailing at:-
pastoralcare@bucklandchurchdevon.co.uk

Children and Youthwork Reports - Continued nurturing of our Young People, are seen in the following reports.

Children, including community outreach.
This group continues to meet each Sunday morning except the first Sunday of the month when the children remain with the rest of the church family for the 'All Age Service'. Three leaders from the team run the session in Buckland chapel hall, ensuring the safeguarding policy is adhered to and any issues are reported back to Tom Watson and/or the Parish Safeguarding Lead (PSL).

Throughout the year, STAX (children's group) varied their Sunday teaching programme, sometimes linking in with the wider church family, sometimes not. Over the course of the year they looked at Jesus' parables in Matthew, Paul's letter to the Romans and spent a month exploring themes in Psalm 139. At Easter the children followed the '*Faith in Kids*' resource: 'Easter Explained', which took them through John's account of

the events leading up to and including Jesus' death and resurrection. Towards the end of the year the children followed up the previous year's teaching series called 'Who am I?' with part two of the series, called, 'Growing Up'. This covered themes around God's design, purpose and intentions for our bodies, our gender and marriage among other topics. This provided an opportunity to look at these ever-present issues from a biblical perspective in an age-appropriate way.

On Easter Saturday morning, a drop-in event was organised for children and their parents. The children made a chocolate cornflake nest and coloured their own cupcake holder while their parents had a cup of coffee. Not knowing how many would come, it turned out to be a lovely morning seeing about 30 people across the time with parents and children coming from the school, village and wider area. With this being well received, the plan is to run something similar again this year with a larger team to be able to offer a few more crafts and conversation for those who come along.

In July, as part of the church's summer camp, children from STAX were led by Andy Bowden and Rachel Corness through the story of Jonah. With Halloween falling in the October half term, we used the usual 'Dangerous Club' slot in school before half term, to have a 'Light' themed Dangerous Club which built on the 'Pumpkin Story' which some of the children heard in October's All Age Service.

On Christmas Eve, instead of the traditional Christingle service, we held a 'DIY dress up nativity' aimed primarily at children and young families. It was very well attended by families from the church, the school and further afield. (The children didn't miss out on something sweet at the end; they were all given a small envelope with some chocolate coins in, from the Nazarene shepherd, Luke Aftersheep!).

During term time throughout the year, Tom and Andy have led St Andrew's Primary School's collective worship' on a Wednesday morning at St Andrew's Primary School. This year started with the children looking at the fruit of the Spirit in the spring term before looking at some of the key moments in Mark's gospel through the summer term. For one of these collective worship times, Tom supported the school's Ethos team in leading the rest of the school through Mark's account of Jesus feeding the five thousand. In the autumn term we looked at the two Old Testament characters of David and Daniel before the build up to Christmas. Along with all of this, we observed some of the usual seasonal celebrations with the school, offering the church building as a venue to invite parents and carers to attend school services including Easter, Year 6 leavers, Harvest, St Andrew's Day, KS1 & KS2 Nativity and Carol Services. This year it has also been a privilege to host a leaving service for the departing Mrs Lakey and a commissioning service for the new Headteacher, Mrs Nunn.

Once again, nothing that that has taken place in the past year would be possible without the enormous commitment of the wider youth and children's team. This is a fruit of the whole church's continued commitment to view the children and young people as valuable members of the church and to see them raised to know and love Jesus as the Bible is taught week-in-week-out.

Dangerous Club

'Dangerous Club' continues to take place after school on Wednesdays and is aimed at children aged 8-11 (KS2). It involves meeting in the chapel for a quick snack before heading over to the church building for a short Bible talk and various games and activities based around the theme of the talk. The idea is that it provides an easy evangelistic opportunity for the children from church families to invite their friends to a club where they are guaranteed to have fun and hear about Jesus. While the club is going on, a café runs for parents and younger siblings with drinks, a few games and a small craft activity is also available (linked with the talk if possible!).

St Andrew's School has been very supportive in advertising the club, with children being very enthusiastic to come along. It has been a great encouragement over this last year to see a core group of children attending the club, also seeing newcomers attending after being invited along by the more regularly attending children. The Club continues to be a positive link between the church and families in the school and community. The dedicated team of leaders involved in both the club and the café continue to make Dangerous Club a thoroughly welcoming and enjoyable time together.

Youth, including community outreach.
The youth continue to meet each Sunday morning except the first Sunday of the month and the midweek group for teenagers in GCSE and A level years continues to meet on a Tuesday evening. During the all-age services it has been great to see the continued involvement of some of the young people, playing and singing with the music worship team. Along with serving more regularly on the coffee rota and being involved with the livestreaming, it is encouraging to see the youth taking these opportunities to be an active part of the church body.

Socials throughout the year have continued to be well attended by youth from the church as well as the wider village. We had a brilliant time on a weekend away earlier in the year at Shallowford Farm near Widecombe-in-the-Moor. We enjoyed various activities and spent four sessions exploring Luke's gospel using the Youth Christianity Explored course. It was great to see the youth getting their teeth stuck into some familiar passages from Scripture but seeing them afresh and grappling with the truths held out to them.

Many of the youth attended summer camp where some of the youth team and other members of the church led the youth through some sessions on the themes of 'work rest and play'. I was unable to be on camp this year but heard encouraging reports of the youth getting stuck in with everything going on, leading a great games night(!) and enjoying time together playing Uno and drinking hot chocolate! This year I was delighted to take four of the youth on a summer 'Venture' run by CPAS, called 'Brymore 3' near Taunton. This was a week-long residential designed for 13–18-year-olds from across the country to enjoy a programme of activities and daily Bible teaching sessions and seminars. I had to leave midway through the week, but I was thrilled to hear from the youth who went that it was the highlight of their summer and that they are keen to return. It is camps like this where I have seen teenagers, (myself included, a few years ago!) take big steps forwards in their relationship with Jesus.

From September the youth have also begun meeting more regularly on a Sunday evening for food, a short talk and some games. This was with a view to be able to see more of the fringe members of the group than just at social events. We've called the evening '***Fuel***' (where they can receive some physical and spiritual fuel!) and it has been well received by youth and their parents. That said, it has put an extra demand on the youth team on top of all that they already commit to, so this term we are seeing if running Fuel monthly might be more manageable. We are running it on the first Sunday of every month so that the youth have a time to meet together on an All-Age Service Sunday when there is no morning meeting for them.

Networking with other youth groups
A new CPAS Venture is being started this summer in Blundell's School with the aim of bringing together youth groups from across the Southwest. Unfortunately, it runs at the exact same time as Brymore 3 and the youth who went to Brymore are desperate to return! However, it might be in future years, if the hunger for summer Ventures grows, we could make the decision to proactively support the new Venture in Blundell's, which would likely open many doors for networking with other churches across Devon.

Tom Watson, Youth & Children's Worker

d) FURTHER CHURCH ACTIVITIES

Prayer Chain
The St Andrews Prayer Chain is made up of 16 members of our congregation. All messages are received via our What's App group and are confidential. It is well used and it's a privilege to see prayers answered and to be able to carry people in prayer as they go through difficult and trying circumstances.
If anybody wishes to find out more, please contact myself or any member of the Prayer Chain.

Discipleship Groups
Discipleship groups are small groups of people meeting mid-week, some in person and some by zoom. They are a great way for us to learn from God's word, share our thoughts, experiences, and encouragements, pray

for each other and those around us, and grow in our faith. They are a valuable opportunity for us to challenge, encourage, and support each other in our everyday lives.

Groups can choose what material they use, depending on their needs, and many have used the material recommended and provided by Andy B and been blessed through studying the book of Proverbs and The Apostle's Creed.

We ask for prayer for God to draw people who'd benefit into discipleship groups, give thanks for the new groups that have formed and pray for more people to be willing to take on coordinating groups.

BREATHE – Ladies Fellowship Group

BREATHE has served as a space for the ladies of Milton Combe and Buckland Monachorum churches to gather for fellowship, prayer, and time in God's Word. Over the years, it has been a privilege to see women encouraged and strengthened in their faith.

In 2024, we held one session in April, where we delved into the mystery and wonder of the Trinity. Through exploring what the Bible reveals to us, we reflected on the beauty of God's nature as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, and how this truth shapes our faith and lives. It was a precious time, and I pray those who attended were encouraged by the richness of God's Word and the fellowship shared.

After much prayerful consideration, I have decided to step back from organising and leading BREATHE for the time being. With interest in the group being low and recognising my own limitations in this season, I feel it is time to give this ministry a rest. I trust God will use what has been shared these last three years through BREATHE, for His glory and that He will continue to guide and sustain us in the seasons ahead. Thank you for the support and prayers offered for this fellowship over the years.

Bethany Bowden

Christian Ladies Breakfast Book Club

It has been lovely to share fellowship, friendship and frank discussions again this year amongst the members of this group of Christians. We have continued to meet every two months for a simple breakfast meal in the Chapel and a lively conversation about the book (or often going completely off track into other areas). However, the group is a great mechanism for each of us to share insights into our own journeys of faith and give each other much appreciated support. We always try to vary the types of books we read - autobiographies, fictional or studied texts.

The books we have read this year included:

- The Rock, The Road and the Rabbi by Kathie Lee Gifford with Rabbi Jason Sobel
- Gilead by Marilynne Robinson
- A Lineage of Grace by Francine Rivers
- A Christmas Carol by Charles Dickens
- The Happiest Man on Earth: The Beautiful Life of an Auschwitz Survivor by Eddie Jaku
- Knowing God Intimately by Joyce Meyer
- Journey into God's Heart by Jennifer Rees Larcombe

Cally Barnes

Sung Worship within both Churches

Thinking of this past year, I am once again reminded of how blessed we are to have so many who have been given the gift of music in its many forms. So, I really must begin with a huge thank you to those who lead a team Sunday by Sunday. It does take time to collate all the music required and then make sure everyone has what is needed. Thank you to those who sing or play a musical instrument, for being willing to be used by God. I do have to say a huge thank you to Audrey Mills, who has once again been so faithful in playing every Sunday. After Christmas I did say to Audrey that maybe she would like to have a few more Sundays off. What I hadn't expected was for her to fall and break her hip. We do miss having her with us and look

forward to the time when she feels able to be back playing again. We also must thank Elizabeth Baxter and Sue Chapman who play at Milton Combe.
At St Andrews we have four teams of musicians, who each have a set Sunday when they can lead. This works really well. Andy, Chris New and I choose the songs/hymns for a few months at a time. This also helps with practicing and planning the sung worship.

Christmas 2024. The carol service at St Andrews was held a week earlier than normal. We had a wonderful group who came together every Thursday evening in November and December to practice two carols which we sang during the service. They sounded amazing and certainly added something a little special to the service. Milton Combe had their carols by candlelight service a week later. Both services were very well attended by local people who expressed their appreciation.
It is a joy and an immense privilege to lead people into the presence of the Lord Jesus each Sunday through our sung worship.
Jane Oliver

Church Camp
The church family again enjoyed another week together at Strete, overlooking Blackpool Sands.
Martin and Nicky Bailey, previously of Plymouth, spent the week with us, getting to know us, joining in with our trips to the coast, praying with us, and providing biblical teaching from Colossians, encouraging us to grasp all that God has done for us and be inspired to live life fully in those truths.

The children and youth had a programme of learning in the morning, ably led by willing volunteers, even though our youth leader Tom was unable to come, due to an illness. A few changes were made from previous years, including having several activities in the day (like whittling wood), activities in the evening (toasting marshmallows over a fire, high-octane games run by the youth, and line-dancing), and evening prayers after cheese & wine in the marquee.

The week was a great opportunity to learn more about God, to enjoy praising him, and spend time getting to know and love each other better.

e) UK AND OVERSEAS MISSION GRANTS AND DONATIONS

Supporting people in full-time service both in prayer and financially: -

Missionary Aviation Fellowship
Working in partnership with hundreds of other Christian and relief organisations, MAF enables practical help, physical healing and spiritual hope to be delivered to some of the world's most remote and inaccessible communities. We have a personal link through pilot Becki and husband Matt Dillingham who are now based in Tanzania.
Mission Liaison: *Philip and Antonia Tuckett, Hanna and David Waine, Peter Harlow*
Web site: https://www.maf-uk.org/

Open Doors
Every day, millions of Christians in the world risk their lives to follow Jesus. In more than 70 countries, Open Doors supports them by supplying Bibles, providing emergency relief and helping persecuted believers stand strong for the long-term. In the UK and Ireland, Open Doors helps the church to pray, to give and to speak out for those who share our faith but not our freedom.
Mission Liaison: *TBC*
Web site: https://www.opendoorsuk.org/

Tavistock Catalyst
Catalyst recognises the need to care for and encourage young people in the Tavistock area as they journey through adolescence, which can be a challenging time. We are fuelled by a passion to see young people grow in self-confidence, self-esteem and to reach their full potential as we work in the two secondary colleges as well as in the community. ***Mission Liaison:*** *TBC Web site:* https://tavistockcatalyst.com

Wycliffe Bible Translators
Wycliffe Bible Translators work to bring God's word to communities in 173 countries around the world in the language which speaks to them best, so that people can know Jesus through the Bible.
During this year, 20 more complete Bible translations were launched, meaning that some 40 million more people have access to Scripture in their own language. In addition, 88 New Testaments were launched, meeting the needs of another 11 million people, and translation work has begun in 270 languages spoken by 70 million people.
For a process that can take many years, this is fantastic progress BUT 1.5 BILLION people [that is 1 in 5 of the World's population] are still waiting for God's word in their language. 985 languages still have no Scripture and no work in progress... the need is tremendous.
St Andrew's continues to support Wycliffe Bible Translators in their work so that people can witness the impact that having Scriptures in their own language can have on their communities, bringing about change and transformation in people's lives.
Mission Liaison: David & Alison Tute. Website: https://wycliffe.org.uk/

Support for Ukraine
We continue to support Ukraine this year through an organisation called Nightingales UK. Church members have been donating medical equipment and also engaging in several fundraising activities across the parish.

Buckland Chapel Trust – BCT
The Buckland Chapel has its own group of Trustees and Members that oversee and run the Chapel. St Andrew's church is grateful to the team of Trustees and Members for all the work enabling the Chapel to be used for both the Church and the local Community. The Trustee team meet regularly with Members and the Friends of the Chapel for business meetings and prayer, supporting the many and varied activities that take place in the Chapel.
This year saw one Member and two Trustees resigning at the AGM with two new Trustees being appointed along with a new Member.
As a Church we are extremely grateful for all the hard work that the Trustees and others have put in this year and in particular the installation of a new boiler and redecoration of the Main Hall both of which has been a real benefit for both Church activities and community activities/events.
The mobile post office continues to use the Chapel every Wednesday morning. This is a significant benefit to the local community especially enabling those attending the Community Café, to use the Post Office as well as meeting and enjoying a chat over a cup of coffee. The Community Café continues to bloom and has seen significantly increased numbers in recent months. The café continues to be supported by members of St Andrew's congregation. Their support is also financial, and the Church gives a regular monthly amount for its use of the facility for many different activities:

- Youth & Children's outreach
- Monthly "Dangerous Club" held after school for primary aged children
- Bring & Share lunches
- Christianity Explored courses, Lent course and a monthly Central Prayer meeting.
- Regular women's events
- Christian breakfast club

Several church members also gift aid regular donations towards the work of the BCT and the Trustees would like to express their thanks for this vital partnership and support.

Many church members act as informal 'friends' of the Chapel bringing all sorts of interests and skills with them. We, the Trustees are always glad to have extra help and if anyone is interested, please speak to one of the team. Current Trustees are Julie Rowe, Bethany Bowden, Caroline New, Paul Nixon and Roger Watkins. Also, current Members are Bronia Coulshaw, Denise Nixon and Lizzie Watson.

The Chapel also hosts the Buckland Monachorum Food Hub which is open each Wednesday morning and continues to be a vital resource for many in the community. In addition, as part of the Buckland Village June Fair it opens its doors to those participating in the Fun-Run, providing a bag-drop-off facility and much needed refreshments.
The Trustees, Members and Friends of the Chapel continue to work hard to ensure the continued smooth running of the Chapel. Buckland Chapel Trust has its own Annual Report which can be found on the website: www.bucklandchapeltrust.org. Julie Rowe - Chair

f) Other key people and groups

There are many other individuals and groups who contribute greatly to the smooth running of both churches: Our Verger; our Cleaner; the Flower arranging team; the Guild members; Coffee serving teams; Projectionists and Sound desk controllers; those that organise and take part in the rotas for side-persons, prayer ministry, and the production of weekly notice sheets. Readers from St Andrew's have also been supporting other parishes in the Deanery.

Bellringers

St. Andrew's Bellringers

We continue to have a strong team of regular ringers from within the parish, and we have rung the bells every Sunday morning throughout the year, as well as for practice on most Monday evenings. Additionally, we rang for three weddings and marked the turn of the year by 'ringing out' the old year and welcoming the new one on New Year's Day.

A highlight of the year was participating in the nationwide bell-ringing event on 6th June, organised by the Central Council of Bell Ringers to commemorate D-Day. It was a privilege to take part, with bells ringing simultaneously across the country at 6:30 pm.

We are fortunate to have four young ringers, all under the age of 14, who have been learning the art of bellringing. Two of them are now fully accomplished, seamlessly joining our more experienced ringers-some of whom are in their 80s. The other two are making great progress and will soon be accomplished ringers, strengthening our team further. We also have one adult learner who is progressing well.

Looking ahead, 2025 marks the centenary year of the Devon Association of Ringers. To celebrate, a series of events is being planned to raise the profile of our unique tradition. One of the key events will be the ringing of bells at 100 church towers across Devon on Saturday, 31st May.

We are also grateful to have a specialist in rope splicing within our team. Over the past decade, our bell ropes have been carefully maintained by purchasing new lengths of hemp rope and splicing them into the salvaged sections. However, we are now approaching the point where a full replacement will be necessary, at an estimated cost of over £2,000. Thank you to all our ringers for their dedication and enthusiasm throughout the year.

Ken Farnham, Tower Captain.

2024 Deanery Synod

At the February meeting the chairperson introduced the Archdeacon of Plymouth Jane Bakker, who gave a brief resume of her life. Then answered questions which had been submitted ahead of the meeting.
The questions mainly focused on the concern for the "£2.5 million deficit in the Exeter Diocese accounts" – and the proposed solutions – which were a) for all churches to use some of their reserves. b) to focus on getting more people into church – and specifically begin with more children (who would then bring parents, etc) c) for every church member in the whole diocese to contribute £5 extra per week, that deficit would be

cleared in a year. Answering the question "How did the deficit come about?" It was partly due to decrease in congregation numbers (noticeably during and after Covid) and partly because the Common Fund payment that churches are requested to pay the Diocese, had not been kept in line with inflation (so expenditure had risen above income over many years). The treasurer reported that only 2 churches have not paid their full Common Fund by the year end.

At the June meeting the Chair introduced the Revd David Runcorn who spoke on the theme 'Ending, beginnings and the space between'. A leaflet was provided as a summary to cover the main points.
The Rural Dean reported that **t**he parishes of Bere Ferrers, Peter Tavy and Mary Tavy, Tavistock, Gulworthy and Brent Tor and Whitchurch have received information detailing the pastoral reorganisation. All feedback and comments need to be returned by July 5th. Meeting with Churchwardens would take place, followed by the ministers meeting. This was the first stage of the process. Rev. Andy Atkins (AA) was to leave on August 30th as Rural Dean and Parish Priest. He was moving to Callington. The Milton Abbott Benefice and Whitchurch will both be in interregnum and members were asked to support them during this time.
With AA leaving, there would be a gap in the Farmer's Market Chaplaincy team. Revd Sue Tucker and Revd Matt Godfrey offered to join the team. AJ highlighted how helpful this team is to the farming community, for example, they were able to support a farmer who had his flock decimated. Under AOB it was reported that there would be Open the Book (OTB) training offered in September at St Paul's Church Yelverton.

At the October meeting, Sarah Charker was welcomed to the meeting and spoke on the topic entitled "Creation and Environmental Care". She explained that an ambitious target was set across the Church of England, to meet carbon zero targets by 2030. These targets are focusing congregations and communities across Devon to look at initiatives for protecting God's creation and exploring ways of introducing diversity in addressing environmental issues. This challenge is paramount in looking at protecting the future for children, families, farmers and churches. Sarah engaged us all in her lively presentation and the slides had been shared to all Deanery Synod reps. Hopefully we may be able to explore the opportunities to undertake some projects across the Deanery Mission Communities. There appeared to be enthusiasm for this idea.
General Synod - Rev Karl Freeman who is a General Synod member had circulated to members prior to the meeting a lengthy but comprehensive report. However, he did say that there is still a large amount of disquiet about LLF and the Prayers of Blessing for same sex couples who are in a civil partnership or civil marriage. This will continue to be discussed at General Synod in February 2025.

- Other items were on Safeguarding remains very high on the Diocesan Agenda and its importance for all Parishes were reminded of the importance of this role for the local safeguarding officers. Regular training must be undertaken and SO's were encouraged to use the Dashboard Tool. It was reported by the Director of Safeguarding that in the main, the standard of safeguarding monitoring and practice in Exeter Diocese is very good, but everyone must continue being vigilant.
- The treasurer reported that the budget for 2025 had been approved by the Diocesan Synod by an overwhelming majority. Every parish is encouraged to pay its Common Fund in full. He said If this (noticeably increased amount) was received, there would be no financial deficit. He went on to explain the position of churches in the Diocese paying or not paying their full Common Fund share.
- Rev. Matt Godfrey updated the meeting on progress moving towards the pastoral reorganisation involving St Eustachius (Tavistock), Whitchurch, Peter Tavy, Mary Tavy, Brent Tor, Gulworthy, Bere Alston and Bere Ferrers. (These will all being overseen by one Rector and one Vicar plus support from lay readers.)

Electoral Roll Report
With the announcements I had made in church and the details | had written in the notice sheet, I thought I had made it clear, that creating a new Electoral Roll, meant that the previous Electoral Roll would no longer exist – and that everyone would have to apply again if they wished to be on the new Roll. But when I talked to members of the congregation during the first two weeks after the new Electoral Roll forms had been made available, there were still a few who thought that because they had only filled in a form in the last year or so, they would not need to fill in another. This may have been a reason why some of the 28 names on the previous roll and who still attending one of our two churches – have not filled in an application form for **enrolment**.

However, there are thirty-three new names now on the Roll, so the final total on the Electoral Roll for the Parish of Buckland Monachorum in 2025 – is **one hundred and thirty-eight**.

g) STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

The method of appointing PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. At St. Andrew's, Buckland Monachorum and the Church of the Holy Spirit, Milton Combe, the PCC consists of the incumbent; a self-supporting Associate Minister; and four ex-officio members, together with sixteen elected members. Included in the total of 19, there is one representative for the Church of the Holy Spirit in Milton Combe and five lay readers. The PCC also has a Standing Committee which can deal with urgent matters more effectively than calling a full PCC meeting, and a Finance Committee that regularly meets one week prior to the PCC meetings, to deal with any financial matters in more detail than the full meetings allow. The full PCC met five times in the year; the Finance Committee met six times. The standing committee did not need to meet. The Annual Parish Church Meeting was held in May 2024.

Financial Review for 2024

This is an increase in income for the year amounting to £50,813. Thank you all so much for your wonderful support.

A large amount of the income received was by way of standing orders and the Parish Giving Scheme and these totalled £87,505. The church also received £45,514 by way of donations towards the building works at Milton Combe – a huge thank you to all who donated so generously.

As part of the total income, the church was able to reclaim £22,252 in Gift Aid from HMRC. There was further Gift Aid received as part of the Parish Giving Scheme totalling £4,291. Thank you to everyone who has signed up to the Gift Aid Scheme. A gentle reminder, this scheme is available to everyone who pays UK Income Tax, and the additional money received in this way is of huge benefit to the church.

Turning now to expenditure, total costs for 2024 amounted to £246,759, up £88,429 from the previous year. Part of the increase relates to the Diocesan Parish Share, which is the biggest cost the church has. In 2024, an additional payment of £18,797 was made to the diocese. This related to the 2023 year. The full cost for the 2024 parish share is included in these accounts, but again, there is a figure totalling £18,990 within the 2024 costs.

Another large cost in 2024 was the building works at Milton Combe, which totalled £46,229 for the year. Your generosity has covered nearly all of that expenditure.

Of the other costs, one other larger expense relates to the payroll – total expenditure for this rose from £27,396 in 2023 to £29,777 in 2024. Other costs, which you will find detailed in the accounts, only show small increases overall, but these, along with the costs already mentioned, have resulted in more being spent than being received, resulting in a deficit for 2024 amounting to £48,518. The church has been able to cover this deficit from reserves, which now stand at £102,285.

Thank you all for your continued support for the church, both for your financial contributions and your free time given. It is sincerely appreciated. This concludes the Treasurer's report for this year.

h) ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

The Church of St. Andrew's, Buckland Monachorum is situated in the village of Buckland Monachorum, Devon PL20 7NA. The Church of the Holy Spirit, Milton Combe, is in the village of Milton Combe, Devon PL20 6HP.

PCC members who have served from 1 January 2024 until the 31st December 2024 were:

Ex Officio members:

The Reverend Andrew Bowden - Vicar
The Reverend Andy Farmer - Associate Minister
Mrs Rumbi Mukono (Treasurer)
Mrs Patricia Topham (Safeguarding Representative)
Dr Angela Smith (Reader)
Dr Mark Smith (Reader)
Mr P. Tuckett (Reader)

Deanery Synod Members:

Mr R. Matthews (Reader) Ex-Officio
Mr T. West
Mr R. Hopkins

Churchwardens:

Mr Christopher Rowe
Mrs Lesley Pope

PCC Members:

Mr Bob Barnes
Mr Roger Watkins
Mr Simon Bovey
Mrs H. Hopkins (Hon Secretary)
Mr Joe Smart
Mr David Tute
Mrs Elizabeth Watson
Mr Bill Houldsworth
Mr R. Hopkins (Electoral Roll officer)
Mrs D. Corness
Mrs H. Keane
Mr Stephen Horn
Mr Paul Nixon (Reader)
Mrs Hellen Williams

Safeguarding representatives: Mrs Patricia Topham & DBS Officer's: Helen Hopkins, Julie Tailyour & Debbie Farmer**:**

Independent Examiner: Mrs Felicity Harris – Moorlands Accountants.

The Report was approved by the PCC on Monday 24th March. The financial statement and accounts were approved by the PCC finance committee on Friday 25th April.

The Report was signed by:

Rev Andrew Bowden, Vicar: …… and

Chris Rowe/Lesley Pope Church Warden: ……

Parochial Church Council of St Andrew Buckland Monachorum with Milton Combe

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Legal and Administrative Information

INCUMBENT	Rev. Andrew Bowden
BANKERS	Lloyds Bank Plc 8 Royal Parade Plymouth Devon
INDEPENDENT EXAMINER	Felicity Harris, Chartered Accountant Moorlands Rock view 28 Glanville Road Tavistock Devon PL19 0EB

Independent Examiner's Report to the PCC of St Andrew Buckland Monachorum with Milton Combe

This report is on the accounts of the PCC for the year ended 31st December 2024 which are set out on the following pages.

Respective responsibilities of the PCC and the examiner

As members of the PCC you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts: you consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is required.

It is my responsibility to examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act, to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioner under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act and to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. That examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the PCC and a comparison of the accounts with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning 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 next statement.

Independent examiner's statement

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

1 which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act, have not been met; or

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

25/4/25

Felicity Harris

BA FCA ATT(fellow)

28 Glanville Road, Tavistock
Devon PL19 0EB

St Andrew's Church, Buckland Monachorum PCC & Holy Spirit Milton Combe

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
Total income	**131,946**	**66,295**	**-**	**198,241**	**147,428**
Total expenditure	**206,315**	**40,444**	**-**	**246,759**	**158,330**
Net income / (expenditure) resources before transfer	**(74,369)**	**25,851**	**-**	**(48,518)**	**(10,902)**
Transfers:					
Gross transfers between funds - in	6,440	30,201	-	36,641	25,406
Gross transfers between funds - out	(22,672)	(13,969)	-	(36,641)	(25,406)
Other recognised gains / losses					
Gains/losses on investment assets	-	-	-	-	-
Gains on revaluation, fixed assets, charity's own use	-	-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds	**(90,602)**	**42,084**	**-**	**(48,518)**	**(10,902)**
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward	**132,195**	**17,783**	**826**	**150,804**	**161,706**
Total funds carried forward	**41,593**	**59,867**	**826**	**102,285**	**150,804**
Represented by					
Unrestricted					
General fund	12,070	-	-	12,070	102,672
Designated					
Designated Funds	29,523	-	-	29,523	29,523
Restricted					
Books - Christian Books	-	-	-	-	1
Buckland Chapel	-	-	-	-	12
Buckland Food Hub	-	-	-	-	100
Building Development Fund	-	-	-	-	(0)
Christmas Hampers	-	1,232	-	1,232	365
Church Parish Magazine	-	-	-	-	50
Devon Historic Churches	-	-	-	-	50
Flower Fund	-	865	-	865	765
Grants & Insurance Received	-	1,710	-	1,710	1,710
IPANI SCHOOL	-	-	-	-	2,255
MAF - Matt & Beck	-	-	-	-	(1)
Milton Combe	-	550	-	550	550
Milton Combe Church Roof	-	50,234	-	50,234	4,720
Missionary Work	-	-	-	-	63
Open Doors	-	-	-	-	(1)
Organ Donations	-	-	-	-	1
Overseas Missions	-	1,003	-	1,003	1,398
Parish Camp	-	3,173	-	3,173	2,430
Parish Youth Work	-	(100)	-	(100)	-
Pastarol Care	-	-	-	-	767
Pathfinder	-	-	-	-	50
Restricted Funds	-	-	-	-	444
Shekinah	-	-	-	-	140
Tear Fund	-	-	-	-	275
The Hub	-	1,200	-	1,200	1,200
Tom & Lizzie Home Gift	-	-	-	-	25
Tom Watson	-	-	-	-	1
Tristan & Sarah	-	-	-	-	150
Ukraine Support	-	-	-	-	5
Vicar (Donations to Vicar)	-	-	-	-	260
Endowment					
Endowment Fund	-	-	826	826	826
Total funds	**41,593**	**59,867**	**826**	**102,285**	**150,804**

St Andrew's Church, Buckland Monachorum PCC & Holy Spirit Milton Combe

Analysis of income and expenditure
Selected period: 01 January 2024 to 31 December 2024

	General	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	Total This year	Total Last year
Income and endowments from:						
Donations and legacies						
01IN0001 - Envelopes St Andrews	284	-	-	-	284	345
01IN0002 - Envelopes MC	2,416	-	-	-	2,416	2,750
01IN0003 - Payroll Donations - For Youth Worker	-	-	9,022	-	9,022	8,977
01IN0004 - Youth Work	35	-	6,453	-	6,488	5,692
01IN0005 - MAF (Matt & Beck)	-	-	350	-	350	417
01IN0006 - Standing Orders - General	65,350	-	-	-	65,350	67,950
01IN0007 - Standing Orders - Restricted	-	-	-	-	-	140
01IN0008 - Parish Giving Scheme	22,155	-	-	-	22,155	8,042
03IN0001 - Open Plate - St Andrews	3,160	-	-	-	3,160	4,225
03IN0002 - Open Plate MC	2,469	-	-	-	2,469	1,890
04IN0001 - Mis Income Occasional	2,883	-	680	-	3,563	2,183
04IN0004 - Donations to Milton Combe	-	-	45,514	-	45,514	2,282
04IN0005 - Donations to St Andrews	1,325	-	25	-	1,350	1,435
07IN0001 - Legacies	-	-	-	-	-	5,000
Donations and legacies Totals	**100,076**	**-**	**62,044**	**-**	**162,120**	**111,328**
Income from charitable activities						
06IN0001 - Gift Aid Refund	22,252	-	-	-	22,252	20,707
11IN0001 - Church Services Fees Income	6,132	-	-	-	6,132	5,574
12IN0001 - Magazine Income	2,481	-	-	-	2,481	2,845
Income from charitable activities Totals	**30,865**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**30,865**	**29,126**
Other income						
10IN0001 - Bank Interest	996	-	-	-	996	861
12IN0002 - Books - Christian Books	9	-	189	-	198	11
13IN0001 - Parish Camp Income	-	-	4,063	-	4,063	6,102
Other income Totals	**1,005**	**-**	**4,252**	**-**	**5,257**	**6,974**
Income and endowments Grand totals	**131,946**	**-**	**66,295**	**-**	**198,241**	**147,428**
Expenditure on:						
Expenditure on charitable activities						
17EX0002 - Bellringers expenditure	400	-	-	-	400	1,050
18EX0001 - Donations to School	-	-	2,500	-	2,500	2,500
18EX0002 - Mission Donations Home	6,132	-	954	-	7,086	5,150
18EX0003 - Mission Donations Occasional	1,400	-	854	-	2,254	2,715
18EX0004 - Mission Donations Buckland Chapel	3,000	-	12	-	3,012	2,188
19EX0001 - Diocesan Parish Share	109,063	-	-	-	109,063	67,016
20EX0001 - HMRC NIC - Tax Payroll Fees	-	-	5,417	-	5,417	5,727
20EX0002 - Payroll - Salaries	-	-	22,391	-	22,391	19,919
20EX0003 - Employer's contribution to NEST	1,969	-	-	-	1,969	1,750

	General	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	Total This year	Total Last year
20EX0004 - Services Fees - Independent work fees	1,400	-	-	-	1,400	1,400
20EX0005 - Organist Fees	1,305	-	-	-	1,305	1,305
21EX0001 - Clergy Expenses Ministry	2,780	-	-	-	2,780	2,858
21EX0003 - Expenses - Non-Clergy	1,863	-	385	-	2,248	1,639
22EX0004 - Youth Work Expenses	-	-	613	-	613	38
23EX0003 - Church Fees to Diocese	1,904	-	-	-	1,904	1,735
23EX0004 - Church Services Expenses,Music Books etc	1,723	-	-	-	1,723	1,847
23EX0005 - Purchases Miscellaneous	4,278	-	645	-	4,922	2,122
23EX0006 - Stationery consumables Printing	333	-	-	-	333	67
23EX0009 - IT Software Purchases	196	-	-	-	196	116
23EX0010 - Maintenance and General Repairs Fees	2,363	-	-	-	2,363	1,487
23EX0012 - Organ and Piano Maintenance	595	-	-	-	595	576
23EX0014 - Heating System Repairs & Maintenance	997	-	-	-	997	606
23EX0017 - Fire Safety Maintenance	870	-	-	-	870	471
23EX0019 - Broadband & Website (Webhosting) Costs	768	-	-	-	768	715
23EX0020 - Services Costs & Other Supplies	228	-	-	-	228	3,504
23EX0021 - St Andrews Insurance Costs	6,955	-	-	-	6,955	6,784
23EX0022 - MC Insurance Costs	1,310	-	-	-	1,310	1,273
23EX0023 - Cleaning Costs	1,778	-	-	-	1,778	1,808
23EX0024 - Gardening Costs	1,424	-	-	-	1,424	1,513
24EX0001 - Utilities Electricity Costs	2,970	-	-	-	2,970	2,057
24EX0002 - Utilities Gas And Oil Costs	1,922	-	-	-	1,922	3,162
24EX0003 - Water Expenditure	218	-	-	-	218	159
Expenditure on charitable activities Totals	**160,143**	**-**	**33,771**	**-**	**193,914**	**145,254**
Other expenditure						
22EX0003 - Parish Camp	-	-	3,319	-	3,319	5,399
23EX0001 - Bank Charges	188	-	-	-	188	186
28EX0002 - Building Development Costs - St Andrews	-	-	-	-	-	900
28EX0003 - Building Development Costs - Milton Comb	42,875	-	3,354	-	46,229	4,172
29EX0001 - Magazine expenses	3,109	-	-	-	3,109	2,418
Other expenditure Totals	**46,173**	**-**	**6,673**	**-**	**52,846**	**13,076**
Expenditure Grand totals	**206,315**	**-**	**40,444**	**-**	**246,759**	**158,330**

St Andrew's Church, Buckland Monachorum PCC & Holy Spirit Milton Combe

Balance Sheet detailed

		As at 31/12/2024	As at 31/12/2023
Fixed assets			
	SCHGOV: School Gverners endowment	825	825
	Total Fixed assets	**825**	**825**
Current assets			
	CASH: Cash in Hand	-	-
	CURRENT: Current Account - General	45,860	17,896
	LLREP: Lloyds Deposit Repair	-	-
	MAG: Magazine account	5,399	6,028
	RESTRICTED: Restricted Account	55,202	113,523
	SCHGV: School Governers	-	-
	Z05: Accounts Receivable	13,990	12,532
	Total Current assets	**120,450**	**149,979**
Liabilities			
	Z04: Accounts Payable	18,990	-
	Total Liabilities	**18,990**	**-**
	Net Asset surplus (deficit)	**102,285**	**150,804**
Reserves			
	Excess/(deficit) to date	(48,518)	10,670
	Z01: Starting balances	149,979	139,309
	Z02: Gains/(losses) on investment assets	825	825
	Total Reserves	**102,285**	**150,804**

Represented by Funds

General (Unrestricted)	12,070	102,672
Designated	29,523	29,523
Restricted	59,867	17,783
Endowment	826	826
Total	**102,285**	**150,804**

Parochial Church Council of St Andrew Buckland Monachorum with Milton Combe

Notes to the Financial Statements

For the Year Ended 31st December 2024

Parish Giving Scheme

Included within the total receipts of £22,155 for the Parish Giving Scheme is Gift Aid received of £4,291.

Diocesan Parish Share

The total for the Parish Share in the 2024 accounts is £109,063 (2023: £67,016). The higher figure for 2024 includes a payment of £18,797 for a balance relating to the 2023 Parish Share. There is a similar amount of £18,990 for 2024, which the PCC has decided to include as an accrual in the 2024 accounts.

St Andrew's Buckland and Milton Combe Treasurer's Report for the year ended 31st December 2024

This is the Treasurer' Report for 2024. The church's total income for the 2024 year was £198,241 compared with £147,428 for the previous year. This is an increase in income for the year amounting to £50,813. Thank you all so much for your wonderful support.

A large amount of the income received was by way of standing orders and the Parish Giving Scheme and these totalled £87,505. The church also received £45,514 by way of donations towards the building works at Milton Combe – a huge thank you to all who donated so generously.

As part of the total income, the church was able to reclaim £22,252 in Gift Aid from HMRC. There was further Gift Aid received as part of the Parish Giving Scheme totalling £4,291. Thank you to everyone who has signed up to the Gift Aid Scheme. A gentle reminder, this scheme is available to everyone who pays UK Income Tax, and the additional money received in this way is of huge benefit to the church.

Turning now to expenditure, total costs for 2024 amounted to £246,759, up £88,429 from the previous year. Part of the increase relates to the Diocesan Parish Share, which is the biggest cost the church has. In 2024, an additional payment of £18,797 was made to the diocese. This related to the 2023 year and was disputed at the time. The full cost for the 2024 parish share is included in these accounts, but again, there is a figure totalling £18,990 within the 2024 costs which is being challenged by the PCC.

Another large cost in 2024 was the building works at Milton Combe, which totalled £46,229 for the year. Your generosity has covered nearly all of that expenditure.

Of the other costs, one other larger expense relates to the payroll – total expenditure for this rose from £27,396 in 2023 to £29,777 in 2024. Other costs, which you will find detailed in the accounts, only show small increases overall, but these, along with the costs already mentioned , have resulted in more being spent than being received, resulting in a deficit for 2024 amounting to £48,518. The church has been able to cover this deficit from reserves, which now stand at £102,285.

Thank you all for your continued support for the church, both for your financial contributions and your free time given. It is sincerely appreciated.

This concludes the report for this year.

Accounts

ST ANDREW'S CHURCH BUCKLAND MONACHORUM WITH THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT MILTON COMBE

Annual Report of the Parochial Church Council

The Churches of
MILTON COMBE &
BUCKLAND MONACHORUM

For the year ended 31st December 2023

Website: bucklandchurchdevon.co.uk

Diocese of Exeter **Charity No. 1132573**

Aims and Purposes

There are two churches in our parish and the Parochial Church Council includes representation from both. The Vicar, Andrew Bowden, along with the Associate Minister Andrew Farmer and the PCC, aspires to extend the ministry and teaching to the wider parish community of 2,077 people (2021 census).

When planning our activities for the year, the incumbent and the PCC have considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and in particular, the specific guidance on charities for the advancement of religion.

"Living in community as God's people; serving the wider community in God's world"

Our vision encourages us to look in two directions:

- "Looking inwards" – living in community as God's people; that as a church family we would put down strong spiritual roots, growing in our knowledge of God and learning how to live for His glory. For this we are reliant on the Holy Spirit, the Bible and prayer.
- "Looking outwards" – serving the wider community in God's world; as those who have received God's love, we want to share it abroad, striving to serve our local community through evangelism, social interaction and community engagement, whilst also supporting Christian missionary work around the world.

The above have been met in various ways, and include the following:

- **Regular Sunday Services:** Morning services take place at 09:15 in The Church of the Holy Spirit Milton Combe, and 10:30 in St Andrew's Buckland Monachorum, with services of Morning Worship and Holy Communion alternating between each church.
- **Our preaching series** in the spring term took us through the Old Testament book of Ecclesiastes, which was accompanied by our "book of the term" - *Habits of Grace* by David Mathis. Over the summer term we studied the book of James, followed by the astonishing story of restoration and hope in Ruth, during August. From September through the autumn, we walked together through Paul's letter to the Ephesians, before an Advent series in Matthew 1-2. Our Sunday series have been complemented by Discipleship Groups who meet regularly to delve deeper into God's word - sometimes reflecting on the Sunday sermon and on other occasions studying further books of the Bible. It has been a blessing to continue to meet with the church family, growing together in our knowledge and love of God, in our service to one another, and our desire to make Jesus known.

- **The first Sunday of the month** has also seen the continuation of two other services. At 08:00 we host a Book of Common Prayer Communion service at Buckland Monachorum. At 18:30 we have our **B^2** service. B^2 stands for 'Bible and Beverage' and is a service that begins with a short topical talk in church, followed by Q&A and discussions, over a drink, in the Drake Manor Inn next door. This service has been a particular blessing in engaging with people who do not otherwise come to church.
- **Prayer:** Prayer is a vital part of all we do:
    - The prayer ministry team is available after each morning service at Buckland Monachorum, for any who might appreciate praying for a specific individual or concern.
    - The prayer chain is an important daily resource and support to anyone who requests prayer.
    - Morning Prayer services are held on Zoom twice a week – one from Common Worship and the other from the Book of Common prayer. Space to pray and offer intercessions are a central part of these brief services.
    - Our Central Prayer meeting continues on the first Wednesday of every month; praying for the needs of our church, the community, the nation and the world. We also include regular updates from our mission partners (one per month) as part of our ongoing support.
    - A small group meet every Monday morning to pray specifically for our local Church of England school.

- **Evangelistic Courses:** Over the year we have developed a rhythm of running courses to reach out to folk outside of the church. In the autumn term we ran "Life Explored"; a seven-week course that helps people uncover what they're really living for, and see how, in Christ, God meets their deepest desires for happiness. In the New Year "Christianity Explored"; a course that helps Christians to introduce people to Jesus as they explore the Gospel of Mark over seven weeks.
- **Discipleship Groups** - have been encouraged to build on the Sunday sermons, by spending time in small groups studying the same passages in greater depth.
- **Youth and children's teams** - have sought to follow the same pattern in order to promote family times beyond the Sunday service.
- **Worship** - is not confined to our church meetings on a Sunday, but is an all-encompassing lifestyle, that seeks to glorify God in words and actions.
- **Living in community** as God's people and serving the wider community in God's world. Being pro-active in monitoring and supporting those who are in need.

To facilitate this work, it is important that we maintain the fabric of both churches in Buckland Monachorum and Milton Combe.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE 2023

Guidelines and Policy documents:

i) **Health & Safety Policy** - The PCC has a policy in place for both churches to ensure that current legislation is being met and measures put in place where required.

ii) **Safeguarding -** St Andrew's Church, Buckland Monachorum and the Church of the Holy Spirit, Milton Combe adopts the Exeter Diocese Policy and Procedures. (*See full report below).*

iii) **Reporting of Safeguarding and Serious incidents –** the reporting to the Charities Commission of serious incidents both in regard to Safeguarding and other serious incidents is delegated to the Diocese of Exeter Board of Finance via the Diocesan Safeguarding Adviser and the Diocesan Secretary in a resolution that was passed by the PCC in January 2020. This is in accordance with the House of Bishops Guidance. There have been no incidents to report in 2023.

iv) A **Privacy Statement** covering how the church handles personal data is now added to our Website, in line with current legislation.

v) **A Domestic Abuse Statement** – as with all the above policies, we take this matter seriously; our statement can be found on our website.

Safeguarding

St Andrew's Church, Buckland Monachorum, and the Church of the Holy Spirit, Milton Combe continues to place Safeguarding as a high priority under the guidance from 'Promoting a Safer Church, 2017. The PCC fully recognizes that they have a responsibility to support, protect and safeguard all, but in particular the vulnerable, young children and the youth.

To support this, a culture of prevention, support and guidance is central, and all who work with children and young people, and support the vulnerable, are recruited in accordance with the Diocesan Safer Recruitment guidance. All recruits are fully DBS checked and are given support and training for their role.

Review of Safeguarding Action Plan 2023

The Safeguarding Action Plan was presented to the PCC by the Parish Safeguarding Representative in January 2023 where it was approved. A mid-year review was undertaken in July and reported to the PCC.
Progress on this action plan was reported upon at each PCC meeting throughout the year.

Progress on the Areas for Action 2023:

- Parish Dashboard - Training has been completed for all but two members of the PCC. Monitoring took place, to ensure that all relevant learning pathways had been completed. The new DBS evidence checker was fully compliant for their role and all who work with the children and youth were also fully compliant. The only outstanding role to be completed was that of the verger. Monitoring of all activities took place, and the risk assessment for Parish Camp and Children /Youth were updated so as to reflect changes. The Safer Recruitment

survey and compliance survey was completed in May, 2023. The PCC completed all annual reviews for key safeguarding documents: Promoting a Safer Church policy; Responding to Safeguarding allegations or concerns; Church activities List. The outstanding actions in this section have been moved onto the 2024 Action Plan.

- DBS/Training - All DBS were in date at the end of the year. Julie Tailyour took on the vacant DBS evidence checker role and undertook all the relevant safeguarding training. A new confidential declaration form, from the Diocese was personalized for our churches and is now in use. Monitoring of training continues on a monthly basis and email reminders are sent to those who in their role need to complete or update their safeguarding training so as to be compliant. To date there are only two outstanding.

- Domestic Abuse - The PCC still need to move forward with how they wish to proceed with this area. A discussion is to take place at the January 2024 meeting as to how to move this on.

- Awareness Raising - The website was updated with new tabs/links to the safeguarding documents. A Safeguarding slide for the overheard screen was produced with the strap line quoting the Bishop of Truro "Safeguarding- If it's God's business, then it's all our business" and the noticeboards revamped and updated. A safeguarding reference folder containing all the key documents and the Church safeguarding handbook was compiled and there is a copy prominently displayed in both churches. The PSR (Parish Safety Representative) took part in a 'get to know me' exercise as part of Safeguarding Sunday so that the congregation could be more familiar with the role as well as more aware of the procedures that were in place, and how they could access information or raise questions or concerns.

- Monitoring procedures - Noticeboards have been checked regularly and updated with new Diocese personnel and contact numbers; training logs have been monitored monthly; risk assessments updated for Parish Camp and the children/youth work.

- Other issues - A *recruitment of volunteers*' flyer was drafted and approved by the PCC and is ready for printing. The face-to-face training session for first aid training did not happen.

Trish Topham, Parish Safeguarding Representative (PSR).

b) OUTREACH TO THE COMMUNITY – This is shown in the following reports:

Charleston Friendship Cafe

Although this is a community led project, it is supported by some of our church members. The Charleston Friendship Cafe has had a busy and productive 2023 offering a varied range of fun activities to our 'friends'. Our numbers continue to rise, and we regularly have 20-25 people attending plus our invaluable helpers. We have people from the village and Crapstone, as well as Dousland, Walkhampton, Yelverton, and even one lady from Bere Alston.

We are self-financing but ask for voluntary contributions from our 'friends' to help pay for the village hall hire and running costs. Transport costs for the TASS minibus were covered by a donation from TASS but as this has now been used up, we need to find other funding streams, and have been fortunate that Yelverton Rotary Club have recently donated a sum to help with this.

Our fortnightly sessions include time for chatting and reminiscing, armchair *Pilates* to strengthen our bodies, activities to exercise our minds, and creative skills as well as lots of singing. Not forgetting tea, wonderful cake and lots and lots of laughter!

The group are very competitive (in a good way), and love nothing more than taking part in quizzes, beetle drives, or musical bingo. They are also extremely creative, and we have seen wonderful outcomes when icing biscuits, making crepes, painting 'kindness stones' or making and decorating wooden Christmas trees.

Tom Watson (Parish Youth Worker) led us in a Super Science Session where he wowed us with science tricks and we had a go at making 'colour patterns' using skittles, water and a paper plate. Great fun.

Along with the Yelverton Luncheon Club, we had a lovely carol service in the Church where the Beehive Nursery sang to as, as well as Years 5 and 6 from St Andrew's school, alongside the children in the village who are home educated. It was a real community event involving the youngest to the eldest in the village.

We have lots planned for 2024 and offer a warm welcome to anyone who wants company and laughter.

Support in the Community
Several members of the church family support both the **Buckland Cares Group** that run the Food Hub and the **Play Café** which runs weekly during term time for parents and carers of pre-school children.

Community Carols
For the third year we hosted 'Community Carols', and for the first time, hosted the event in the grounds of St Andrew's Church in Buckland Monachorum. As this event had previously been held in the Meadows (behind the church), a new Risk Assessment was produced. Around 80 plus, brave individuals of all ages joined us for the event. We were very grateful that the Tavistock Stannary Brass Band were able to join us, leading the music as we sang carols together. The evening also included a few readings; contemporary poetry as well as Bible readings, read by members of the church and the village community. At the end of the event, refreshments were served at The Drake Manor Inn: roasted chestnuts, mince pies and mulled wine. We were very thankful to Mandy and Garth for partnering with us in this way.

Links with St Andrew's Primary School
St Andrew's Church continued to support St Andrew's School financially, physically and spiritually during 2023.

Financially:
An academic gift of £2,500 was given by the church to the school. It has not been spent yet but will be put towards purchasing another set of class laptops which enhance learning across the school in many areas.

Physically:
The following examples give a flavour of ways members of the church play an active role in the life and governance of the school.

Weekly acts of Collective Worship led by Andy Bowden and/or Tom Watson which are based on specific themes, or Bible passages through each term are popular with the children.

The church is used by the school for rehearsals and performances. These included a Leaver's Service in July 2023, a Harvest Festival celebration and nativity plays. Andy Bowden and/or Tom Watson are always in attendance for performances to welcome guests before performances and to close in prayer. Terry West is indispensable in operating the sound equipment, during the rehearsals and performances.

The Buckland Chapel was used in September 2023, when members of the church set up a coffee event on the first day of the new school year to welcome new parents. Sarah Lakey (Head teacher), Claire Morris (SEN) popped in to provide an opportunity for parents to chat with them. The event also enabled church members to chat to parents about church services and outreach initiatives aimed at children and families.

The church also provides a rota of volunteers to serve refreshments to parents and carers who had been invited to attend the class-led Collective Worship once a week through the autumn and winter terms.

The Buckland Chapel and church teams also welcomed parents after the afternoon Nativity services, providing welcome refreshments and shelter from the chilly weather before school pickup time.
Finally, the Chapel team hosted a breakfast for staff on the last day of term before the Christmas break. The staff were appreciative and said they felt blessed.

Children from the school have helped in the community by supporting the Food Hub in the Chapel during Harvest Festival. Harvest time was also celebrated in the apple orchard where children worked with Dave Cox pressing apples.

The school choir sang at the Christmas Fair which was held on a Friday evening this year. It was a popular event attended by many members of the local community.
Years 5 and 6 sang Christmas carols at the Charleston Café Christmas lunch.

Bex Murdoch, the Head of Foundation at the school, read at the ever-popular Carols in the Meadows evening.

The school values and welcomes volunteers from the church who have an hour or so free during their week to read with children – and would appreciate more volunteers.

Spiritually:
Prayer is a mainstay of school life, and the church has supported this in numerous ways.

1. The School Prayer Support Group has been running for seven years and continues to meet on Monday mornings.
2. The school's 'Ethos Group' updates the school's vision and values document with the help and guidance of Andy Bowden and Tom Watson.
3. Andy Bowden provides both pastoral and prayer support for the Headteacher, which is very much appreciated.

Outreach Magazine

The magazine is a wonderful vehicle for reaching the community for the church. It is independently funded by subscriptions and advertising that covers the cost of production. It is expertly edited by Becky Butland with two of the church members dealing with the many advertisers and finances and the distribution is undertaken by other members of the church. The content of the magazine is very varied and includes much about church activity, links with the other organisations and articles about events within the parish.

c) GENERAL CHURCH ACTIVITY

Pastoral Care
The Pastoral Care Team seeks to be the hands and feet of our Lord, primarily within our church family, but also in our community. We are a small core team and a wider group who all seek to care and support those in need in practical ways. We continue to have team of willing cooks who have supported people with meals during the year. We also have several people who support with offering lifts to services when needed.
In addition, we have continued to give Andy Bowden welcome bags to give out when he visits newcomers to our church and local area.

We liaise with the Prayer Chain and are always grateful when we are made aware of needs, we can support. Please either speak to Andy Bowden or Andy Farmer or one of the Team, or contact us by email "pastoralcare@bucklandchurchdevon.co.uk"

Children and Youthwork Reports - Continued nurturing of our Young People, are seen in the following reports.

Children, including community outreach.

This group continues to meet each Sunday morning except the first Sunday of the month when the children remain with the rest of the church family for the 'All Age Service'. Three leaders from the team run the session in the chapel hall, ensuring the safeguarding policy is adhered to and any issues are reported back to Tom Watson and/or the Parish Safeguarding Lead (PSL).

After several months of consideration(!), a new name for the children's group was decided with a view to give the group a bit more of an identity. The group is now known as 'STAX' (an abbreviation of **ST** **A**ndrew's **C**hurch **K**id**S**, with the 'X' of the logo forming a cross – Jesus' death and resurrection central to all we do). A short, simple motto follows the name – 'stacks of Jesus, stacks of fun'. A new name for the youth is also under consideration – watch this space...!

In a slight change to previous terms, STAX followed a different programme of teaching from the wider church family. Over the course of the year the children explored Jesus' life and ministry from the first four chapters of Mark's gospel before following a teaching programme based on the children's text 'The Garden, The Curtain and The Cross'. At the end of this series the children produced a fantastic diorama of the book to share with the wider church family. With children being exposed to themes of sexuality, gender and identity at an ever-younger age, it was agreed to use a brilliant teaching resource produced by the organisation, '*Faith In Kids'* called 'Who am I?'. This provided an opportunity to raise and discuss these issues from a biblical perspective in an age-appropriate way. With this conversation started, the aim will be to build on this in the coming years.

In July, as part of the church's summer camp, children from STAX and the wider community took part in the 'Superheroes Academy', discovering why Jesus is the greatest (and true!) superhero. Later, in October we held a 'Lightbusters' party as an alternative to Halloween in place of our regular Dangerous Club. This proved to be a popular event again with over 30 children attending to hear a short talk from the Bible and get involved with a carousel of activities and games.

On Christmas Eve, the traditional Christingle service took place, aimed primarily at children and young families. It was very well attended by families within the church and the wider community, and none of the 75 Christingles were leftover!

During term time throughout the year, Tom has led 'church collective worship' on a Wednesday morning at St Andrew's Primary School. This year started with the children looking at some of the key moments of Jesus' life in the run up to Easter followed by a Bible overview, exploring the overarching story of Scripture through the Old and New Testament. Along with these themes, we observed some of the seasonal celebrations when the school made use of the church building to invite parents and carers to attend (Easter, Year 6 leavers, Harvest, St Andrew's Day, Nativity and Carol Service).

To celebrate the end of the school year, Michael J Tinker (a children's singer/song writer) was invited to perform his live show 'Be Strong and Courageous' in the church building. This was another opportunity for the children who regularly attend STAX and Dangerous Club to invite their friends (along with their families) to come and hear the good news of Jesus through a theatrical, interactive, sing-along show. Refreshments for children and adults were offered beforehand and thanks to a superb team of welcomers and facilitators from the church family, the 80+ guests who came were able to have a really enjoyable time.

Everything that has taken place in the past year has been made possible through the commitment of the wider youth and children's team. This is a fruit of the whole church's commitment to view the children and young people as valuable members of the church and a desire to see them raised to know and love Jesus as the Bible is taught week-in-week-out.

Dangerous Club

'Dangerous Club' continues to take place after school on Wednesdays and is directed at children aged 8-11. It involves a short Bible talk followed by various games and activities loosely based around the theme of the talk. The idea is that it provides an easy evangelistic opportunity for the children from church families to invite their friends along, to a club where they are guaranteed to have fun and hear about Jesus. While the club is going on, a café runs for parents and younger siblings with drinks, a few games and a small craft activity is available also.

St Andrew's School has been very supportive in advertising the club, with children being very enthusiastic to come along. It has been a great encouragement over this last year to see a core group of children attending the club and also seeing newcomers attending after being invited along by those core children. The Club continues to be a positive link between the church and families in the school and community. The dedicated team of leaders involved in both the club and the café continue to make Dangerous Club a thoroughly welcoming and enjoyable time together. In the past year the need to grow this team has become more apparent and will be one of the main focuses in the coming year.

Youth, including community outreach.

The youth continue to meet each Sunday morning except the first Sunday of the month and the midweek group for teenagers in GCSE and A level years continues to meet on a Tuesday evening. During the all-age services it has been great to see the beginnings of a youth band, with some of the young people playing and singing with the music worship team. Along with serving more regularly on the coffee rota and being involved with the sound and projector technology, it is encouraging to see the youth taking these opportunities to be an active part of the church body.

Socials throughout the year continue to be well attended by youth from church as well as the wider village. These have included night-time wide games, 'hunt the leader' around Tavistock, a Eurovision party, a pizza and film night in Buckland Chapel, paddleboarding at Lopwell Dam, fireworks at Clearbrook and a Christmas escape room in the Chapel. There has been a noticeable impact on the cohesion of the group as a result of these times spent together, which is very encouraging.

Many of the youth attended summer camp where Jack Hodge from Catalyst led the evening youth sessions. This coming year we are hoping to take a group of teenagers along to a summer 'Venture' run through the Church Pastoral Aid Society (CPAS), called 'Sparkford 3'. This is an 8-day residential designed for 14-18s from all over the country to come together and enjoy a full programme of activities and daily Bible teaching sessions and seminars.

Networking with other youth groups
There is talk of an attempt to start a youth gathering in Tavistock and I have been contacted by Ross Mitchell so that he can tell me more about this idea. I am still in semi-regular contact with the youth leaders from St Andrew's Church in Plymouth and was invited to speak on their youth weekend away. I have also been given the name of a minister in Horrabridge whom I believe is trying to pioneer a youth initiative in the area. I am yet to make contact with her but am looking to explore this over the coming year.

d) FURTHER CHURCH ACTIVITIES

Prayer Chain
We are thankful to Margie Goodfellow who has been heading this up for many years and thankful to Denise Nixon for taking on this role this year. The Prayer Chain consists of fifteen members of the church, including Rev. Andy Bowden. Messages are received and sent out by What'sApp. The prayer chain is mainly used by church members, and is mostly confidential, depending on the nature of the request. We have seen many prayers answered and many people blessed, being reassured that they are held in prayer as they go through difficult and testing times.

Discipleship Groups
Discipleship groups are small groups of people meeting mid-week, some in person and some by zoom. They are a great way for us to learn from God's word, share our thoughts, experiences, and encouragements, pray for each other and those around us, and grow in our faith. They are a really valuable opportunity for us to challenge, encourage, and support each other in our everyday lives.

Groups can choose what material they use, depending on their particular needs, and many have used the material recommended and provided by Andy Bowden and been blessed through studying the books of Psalms, James, and Esther.

Please pray for God to draw people who'd benefit into discipleship groups. Give thanks for the new groups that have formed and pray for more people to be willing to take on coordinating groups.

BREATHE – Ladies Fellowship Group
BREATHE is an opportunity for the ladies of the churches in Milton Combe & Buckland Monachorum to meet for an evening, spending time in the God's Word, time in Prayer, and time in Fellowship together. BREATHE meets four times a year in the Buckland Chapel. This past year we have spent time in Matthew 11 in our session titled "Come to Me", reminding ourselves that are not alone—through the work and the burdens and the trials, God sustains us, He helps us, and He will never leave us. In July, in our session "Look to Jesus", we looked at Hebrews12:1-3, encouraging one another to keep our eyes fixed on Jesus, to hold fast to Him, and to listen to Him. In September, in our session called "Blessed Assurance", we spent time in Hebrews 7:25, rejoicing that we can be completely free from doubt—that our sins have been forgiven and that we are saved completely in Christ Jesus! In November, in our session titled "Wonderful Worship", we mediated on the words of Romans 11:33-12:3, how worship is not limited to what we often call music at church, but it is so much greater than that! Worship is constant inner praise to the God of scripture. It's been a really encouraging year, and prayerfully we continue to seek His face, and grow together as women of God's word.

Christian Ladies Breakfast Book Club
The Book Club has continued to flourish in 2023. We have increased our numbers and have 17 on the 'books' though not everyone has been able to come at the same time. We met six times through the course of the year and enjoyed each other's company, food and chat. We were able to try out the new Chapel kitchen with a tasty 'Full English' breakfast in the summer and have enjoyed using Buckland Chapel as our meeting point. There was a wide variety of books chosen and several ladies were able to share their personal experiences of missionary work, living in a foreign country and being married to a foreigner (thanks Bethany!). We even reverted back to our childhoods and read the complete set of a classic collection. This was our reading list for 2023.

Through the Gates of Splendour by Elizabeth Elliot
Women Who Risk by Tom and Joann Doyle
Finding Myself in Britain by Amy Boucher Pie
Making Sense of Life by Michael Ots
Surprised by Joy by C S Lewis
The Chronicles of Narnia by C S Lewis

Sung Worship within both Churches

When compiling this report, I realise how blessed we are at St Andrew's and the Holy Spirit Milton Combe, for having musicians and singers who are willing to lead the sung worship on our churches Sunday by Sunday.

At St Andrew's we have set groups who are allocated a week in the month when they will lead the worship. This works well and has been an opportunity for new people to become involved in the music. The first Sunday of each month at the all-age Communion service we now have a regular group who lead the youth band. This has really worked well. and we have been blessed by their leading.

The music for each Sunday is primarily chosen by Andy and Bethany Bowden and me. However, this is not set in stone and if whoever is leading that particular week, feels led to choose a particular song they are free to do so.

We came together at Christmas as a group, to sing two carols at the carol service. We met weekly on a Thursday evening leading up to the carol service, to practice. It was a fun evening which we kept to an hour, and this year we hit two records. Firstly, the number of sopranos were outnumbered by the altos. Then I think the men outnumbered the women. Everybody worked hard and hopefully we were able to give God the glory when we sang.

Milton Combe also held their own carol service last year and it was a joy to go there and sing with them.

As well as our weekly groups, we would be lost without our wonderful organist Audrey Mills who faithfully plays Sunday by Sunday in Buckland Church. A huge thank you Audrey from all of us. We must also not forget the organists at Milton Combe, Elizabeth Baxter and Sue Chapman. Thank you too ladies for your service Sunday by Sunday.

Jane Oliver

Church Camp

The church family again enjoyed a week together at Strete, overlooking Blackpool Sands.

Matt Rowland, Vicar of Modbury Group of churches led the evening sessions of biblical teaching covering 1 Corinthians 1-2, about how great the gospel is and how church unity depends on uniting under it.

The children had a programme of learning in the morning and chill out sessions in the evenings; the youth had evening sessions including biblical teaching but also wide games and different activities.

Church camp enabled us to learn more about God, to enjoy praising Him and having fellowship together. We were able to work in teams in the running of camp and get to know one another better, while spending a week in a beautiful South Devon location.

e) UK AND OVERSEAS MISSION GRANTS AND DONATIONS

Supporting people in full-time service both in prayer and financially: -

Missionary Aviation Fellowship

Working in partnership with hundreds of other Christian and relief organisations, MAF enables practical help, physical healing and spiritual hope to be delivered to some of the world's most remote and inaccessible communities. We have a personal link through Becki and Matt Dillingham who are based in Chad.

Mission Liaison: *Philip and Antonia Tuckett, Hanna and David Waine, Peter Harlow*

Web site: https://www.maf-uk.org/

Open Doors

Every day, millions of Christians in the world risk their lives to follow Jesus. In more than 70 countries, Open Doors supports them by supplying Bibles, providing emergency relief and helping persecuted believers stand strong for the long-term. In the UK and Ireland, Open Doors helps the church to pray, to give and to speak out for those who share our faith but not our freedom.

Mission Liaison: *TBC*

Web site: https://www.opendoorsuk.org/

Tavistock Catalyst

Catalyst recognises the need to care for and encourage young people in the Tavistock area as they journey through adolescence, which can be a challenging time. We are fuelled by a passion to see young people grow in self-confidence, self-esteem and to reach their full potential.

Mission Liaison: *TBC*

Web site: https://tavistockcatalyst.com

Tristan & Sarah Coulshaw
Pioneering mission work with refugees and NGO church in Lesvos. At the time of writing, they are back in the UK applying for visa to return for a further two years.
Mission Liaison: *Bronia Coulshaw. Web site:* None to date

Support for Ukraine
We continue to support Ukraine this year through an organisation called Nightingales UK. Church members have been donating medical equipment and engaging in several fundraising activities across the parish.

Buckland Chapel Trust – BCT
The Buckland Chapel has its own group of Trustees that oversee and run the Chapel and we are very grateful to the team of Trustees for all the work that they have done to enable the Chapel to be used for both the Church and Community. This year saw two Members and two Trustees resigning, however, it did see two new Trustees being appointed along with one new Member.

As a Church we are extremely grateful for all the hard work that the Trustees have put in this year and in particular the completion of the kitchen project that has been a real benefit for church activities, alongside community events. Last year a mobile post office was hosted in the chapel alongside this was an opportunity for members of the community to meet and enjoy a chat over a cup of coffee. This continues to run this year has been supported by members of St Andrew's congregation. Our support is also financially, and the church gives a regular monthly amount throughout the year for the use of the facility. The church continues to make more use of the Chapel for many different activities, including Youth and Children's outreach – that includes a monthly "Dangerous Club" held after school for primary aged children; a Light Party at the end of October; bring and share lunches, etc. Further usage by the church included PCC meetings, a Christianity Explored course; a Lent course; regular monthly prayer meetings; regular Women's events and a Christian breakfast book club.

The Trustees continue to work hard to ensure the continued smooth running of the Chapel. Buckland Chapel Trust has its own Annual Report which can be found on the website: www.bucklandchapeltrust.org.

f) Other key people and groups
There are many other individuals and groups who contribute greatly to the smooth running of both churches: Our Verger; our Cleaner; the Flower arranging team; the Guild members; Coffee serving teams; Projectionists and Sound desk controllers; those that organise and take part in the rotas for side-persons, prayer ministry, and the production of weekly notice sheets. Readers from St Andrew's have also been supporting other parishes in the Deanery.

Bellringers
We are delighted to have the ringers together again this year, after Covid. It is lovely to hear the bells ringing out prior to the morning services and for the occasional wedding. We now have several young people learning to ring which is really encouraging.

2023 Electoral Roll Report
It is with varying degrees of sadness that I have had to remove names from last year's Electoral Roll of one hundred and forty. Seven have left the parish, one has died and three no longer attend either of our churches. This makes eleven names that have been removed, to make the total 129. However, I am pleased to have been able to add a further eight names to the roll, making the2024 total on the Electoral Roll to be one hundred and thirty-seven.

Deanery Synod
In 2023 the Deanery Synod met three times below is a synopsis of the meetings:
In February Revd. Karl Freeman spoke about the General Synod (GS) and of course `Living in Love and Faith', was a key focus at the February Sessions of the GS. He said that 'pastoral advice and blessing to those in civil partnerships' had been voted for at GS. There are three houses of the General Synod. All three houses must vote and have a clear majority to propose that legislation or liturgy is changed. Bishops can and should offer pastoral advice to their Dioceses. **Philip Tuckett a Lay Minister** for 35 years at Buckland Monachorum then introduced the main discussion for the evening. Based on Mark 4: 35 – end (where Jesus calms the storm), Psalm 90 v 1 – 2, and the hymn "O God Our Help In Ages Past" – Philip recommended that we put our trust in Jesus in all circumstances, because God has been faithful and will continue to be.
The Synod members discussed "how we see God working in our parishes and mission communities, what do we do well, where can we improve".

In the second (business) half of the meeting, the treasurer reported that the diocese had sent a letter thanking our Deanery had all paid the Common Fund in full. The Rural Dean informed the meeting that Readers will now become "Licensed Lay Minister with PTO status (Permission to Officiate). All will have to re-apply after the age of 70 and there is a statutory retirement age of 80 (with request to extend this in "exceptional circumstances".)

In June Rev'd. Nick Law, (acting Rural Dean), read from The Beatitudes: St. Matthew Chapter 5 verses 3-12. He had recently, unusually, been asked for this at a funeral. He then led the meeting in prayer. Sharon Blythe, 'Children's and Families Mission Enabler', was introduced and she spoke on **What is Mission,** especially with the concerns of children and young people. Sharon commenced by saying she did not have the answer to more children in church! She was a teacher by trade and therefore her presentation would be interactive and gave a very helpful power point presentation. She also included a few research links. She asked us 'What is Mission?' – 'Purpose with action' was one response. She suggested that schools are the biggest 'mission field'. Rev'd. Andrew Thomas said he thought Mission Communities were. The best way to approach children is through parents. Education the best way of empowering children. Sport and the beach were frequent alternative activities for families on Sundays. Rev. Philip Conway said that peer pressure and time were obstacles.

In October, Andy Bowden introduced Tom Watson, St Andrew's Youth Worker who talked about the development of children's identities (This is me) and referred to John 10:10-11.
Following the group singing "I will Sing The Wondrous Story" Rev Andy Bowden led the meeting in prayer prior to Rev Andy Atkins explaining that the reorganisation of the deanery has been delayed until the 2nd quarter of next year, so he gave a presentation on "**Engaging with our Rural Farming Community".** He highlighted that the farming community is in crisis and that farmers are asking for help. The Farming Community Network (FCN) provides support and churches are urged to consider donations to them. The support needs to be where the farmers are comfortable so chaplaincy at cattle markets and other places is needed as well as positive invitations to the farming community to join our services and festivals.

g) STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

The method of appointing PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. At St. Andrew's, Buckland Monachorum and the Church of the Holy Spirit, Milton Combe, the PCC consists of the incumbent; a self-supporting Associate Minister; and six ex-officio members, together with eighteen elected members. Included in the total of 24, are two representatives for the Church of the Holy Spirit in Milton Combe and five lay readers. The PCC also has a Standing Committee which can deal with urgent matters more effectively than calling a full PCC meeting, and a Finance Committee that regularly meets one week prior to the PCC meetings, to deal with any financial matters in more detail than the full meetings allow. The full PCC met six times in the year; as did the Finance Committee. The standing committee did not need to meet. The Annual AGM was held in May 2023.

Financial Review for 2023

The church's total income for the 2023 year was £147,427, compared with £178,231 for the previous year. Within last year's total there was a legacy of £24,987, so after taking that one-off receipt into account, there was a reduction in income for 2023 of £5,817. The church was also able to reclaim £20,706 in Gift Aid from HMRC. This was also slightly lower than the previous year. The church continues to be grateful for all your continued support, especially when everyone's finances remain stretched.
As far as costs for 2023 are concerned, these were reduced, from £187,253 in 2022 to £158,329 for this year. This reduction was in part contributed to by the decision not to pay the full Parochial Share. The amount requested was £85,813 an increase of £12,953 on the previous year. A decision was taken to only pay £67,016, representing that part which relates to clergy costs. The balance of £18,797 has been ringfenced by the PCC, but not recorded in the accounts, and a decision is being made in the current year as to whether this balance will be paid. Other notable costs for the year were for youth work, continues to be of great importance, the restoration of the clock and expenditure on Milton Combe including two ecological surveys.
After transfers from the general fund to cover activities not completely met by the relevant restricted fund balances, the net deficit for 2023 was £10,902, which has been deducted from the reserves brought forward from last year. This means that the total reserves as at 31st December 2023 were £150,803, of which £132,194 was in general reserves (of which 18,797 has been designated for the Parochial Share), and £18,608 in restricted and endowment reserves.
Thank you all for your continued support for the church, both for your financial contributions and your free time given. It is sincerely appreciated.

h) ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

The Church of St. Andrew's, Buckland Monachorum is situated in the village of Buckland Monachorum, Devon PL20 7NA. The Church of the Holy Spirit, Milton Combe, is in the village of Milton Combe, Devon PL20 6HP.

PCC members who have served from 1 January 2023 until the 31st December 2023 were:

Ex Officio members:

The Reverend Andrew Bowden - Vicar
The Reverend Andy Farmer - Associate Minister
Mrs Rumbi Mukono (Treasurer)
Mrs Patricia Topham (Safeguarding Representative)
Dr Angela Smith (Licensed lay Ministers)
Dr Mark Smith (Licensed lay Ministers Reader)
Mr P. Tuckett (Licensed lay Ministers Reader)

Deanery Synod Members:

Mr R. Matthews (Licensed lay Ministers Reader) Ex-Officio
Mr T. West
Mr R. Hopkins

Churchwardens:

Mr Roger Watkins
Mrs Lesley Pope

PCC Members:

Mr Bob Barnes
Mrs D. Farmer
Mrs D. Corness
Mrs H. Hopkins (Hon Secretary)
Mrs H. Keane
Mr Joe Smart
Mr David Tute
Mrs Elizabeth Watson
Mr Bill Houldsworth
Mr J. Girven (Milton Combe) – resigned in the year.
Mrs B. Girven (Milton Combe) – resigned in the year.
Mr R. Hopkins (Electoral Roll officer)
Mr Simon Bovey
Mr Christopher Rowe
Mr Paul Nixon (Licensed Lay Minister)
Mr Terry West (Buildings & Fabric lead & Deanery Synod Representative.)

Safeguarding representative: Mrs Patricia Topham. **DBS Officers**: Helen Hopkins & Julie Tailyour**:**

Independent Examiner: Mrs Felicity Harris – Moorlands Accountants.

The Report was approved by the PCC via email on the 10th May 2024. The Report was signed by:

Rev Andrew Bowden, Vicar: ……. and

Roger Watkins/Lesley Pope Church Warden: ……

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BANKERS	Lloyds Bank Plc 8 Royal Parade Plymouth Devon
INDEPENDENT EXAMINER	Felicity Harris, Chartered Accountant Moorlands Rock view 28 Glanville Road Tavistock Devon PL19 0EB

Independent Examiner's Report to the PCC of St Andrew Buckland Monachorum with Milton Combe

This report is on the accounts of the PCC for the year ended 31st December 2023 which are set out on the following pages.

Respective responsibilities of the PCC and the examiner

As members of the PCC you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts: you consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is required.

It is my responsibility to examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act, to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioner under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act and to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. That examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the PCC and a comparison of the accounts with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning 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 next statement.

Independent examiner's statement

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

1 which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act, have not been met; or

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

6/5/24

Felicity Harris

BA FCA ATT(fellow)

28 Glanville Road, Tavistock
Devon PL19 0EB

St Andrew's Church, Buckland Monachorum PCC & Holy Spirit Milton Combe

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	91,481	19,846	—	111,327	132,550
Income from charitable activities	29,125	—	—	29,125	37,713
Other income	871	6,102	—	6,973	7,966
Total income	**121,479**	**25,948**	**—**	**147,427**	**178,231**
Expenditure on:					
Expenditure on charitable activities	112,422	32,831	—	145,253	171,832
Other expenditure	2,604	10,471	—	13,076	15,421
Total expenditure	**115,026**	**43,303**	**—**	**158,329**	**187,253**
Net income / (expenditure) resources before transfer	**6,452**	**(17,354)**	**—**	**(10,902)**	**(9,022)**
Transfers					
Gross transfers between funds - in	—	25,406	—	25,406	23,673
Gross transfers between funds - out	(10,157)	(15,248)	—	(25,406)	(23,673)
Other recognised gains / losses					
Net movement in funds	**(3,704)**	**(7,197)**	**—**	**(10,902)**	**(9,022)**
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward	**135,899**	**24,981**	**825**	**161,705**	**170,728**
Total funds carried forward	**132,194**	**17,783**	**825**	**150,803**	**161,705**

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St Andrew's Church, Buckland Monachorum PCC & Holy Spirit Milton Combe

Analysis of income and expenditure
Selected period: 01 January 2023 to 31 December 2023

	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	Total This year	Total Last year
Income and endowments						
Donations and legacies						
Donations and legacies						
01IN0001 - Envelopes St Andrews	344	—	—	—	344	717
01IN0002 - Envelopes MC	2,750	—	—	—	2,750	2,576
01IN0003 - Payroll Donations - For Youth Worker	—	—	8,977	—	8,977	8,417
01IN0004 - Youth Work	—	—	5,692	—	5,692	6,757
01IN0005 - MAF (Matt & Beck)	—	—	417	—	417	1,254
01IN0006 - Standing Orders - General	67,949	—	—	—	67,949	72,860
01IN0007 - Standing Orders - Restricted	—	—	140	—	140	—
01IN0008 - Parish Giving Scheme	8,041	—	—	—	8,041	7,655
03IN0001 - Open Plate - St Andrews	4,224	—	—	—	4,224	888
03IN0002 - Open Plate MC	1,890	—	—	—	1,890	1,494
04IN0001 - Mis Income Occasional	—	—	2,182	—	2,182	4,858
04IN0004 - Donations to Milton Combe	—	—	2,282	—	2,282	—
04IN0005 - Donations to St Andrews	1,280	—	155	—	1,435	84
07IN0001 - Legacies	—	5,000	—	—	5,000	24,987
Donations and legacies Sub-totals	86,481	5,000	19,846	—	111,327	132,550
Donations and legacies Totals	86,481	5,000	19,846	—	111,327	132,550
Income from charitable activities						
Income from charitable activities						
04IN0002 - Income - Clergy Discretionary	—	—	—	—	—	2,315
04IN0003 - Grants & Insurance Received	—	—	—	—	—	4,762
06IN0001 - Gift Aid Refund	20,706	—	—	—	20,706	23,306
11IN0001 - Church Services Fees Income	5,573	—	—	—	5,573	4,638
12IN0001 - Magazine Income	2,845	—	—	—	2,845	2,692
Income from charitable activities Sub-totals	29,125	—	—	—	29,125	37,713
Income from charitable activities Totals	29,125	—	—	—	29,125	37,713
Other income						

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	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	Total This year	Total Last year
Other income						
10IN0001 - Bank Interest	861	—	—	—	861	89
12IN0002 - Books - Christian Books	10	—	—	—	10	206
13IN0001 - Parish Camp Income	—	—	6,102	—	6,102	7,671
Other income Sub-totals	871	—	6,102	—	6,973	7,966
Other income Totals	871	—	6,102	—	6,973	7,966
Income and endowments Grand totals	116,479	5,000	25,948	—	147,427	178,231

Expenditure

Expenditure on charitable activities

Expenditure on charitable activities						
17EX0001 - Books - Christian Books	—	—	—	—	—	156
17EX0002 - Bellringers expenditure	1,050	—	—	—	1,050	—
18EX0001 - Donations to School	2,500	—	—	—	2,500	2,500
18EX0002 - Mission Donations Home	2,582	—	2,567	—	5,149	6,514
18EX0003 - Mission Donations Occasional	600	—	2,115	—	2,715	1,870
18EX0004 - Mission Donations Buckland Chapel	1,437	—	750	—	2,187	5,870
19EX0001 - Diocesan Parish Share	67,016	—	—	—	67,016	81,388
20EX0001 - HMRC NIC - Tax Payroll Fees	—	—	5,726	—	5,726	6,912
20EX0002 - Payroll - Salaries	—	—	19,919	—	19,919	17,899
20EX0003 - Employer's contribution to NEST	1,749	—	—	—	1,749	1,749
20EX0004 - Services Fees - Independent work fees	1,400	—	—	—	1,400	1,400
20EX0005 - Organist Fees	1,305	—	—	—	1,305	1,014
21EX0001 - Clergy Expenses Ministry	2,858	—	—	—	2,858	1,904
21EX0003 - Expenses - Non-Clergy	1,638	—	—	—	1,638	2,205
22EX0001 - Pastoral Care Expenses	—	—	—	—	—	150
22EX0002 - Evangelism Purchases	—	—	—	—	—	295
22EX0004 - Youth Work Expenses	—	—	38	—	38	—
23EX0003 - Church Fees to Diocese	1,735	—	—	—	1,735	2,854
23EX0004 - Church Services Expenses,Music Books etc	1,847	—	—	—	1,847	330
23EX0005 - Purchases Miscellaneous	406	—	1,715	—	2,121	3,141
23EX0006 - Stationery consumables Printing	67	—	—	—	67	149
23EX0007 - Sound AVA Purchases and Costs	—	—	—	—	—	519
23EX0008 - IT Hardware Purchases	—	—	—	—	—	23
23EX0009 - IT Software Purchases	115	—	—	—	115	112
23EX0010 - Maintenance and General Repairs Fees	1,486	—	—	—	1,486	7,983
23EX0012 - Organ and Piano Maintenance	576	—	—	—	576	1,032
23EX0014 - Heating System Repairs & Maintenance	606	—	—	—	606	885
23EX0017 - Fire Safety Maintenance	470	—	—	—	470	289
23EX0019 - Broadband & Website (Webhosting) Costs	714	—	—	—	714	809
23EX0020 - Services Costs & Other Supplies	3,503	—	—	—	3,503	107

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	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	Total This year	Total Last year
23EX0021 - St Andrews Insurance Costs	6,783	—	—	—	6,783	7,043
23EX0022 - MC Insurance Costs	1,272	—	—	—	1,272	1,056
23EX0023 - Cleaning Costs	1,807	—	—	—	1,807	1,510
23EX0024 - Gardening Costs	1,513	—	—	—	1,513	1,446
24EX0001 - Utilities Electricity Costs	2,056	—	—	—	2,056	4,463
24EX0002 - Utilities Gas And Oil Costs	3,161	—	—	—	3,161	6,162
24EX0003 - Water Expenditure	159	—	—	—	159	79
Expenditure on charitable activities Sub-totals	112,422	—	32,831	—	145,253	171,832
Expenditure on charitable activities Totals	112,422	—	32,831	—	145,253	171,832
Other expenditure						
Other expenditure						
22EX0003 - Parish Camp	—	—	5,399	—	5,399	6,054
23EX0001 - Bank Charges	186	—	—	—	186	161
28EX0002 - Building Development Costs - St Andrews	—	—	900	—	900	—
28EX0003 - Building Development Costs - Milton Comb	—	—	4,172	—	4,172	6,931
29EX0001 - Magazine expenses	2,418	—	—	—	2,418	2,273
Other expenditure Sub-totals	2,604	—	10,471	—	13,076	15,421
Other expenditure Totals	2,604	—	10,471	—	13,076	15,421
Expenditure Grand totals	115,026	—	43,303	—	158,329	187,253

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St Andrew's Church, Buckland Monachorum PCC & Holy Spirit Milton Combe

Balance sheet (Separate funds)
As at: 31 December 2023

	General Fund	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	At 31/12/2023 £	At 31/12/2022 £
Fixed assets						
Investments	—	—	—	825	825	825
Fixed assets	**—**	**—**	**—**	**825**	**825**	**825**
Current assets						
Debtors	12,531	—	—	—	12,531	15,428
Cash at bank and in hand	90,140	29,522	17,783	0	137,447	146,513
Current assets	**102,671**	**29,522**	**17,783**	**0**	**149,978**	**161,941**
Liabilities						
Creditors: Amounts falling due in one year	—	—	—	—	—	1,061
Net current assets less current liabilities	**102,671**	**29,522**	**17,783**	**0**	**149,978**	**160,880**
Total assets less current liabilities	**102,671**	**29,522**	**17,783**	**825**	**150,803**	**161,705**
Total net assets less liabilities	**102,671**	**29,522**	**17,783**	**825**	**150,803**	**161,705**
Represented by						
Unrestricted						
Unrestricted - General fund	102,671	—	—	—	102,671	111,376
Designated						
Designated - Designated Funds	—	29,522	—	—	29,522	24,522
Restricted						
Restricted - Books - Christian Books	—	—	0	—	0	0
Restricted - Flower Fund	—	—	765	—	765	765
Restricted - Gift for Youth Worker - Gift To Youth	—	—	—	—	—	—
Restricted - Grants & Insurance Received	—	—	1,710	—	1,710	1,710
Restricted - Christmas Hampers	—	—	365	—	365	265
Restricted - Tom & Lizzie Home Gift	—	—	25	—	25	—
Restricted - The Hub	—	—	1,200	—	1,200	1,200
Restricted - IPANI SCHOOL	—	—	2,255	—	2,255	2,255
Restricted - MAF - Matt & Beck	—	—	0	—	0	—
Restricted - Milton Combe	—	—	550	—	550	550
Restricted - Church Parish Magazine	—	—	50	—	50	50
Restricted - Building Development Fund	—	—	0	—	0	—
Restricted - Menouf	—	—	—	—	—	—
Restricted - Missionary Work	—	—	63	—	63	63
Restricted - Open Doors	—	—	0	—	0	385
Restricted - Organ Donations	—	—	0	—	0	0
Restricted - Overseas Missions	—	—	1,398	—	1,398	1,398
Restricted - Parish Camp	—	—	2,429	—	2,429	1,727
Restricted - Pastarol Care	—	—	766	—	766	766
Restricted - Pathfinder	—	—	50	—	50	50
Restricted - Restricted - Payroll	—	—	—	—	—	—
Restricted - Restricted Funds	—	—	444	—	444	304
Restricted - Caroline Hammond	—	—	—	—	—	—
Restricted - Milton Combe Church Roof	—	—	4,720	—	4,720	2,720
Restricted - School Govenors	—	—	—	—	—	—
Restricted - Sequestration Account	—	—	—	—	—	—
Restricted - Shekinah	—	—	139	—	139	139
Restricted - Sound	—	—	—	—	—	—
Restricted - Tear Fund	—	—	275	—	275	275
Restricted - Tom Watson	—	—	0	—	0	0
Restricted - Tristan & Sarah	—	—	150	—	150	150
Restricted - Ukraine Support	—	—	5	—	5	5
Restricted - Vicar (Donations to Vicar)	—	—	260	—	260	260
Restricted - Catalyst	—	—	—	—	—	—
Restricted - Window	—	—	—	—	—	—
Restricted - Parish Youth Workers	—	—	—	—	—	—
Restricted - Parish Youth Work	—	—	—	—	—	9,524

There may be minor discrepancies in the totals if the pence are not being shown

	General Fund	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	At 31/12/2023 £	At 31/12/2022 £
Restricted - Buckland Chapel	—	—	11	—	11	265
Restricted - Christianity Explored	—	—	—	—	—	—
Restricted - Devon Historic Churches	—	—	50	—	50	50
Restricted - Esme Palmer	—	—	—	—	—	—
Restricted - Buckland Food Hub	—	—	100	—	100	100
Endowment						
Endowment - Endowment Fund	—	—	—	825	825	825
Funds of the church	**102,671**	**29,522**	**17,783**	**825**	**150,803**	**161,705**

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Independent Examiner's Report to the PCC of St Andrew Buckland Monachorum with Milton Combe

This report is on the accounts of the PCC for the year ended 31st December 2023 which are set out on the following pages.

Respective responsibilities of the PCC and the examiner

As members of the PCC you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts: you consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is required.

It is my responsibility to examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act, to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioner under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act and to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. That examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the PCC and a comparison of the accounts with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning 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 next statement.

Independent examiner's statement

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

1 which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act, have not been met; or

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

6/5/24

Felicity Harris

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Accounts

ST ANDREW'S CHURCH BUCKLAND MONACHORUM WITH THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT MILTON COMBE

Annual Report of the Parochial Church Council

The Churches of
MILTON COMBE &
BUCKLAND MONACHORUM

For the year ended 31st December 2023

Website: bucklandchurchdevon.co.uk

Diocese of Exeter **Charity No. 1132573**

Aims and Purposes

There are two churches in our parish and the Parochial Church Council includes representation from both. The Vicar, Andrew Bowden, along with the Associate Minister Andrew Farmer and the PCC, aspires to extend the ministry and teaching to the wider parish community of 2,077 people (2021 census).

When planning our activities for the year, the incumbent and the PCC have considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and in particular, the specific guidance on charities for the advancement of religion.

"Living in community as God's people; serving the wider community in God's world"

Our vision encourages us to look in two directions:

- "Looking inwards" – living in community as God's people; that as a church family we would put down strong spiritual roots, growing in our knowledge of God and learning how to live for His glory. For this we are reliant on the Holy Spirit, the Bible and prayer.
- "Looking outwards" – serving the wider community in God's world; as those who have received God's love, we want to share it abroad, striving to serve our local community through evangelism, social interaction and community engagement, whilst also supporting Christian missionary work around the world.

The above have been met in various ways, and include the following:

- **Regular Sunday Services:** Morning services take place at 09:15 in The Church of the Holy Spirit Milton Combe, and 10:30 in St Andrew's Buckland Monachorum, with services of Morning Worship and Holy Communion alternating between each church.
- **Our preaching series** in the spring term took us through the Old Testament book of Ecclesiastes, which was accompanied by our "book of the term" - *Habits of Grace* by David Mathis. Over the summer term we studied the book of James, followed by the astonishing story of restoration and hope in Ruth, during August. From September through the autumn, we walked together through Paul's letter to the Ephesians, before an Advent series in Matthew 1-2. Our Sunday series have been complemented by Discipleship Groups who meet regularly to delve deeper into God's word - sometimes reflecting on the Sunday sermon and on other occasions studying further books of the Bible. It has been a blessing to continue to meet with the church family, growing together in our knowledge and love of God, in our service to one another, and our desire to make Jesus known.

- **The first Sunday of the month** has also seen the continuation of two other services. At 08:00 we host a Book of Common Prayer Communion service at Buckland Monachorum. At 18:30 we have our **B^2** service. B^2 stands for 'Bible and Beverage' and is a service that begins with a short topical talk in church, followed by Q&A and discussions, over a drink, in the Drake Manor Inn next door. This service has been a particular blessing in engaging with people who do not otherwise come to church.
- **Prayer:** Prayer is a vital part of all we do:
    - The prayer ministry team is available after each morning service at Buckland Monachorum, for any who might appreciate praying for a specific individual or concern.
    - The prayer chain is an important daily resource and support to anyone who requests prayer.
    - Morning Prayer services are held on Zoom twice a week – one from Common Worship and the other from the Book of Common prayer. Space to pray and offer intercessions are a central part of these brief services.
    - Our Central Prayer meeting continues on the first Wednesday of every month; praying for the needs of our church, the community, the nation and the world. We also include regular updates from our mission partners (one per month) as part of our ongoing support.
    - A small group meet every Monday morning to pray specifically for our local Church of England school.

- **Evangelistic Courses:** Over the year we have developed a rhythm of running courses to reach out to folk outside of the church. In the autumn term we ran "Life Explored"; a seven-week course that helps people uncover what they're really living for, and see how, in Christ, God meets their deepest desires for happiness. In the New Year "Christianity Explored"; a course that helps Christians to introduce people to Jesus as they explore the Gospel of Mark over seven weeks.
- **Discipleship Groups** - have been encouraged to build on the Sunday sermons, by spending time in small groups studying the same passages in greater depth.
- **Youth and children's teams** - have sought to follow the same pattern in order to promote family times beyond the Sunday service.
- **Worship** - is not confined to our church meetings on a Sunday, but is an all-encompassing lifestyle, that seeks to glorify God in words and actions.
- **Living in community** as God's people and serving the wider community in God's world. Being pro-active in monitoring and supporting those who are in need.

To facilitate this work, it is important that we maintain the fabric of both churches in Buckland Monachorum and Milton Combe.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE 2023

Guidelines and Policy documents:

i) **Health & Safety Policy** - The PCC has a policy in place for both churches to ensure that current legislation is being met and measures put in place where required.

ii) **Safeguarding -** St Andrew's Church, Buckland Monachorum and the Church of the Holy Spirit, Milton Combe adopts the Exeter Diocese Policy and Procedures. (*See full report below).*

iii) **Reporting of Safeguarding and Serious incidents –** the reporting to the Charities Commission of serious incidents both in regard to Safeguarding and other serious incidents is delegated to the Diocese of Exeter Board of Finance via the Diocesan Safeguarding Adviser and the Diocesan Secretary in a resolution that was passed by the PCC in January 2020. This is in accordance with the House of Bishops Guidance. There have been no incidents to report in 2023.

iv) A **Privacy Statement** covering how the church handles personal data is now added to our Website, in line with current legislation.

v) **A Domestic Abuse Statement** – as with all the above policies, we take this matter seriously; our statement can be found on our website.

Safeguarding

St Andrew's Church, Buckland Monachorum, and the Church of the Holy Spirit, Milton Combe continues to place Safeguarding as a high priority under the guidance from 'Promoting a Safer Church, 2017. The PCC fully recognizes that they have a responsibility to support, protect and safeguard all, but in particular the vulnerable, young children and the youth.

To support this, a culture of prevention, support and guidance is central, and all who work with children and young people, and support the vulnerable, are recruited in accordance with the Diocesan Safer Recruitment guidance. All recruits are fully DBS checked and are given support and training for their role.

Review of Safeguarding Action Plan 2023

The Safeguarding Action Plan was presented to the PCC by the Parish Safeguarding Representative in January 2023 where it was approved. A mid-year review was undertaken in July and reported to the PCC.
Progress on this action plan was reported upon at each PCC meeting throughout the year.

Progress on the Areas for Action 2023:

- Parish Dashboard - Training has been completed for all but two members of the PCC. Monitoring took place, to ensure that all relevant learning pathways had been completed. The new DBS evidence checker was fully compliant for their role and all who work with the children and youth were also fully compliant. The only outstanding role to be completed was that of the verger. Monitoring of all activities took place, and the risk assessment for Parish Camp and Children /Youth were updated so as to reflect changes. The Safer Recruitment

survey and compliance survey was completed in May, 2023. The PCC completed all annual reviews for key safeguarding documents: Promoting a Safer Church policy; Responding to Safeguarding allegations or concerns; Church activities List. The outstanding actions in this section have been moved onto the 2024 Action Plan.

- DBS/Training - All DBS were in date at the end of the year. Julie Tailyour took on the vacant DBS evidence checker role and undertook all the relevant safeguarding training. A new confidential declaration form, from the Diocese was personalized for our churches and is now in use. Monitoring of training continues on a monthly basis and email reminders are sent to those who in their role need to complete or update their safeguarding training so as to be compliant. To date there are only two outstanding.

- Domestic Abuse - The PCC still need to move forward with how they wish to proceed with this area. A discussion is to take place at the January 2024 meeting as to how to move this on.

- Awareness Raising - The website was updated with new tabs/links to the safeguarding documents. A Safeguarding slide for the overheard screen was produced with the strap line quoting the Bishop of Truro "Safeguarding- If it's God's business, then it's all our business" and the noticeboards revamped and updated. A safeguarding reference folder containing all the key documents and the Church safeguarding handbook was compiled and there is a copy prominently displayed in both churches. The PSR (Parish Safety Representative) took part in a 'get to know me' exercise as part of Safeguarding Sunday so that the congregation could be more familiar with the role as well as more aware of the procedures that were in place, and how they could access information or raise questions or concerns.

- Monitoring procedures - Noticeboards have been checked regularly and updated with new Diocese personnel and contact numbers; training logs have been monitored monthly; risk assessments updated for Parish Camp and the children/youth work.

- Other issues - A *recruitment of volunteers*' flyer was drafted and approved by the PCC and is ready for printing. The face-to-face training session for first aid training did not happen.

Trish Topham, Parish Safeguarding Representative (PSR).

b) OUTREACH TO THE COMMUNITY – This is shown in the following reports:

Charleston Friendship Cafe

Although this is a community led project, it is supported by some of our church members. The Charleston Friendship Cafe has had a busy and productive 2023 offering a varied range of fun activities to our 'friends'. Our numbers continue to rise, and we regularly have 20-25 people attending plus our invaluable helpers. We have people from the village and Crapstone, as well as Dousland, Walkhampton, Yelverton, and even one lady from Bere Alston.

We are self-financing but ask for voluntary contributions from our 'friends' to help pay for the village hall hire and running costs. Transport costs for the TASS minibus were covered by a donation from TASS but as this has now been used up, we need to find other funding streams, and have been fortunate that Yelverton Rotary Club have recently donated a sum to help with this.

Our fortnightly sessions include time for chatting and reminiscing, armchair *Pilates* to strengthen our bodies, activities to exercise our minds, and creative skills as well as lots of singing. Not forgetting tea, wonderful cake and lots and lots of laughter!

The group are very competitive (in a good way), and love nothing more than taking part in quizzes, beetle drives, or musical bingo. They are also extremely creative, and we have seen wonderful outcomes when icing biscuits, making crepes, painting 'kindness stones' or making and decorating wooden Christmas trees.

Tom Watson (Parish Youth Worker) led us in a Super Science Session where he wowed us with science tricks and we had a go at making 'colour patterns' using skittles, water and a paper plate. Great fun.

Along with the Yelverton Luncheon Club, we had a lovely carol service in the Church where the Beehive Nursery sang to as, as well as Years 5 and 6 from St Andrew's school, alongside the children in the village who are home educated. It was a real community event involving the youngest to the eldest in the village.

We have lots planned for 2024 and offer a warm welcome to anyone who wants company and laughter.

Support in the Community
Several members of the church family support both the **Buckland Cares Group** that run the Food Hub and the **Play Café** which runs weekly during term time for parents and carers of pre-school children.

Community Carols
For the third year we hosted 'Community Carols', and for the first time, hosted the event in the grounds of St Andrew's Church in Buckland Monachorum. As this event had previously been held in the Meadows (behind the church), a new Risk Assessment was produced. Around 80 plus, brave individuals of all ages joined us for the event. We were very grateful that the Tavistock Stannary Brass Band were able to join us, leading the music as we sang carols together. The evening also included a few readings; contemporary poetry as well as Bible readings, read by members of the church and the village community. At the end of the event, refreshments were served at The Drake Manor Inn: roasted chestnuts, mince pies and mulled wine. We were very thankful to Mandy and Garth for partnering with us in this way.

Links with St Andrew's Primary School
St Andrew's Church continued to support St Andrew's School financially, physically and spiritually during 2023.

Financially:
An academic gift of £2,500 was given by the church to the school. It has not been spent yet but will be put towards purchasing another set of class laptops which enhance learning across the school in many areas.

Physically:
The following examples give a flavour of ways members of the church play an active role in the life and governance of the school.

Weekly acts of Collective Worship led by Andy Bowden and/or Tom Watson which are based on specific themes, or Bible passages through each term are popular with the children.

The church is used by the school for rehearsals and performances. These included a Leaver's Service in July 2023, a Harvest Festival celebration and nativity plays. Andy Bowden and/or Tom Watson are always in attendance for performances to welcome guests before performances and to close in prayer. Terry West is indispensable in operating the sound equipment, during the rehearsals and performances.

The Buckland Chapel was used in September 2023, when members of the church set up a coffee event on the first day of the new school year to welcome new parents. Sarah Lakey (Head teacher), Claire Morris (SEN) popped in to provide an opportunity for parents to chat with them. The event also enabled church members to chat to parents about church services and outreach initiatives aimed at children and families.

The church also provides a rota of volunteers to serve refreshments to parents and carers who had been invited to attend the class-led Collective Worship once a week through the autumn and winter terms.

The Buckland Chapel and church teams also welcomed parents after the afternoon Nativity services, providing welcome refreshments and shelter from the chilly weather before school pickup time.
Finally, the Chapel team hosted a breakfast for staff on the last day of term before the Christmas break. The staff were appreciative and said they felt blessed.

Children from the school have helped in the community by supporting the Food Hub in the Chapel during Harvest Festival. Harvest time was also celebrated in the apple orchard where children worked with Dave Cox pressing apples.

The school choir sang at the Christmas Fair which was held on a Friday evening this year. It was a popular event attended by many members of the local community.
Years 5 and 6 sang Christmas carols at the Charleston Café Christmas lunch.

Bex Murdoch, the Head of Foundation at the school, read at the ever-popular Carols in the Meadows evening.

The school values and welcomes volunteers from the church who have an hour or so free during their week to read with children – and would appreciate more volunteers.

Spiritually:
Prayer is a mainstay of school life, and the church has supported this in numerous ways.

1. The School Prayer Support Group has been running for seven years and continues to meet on Monday mornings.
2. The school's 'Ethos Group' updates the school's vision and values document with the help and guidance of Andy Bowden and Tom Watson.
3. Andy Bowden provides both pastoral and prayer support for the Headteacher, which is very much appreciated.

Outreach Magazine

The magazine is a wonderful vehicle for reaching the community for the church. It is independently funded by subscriptions and advertising that covers the cost of production. It is expertly edited by Becky Butland with two of the church members dealing with the many advertisers and finances and the distribution is undertaken by other members of the church. The content of the magazine is very varied and includes much about church activity, links with the other organisations and articles about events within the parish.

c) GENERAL CHURCH ACTIVITY

Pastoral Care
The Pastoral Care Team seeks to be the hands and feet of our Lord, primarily within our church family, but also in our community. We are a small core team and a wider group who all seek to care and support those in need in practical ways. We continue to have team of willing cooks who have supported people with meals during the year. We also have several people who support with offering lifts to services when needed.
In addition, we have continued to give Andy Bowden welcome bags to give out when he visits newcomers to our church and local area.

We liaise with the Prayer Chain and are always grateful when we are made aware of needs, we can support. Please either speak to Andy Bowden or Andy Farmer or one of the Team, or contact us by email "pastoralcare@bucklandchurchdevon.co.uk"

Children and Youthwork Reports - Continued nurturing of our Young People, are seen in the following reports.

Children, including community outreach.

This group continues to meet each Sunday morning except the first Sunday of the month when the children remain with the rest of the church family for the 'All Age Service'. Three leaders from the team run the session in the chapel hall, ensuring the safeguarding policy is adhered to and any issues are reported back to Tom Watson and/or the Parish Safeguarding Lead (PSL).

After several months of consideration(!), a new name for the children's group was decided with a view to give the group a bit more of an identity. The group is now known as 'STAX' (an abbreviation of **ST** **A**ndrew's **C**hurch **K**id**S**, with the 'X' of the logo forming a cross – Jesus' death and resurrection central to all we do). A short, simple motto follows the name – 'stacks of Jesus, stacks of fun'. A new name for the youth is also under consideration – watch this space...!

In a slight change to previous terms, STAX followed a different programme of teaching from the wider church family. Over the course of the year the children explored Jesus' life and ministry from the first four chapters of Mark's gospel before following a teaching programme based on the children's text 'The Garden, The Curtain and The Cross'. At the end of this series the children produced a fantastic diorama of the book to share with the wider church family. With children being exposed to themes of sexuality, gender and identity at an ever-younger age, it was agreed to use a brilliant teaching resource produced by the organisation, '*Faith In Kids'* called 'Who am I?'. This provided an opportunity to raise and discuss these issues from a biblical perspective in an age-appropriate way. With this conversation started, the aim will be to build on this in the coming years.

In July, as part of the church's summer camp, children from STAX and the wider community took part in the 'Superheroes Academy', discovering why Jesus is the greatest (and true!) superhero. Later, in October we held a 'Lightbusters' party as an alternative to Halloween in place of our regular Dangerous Club. This proved to be a popular event again with over 30 children attending to hear a short talk from the Bible and get involved with a carousel of activities and games.

On Christmas Eve, the traditional Christingle service took place, aimed primarily at children and young families. It was very well attended by families within the church and the wider community, and none of the 75 Christingles were leftover!

During term time throughout the year, Tom has led 'church collective worship' on a Wednesday morning at St Andrew's Primary School. This year started with the children looking at some of the key moments of Jesus' life in the run up to Easter followed by a Bible overview, exploring the overarching story of Scripture through the Old and New Testament. Along with these themes, we observed some of the seasonal celebrations when the school made use of the church building to invite parents and carers to attend (Easter, Year 6 leavers, Harvest, St Andrew's Day, Nativity and Carol Service).

To celebrate the end of the school year, Michael J Tinker (a children's singer/song writer) was invited to perform his live show 'Be Strong and Courageous' in the church building. This was another opportunity for the children who regularly attend STAX and Dangerous Club to invite their friends (along with their families) to come and hear the good news of Jesus through a theatrical, interactive, sing-along show. Refreshments for children and adults were offered beforehand and thanks to a superb team of welcomers and facilitators from the church family, the 80+ guests who came were able to have a really enjoyable time.

Everything that has taken place in the past year has been made possible through the commitment of the wider youth and children's team. This is a fruit of the whole church's commitment to view the children and young people as valuable members of the church and a desire to see them raised to know and love Jesus as the Bible is taught week-in-week-out.

Dangerous Club

'Dangerous Club' continues to take place after school on Wednesdays and is directed at children aged 8-11. It involves a short Bible talk followed by various games and activities loosely based around the theme of the talk. The idea is that it provides an easy evangelistic opportunity for the children from church families to invite their friends along, to a club where they are guaranteed to have fun and hear about Jesus. While the club is going on, a café runs for parents and younger siblings with drinks, a few games and a small craft activity is available also.

St Andrew's School has been very supportive in advertising the club, with children being very enthusiastic to come along. It has been a great encouragement over this last year to see a core group of children attending the club and also seeing newcomers attending after being invited along by those core children. The Club continues to be a positive link between the church and families in the school and community. The dedicated team of leaders involved in both the club and the café continue to make Dangerous Club a thoroughly welcoming and enjoyable time together. In the past year the need to grow this team has become more apparent and will be one of the main focuses in the coming year.

Youth, including community outreach.

The youth continue to meet each Sunday morning except the first Sunday of the month and the midweek group for teenagers in GCSE and A level years continues to meet on a Tuesday evening. During the all-age services it has been great to see the beginnings of a youth band, with some of the young people playing and singing with the music worship team. Along with serving more regularly on the coffee rota and being involved with the sound and projector technology, it is encouraging to see the youth taking these opportunities to be an active part of the church body.

Socials throughout the year continue to be well attended by youth from church as well as the wider village. These have included night-time wide games, 'hunt the leader' around Tavistock, a Eurovision party, a pizza and film night in Buckland Chapel, paddleboarding at Lopwell Dam, fireworks at Clearbrook and a Christmas escape room in the Chapel. There has been a noticeable impact on the cohesion of the group as a result of these times spent together, which is very encouraging.

Many of the youth attended summer camp where Jack Hodge from Catalyst led the evening youth sessions. This coming year we are hoping to take a group of teenagers along to a summer 'Venture' run through the Church Pastoral Aid Society (CPAS), called 'Sparkford 3'. This is an 8-day residential designed for 14-18s from all over the country to come together and enjoy a full programme of activities and daily Bible teaching sessions and seminars.

Networking with other youth groups
There is talk of an attempt to start a youth gathering in Tavistock and I have been contacted by Ross Mitchell so that he can tell me more about this idea. I am still in semi-regular contact with the youth leaders from St Andrew's Church in Plymouth and was invited to speak on their youth weekend away. I have also been given the name of a minister in Horrabridge whom I believe is trying to pioneer a youth initiative in the area. I am yet to make contact with her but am looking to explore this over the coming year.

d) FURTHER CHURCH ACTIVITIES

Prayer Chain
We are thankful to Margie Goodfellow who has been heading this up for many years and thankful to Denise Nixon for taking on this role this year. The Prayer Chain consists of fifteen members of the church, including Rev. Andy Bowden. Messages are received and sent out by What'sApp. The prayer chain is mainly used by church members, and is mostly confidential, depending on the nature of the request. We have seen many prayers answered and many people blessed, being reassured that they are held in prayer as they go through difficult and testing times.

Discipleship Groups
Discipleship groups are small groups of people meeting mid-week, some in person and some by zoom. They are a great way for us to learn from God's word, share our thoughts, experiences, and encouragements, pray for each other and those around us, and grow in our faith. They are a really valuable opportunity for us to challenge, encourage, and support each other in our everyday lives.

Groups can choose what material they use, depending on their particular needs, and many have used the material recommended and provided by Andy Bowden and been blessed through studying the books of Psalms, James, and Esther.

Please pray for God to draw people who'd benefit into discipleship groups. Give thanks for the new groups that have formed and pray for more people to be willing to take on coordinating groups.

BREATHE – Ladies Fellowship Group
BREATHE is an opportunity for the ladies of the churches in Milton Combe & Buckland Monachorum to meet for an evening, spending time in the God's Word, time in Prayer, and time in Fellowship together. BREATHE meets four times a year in the Buckland Chapel. This past year we have spent time in Matthew 11 in our session titled "Come to Me", reminding ourselves that are not alone—through the work and the burdens and the trials, God sustains us, He helps us, and He will never leave us. In July, in our session "Look to Jesus", we looked at Hebrews12:1-3, encouraging one another to keep our eyes fixed on Jesus, to hold fast to Him, and to listen to Him. In September, in our session called "Blessed Assurance", we spent time in Hebrews 7:25, rejoicing that we can be completely free from doubt—that our sins have been forgiven and that we are saved completely in Christ Jesus! In November, in our session titled "Wonderful Worship", we mediated on the words of Romans 11:33-12:3, how worship is not limited to what we often call music at church, but it is so much greater than that! Worship is constant inner praise to the God of scripture. It's been a really encouraging year, and prayerfully we continue to seek His face, and grow together as women of God's word.

Christian Ladies Breakfast Book Club
The Book Club has continued to flourish in 2023. We have increased our numbers and have 17 on the 'books' though not everyone has been able to come at the same time. We met six times through the course of the year and enjoyed each other's company, food and chat. We were able to try out the new Chapel kitchen with a tasty 'Full English' breakfast in the summer and have enjoyed using Buckland Chapel as our meeting point. There was a wide variety of books chosen and several ladies were able to share their personal experiences of missionary work, living in a foreign country and being married to a foreigner (thanks Bethany!). We even reverted back to our childhoods and read the complete set of a classic collection. This was our reading list for 2023.

Through the Gates of Splendour by Elizabeth Elliot
Women Who Risk by Tom and Joann Doyle
Finding Myself in Britain by Amy Boucher Pie
Making Sense of Life by Michael Ots
Surprised by Joy by C S Lewis
The Chronicles of Narnia by C S Lewis

Sung Worship within both Churches

When compiling this report, I realise how blessed we are at St Andrew's and the Holy Spirit Milton Combe, for having musicians and singers who are willing to lead the sung worship on our churches Sunday by Sunday.

At St Andrew's we have set groups who are allocated a week in the month when they will lead the worship. This works well and has been an opportunity for new people to become involved in the music. The first Sunday of each month at the all-age Communion service we now have a regular group who lead the youth band. This has really worked well. and we have been blessed by their leading.

The music for each Sunday is primarily chosen by Andy and Bethany Bowden and me. However, this is not set in stone and if whoever is leading that particular week, feels led to choose a particular song they are free to do so.

We came together at Christmas as a group, to sing two carols at the carol service. We met weekly on a Thursday evening leading up to the carol service, to practice. It was a fun evening which we kept to an hour, and this year we hit two records. Firstly, the number of sopranos were outnumbered by the altos. Then I think the men outnumbered the women. Everybody worked hard and hopefully we were able to give God the glory when we sang.

Milton Combe also held their own carol service last year and it was a joy to go there and sing with them.

As well as our weekly groups, we would be lost without our wonderful organist Audrey Mills who faithfully plays Sunday by Sunday in Buckland Church. A huge thank you Audrey from all of us. We must also not forget the organists at Milton Combe, Elizabeth Baxter and Sue Chapman. Thank you too ladies for your service Sunday by Sunday.

Jane Oliver

Church Camp

The church family again enjoyed a week together at Strete, overlooking Blackpool Sands.

Matt Rowland, Vicar of Modbury Group of churches led the evening sessions of biblical teaching covering 1 Corinthians 1-2, about how great the gospel is and how church unity depends on uniting under it.

The children had a programme of learning in the morning and chill out sessions in the evenings; the youth had evening sessions including biblical teaching but also wide games and different activities.

Church camp enabled us to learn more about God, to enjoy praising Him and having fellowship together. We were able to work in teams in the running of camp and get to know one another better, while spending a week in a beautiful South Devon location.

e) UK AND OVERSEAS MISSION GRANTS AND DONATIONS

Supporting people in full-time service both in prayer and financially: -

Missionary Aviation Fellowship

Working in partnership with hundreds of other Christian and relief organisations, MAF enables practical help, physical healing and spiritual hope to be delivered to some of the world's most remote and inaccessible communities. We have a personal link through Becki and Matt Dillingham who are based in Chad.

Mission Liaison: *Philip and Antonia Tuckett, Hanna and David Waine, Peter Harlow*

Web site: https://www.maf-uk.org/

Open Doors

Every day, millions of Christians in the world risk their lives to follow Jesus. In more than 70 countries, Open Doors supports them by supplying Bibles, providing emergency relief and helping persecuted believers stand strong for the long-term. In the UK and Ireland, Open Doors helps the church to pray, to give and to speak out for those who share our faith but not our freedom.

Mission Liaison: *TBC*

Web site: https://www.opendoorsuk.org/

Tavistock Catalyst

Catalyst recognises the need to care for and encourage young people in the Tavistock area as they journey through adolescence, which can be a challenging time. We are fuelled by a passion to see young people grow in self-confidence, self-esteem and to reach their full potential.

Mission Liaison: *TBC*

Web site: https://tavistockcatalyst.com

Tristan & Sarah Coulshaw
Pioneering mission work with refugees and NGO church in Lesvos. At the time of writing, they are back in the UK applying for visa to return for a further two years.
Mission Liaison: *Bronia Coulshaw. Web site:* None to date

Support for Ukraine
We continue to support Ukraine this year through an organisation called Nightingales UK. Church members have been donating medical equipment and engaging in several fundraising activities across the parish.

Buckland Chapel Trust – BCT
The Buckland Chapel has its own group of Trustees that oversee and run the Chapel and we are very grateful to the team of Trustees for all the work that they have done to enable the Chapel to be used for both the Church and Community. This year saw two Members and two Trustees resigning, however, it did see two new Trustees being appointed along with one new Member.

As a Church we are extremely grateful for all the hard work that the Trustees have put in this year and in particular the completion of the kitchen project that has been a real benefit for church activities, alongside community events. Last year a mobile post office was hosted in the chapel alongside this was an opportunity for members of the community to meet and enjoy a chat over a cup of coffee. This continues to run this year has been supported by members of St Andrew's congregation. Our support is also financially, and the church gives a regular monthly amount throughout the year for the use of the facility. The church continues to make more use of the Chapel for many different activities, including Youth and Children's outreach – that includes a monthly "Dangerous Club" held after school for primary aged children; a Light Party at the end of October; bring and share lunches, etc. Further usage by the church included PCC meetings, a Christianity Explored course; a Lent course; regular monthly prayer meetings; regular Women's events and a Christian breakfast book club.

The Trustees continue to work hard to ensure the continued smooth running of the Chapel. Buckland Chapel Trust has its own Annual Report which can be found on the website: www.bucklandchapeltrust.org.

f) Other key people and groups
There are many other individuals and groups who contribute greatly to the smooth running of both churches: Our Verger; our Cleaner; the Flower arranging team; the Guild members; Coffee serving teams; Projectionists and Sound desk controllers; those that organise and take part in the rotas for side-persons, prayer ministry, and the production of weekly notice sheets. Readers from St Andrew's have also been supporting other parishes in the Deanery.

Bellringers
We are delighted to have the ringers together again this year, after Covid. It is lovely to hear the bells ringing out prior to the morning services and for the occasional wedding. We now have several young people learning to ring which is really encouraging.

2023 Electoral Roll Report
It is with varying degrees of sadness that I have had to remove names from last year's Electoral Roll of one hundred and forty. Seven have left the parish, one has died and three no longer attend either of our churches. This makes eleven names that have been removed, to make the total 129. However, I am pleased to have been able to add a further eight names to the roll, making the2024 total on the Electoral Roll to be one hundred and thirty-seven.

Deanery Synod
In 2023 the Deanery Synod met three times below is a synopsis of the meetings:
In February Revd. Karl Freeman spoke about the General Synod (GS) and of course `Living in Love and Faith', was a key focus at the February Sessions of the GS. He said that 'pastoral advice and blessing to those in civil partnerships' had been voted for at GS. There are three houses of the General Synod. All three houses must vote and have a clear majority to propose that legislation or liturgy is changed. Bishops can and should offer pastoral advice to their Dioceses. **Philip Tuckett a Lay Minister** for 35 years at Buckland Monachorum then introduced the main discussion for the evening. Based on Mark 4: 35 – end (where Jesus calms the storm), Psalm 90 v 1 – 2, and the hymn "O God Our Help In Ages Past" – Philip recommended that we put our trust in Jesus in all circumstances, because God has been faithful and will continue to be.
The Synod members discussed "how we see God working in our parishes and mission communities, what do we do well, where can we improve".

In the second (business) half of the meeting, the treasurer reported that the diocese had sent a letter thanking our Deanery had all paid the Common Fund in full. The Rural Dean informed the meeting that Readers will now become "Licensed Lay Minister with PTO status (Permission to Officiate). All will have to re-apply after the age of 70 and there is a statutory retirement age of 80 (with request to extend this in "exceptional circumstances".)

In June Rev'd. Nick Law, (acting Rural Dean), read from The Beatitudes: St. Matthew Chapter 5 verses 3-12. He had recently, unusually, been asked for this at a funeral. He then led the meeting in prayer. Sharon Blythe, 'Children's and Families Mission Enabler', was introduced and she spoke on **What is Mission,** especially with the concerns of children and young people. Sharon commenced by saying she did not have the answer to more children in church! She was a teacher by trade and therefore her presentation would be interactive and gave a very helpful power point presentation. She also included a few research links. She asked us 'What is Mission?' – 'Purpose with action' was one response. She suggested that schools are the biggest 'mission field'. Rev'd. Andrew Thomas said he thought Mission Communities were. The best way to approach children is through parents. Education the best way of empowering children. Sport and the beach were frequent alternative activities for families on Sundays. Rev. Philip Conway said that peer pressure and time were obstacles.

In October, Andy Bowden introduced Tom Watson, St Andrew's Youth Worker who talked about the development of children's identities (This is me) and referred to John 10:10-11.
Following the group singing "I will Sing The Wondrous Story" Rev Andy Bowden led the meeting in prayer prior to Rev Andy Atkins explaining that the reorganisation of the deanery has been delayed until the 2nd quarter of next year, so he gave a presentation on "**Engaging with our Rural Farming Community".** He highlighted that the farming community is in crisis and that farmers are asking for help. The Farming Community Network (FCN) provides support and churches are urged to consider donations to them. The support needs to be where the farmers are comfortable so chaplaincy at cattle markets and other places is needed as well as positive invitations to the farming community to join our services and festivals.

g) STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

The method of appointing PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. At St. Andrew's, Buckland Monachorum and the Church of the Holy Spirit, Milton Combe, the PCC consists of the incumbent; a self-supporting Associate Minister; and six ex-officio members, together with eighteen elected members. Included in the total of 24, are two representatives for the Church of the Holy Spirit in Milton Combe and five lay readers. The PCC also has a Standing Committee which can deal with urgent matters more effectively than calling a full PCC meeting, and a Finance Committee that regularly meets one week prior to the PCC meetings, to deal with any financial matters in more detail than the full meetings allow. The full PCC met six times in the year; as did the Finance Committee. The standing committee did not need to meet. The Annual AGM was held in May 2023.

Financial Review for 2023

The church's total income for the 2023 year was £147,427, compared with £178,231 for the previous year. Within last year's total there was a legacy of £24,987, so after taking that one-off receipt into account, there was a reduction in income for 2023 of £5,817. The church was also able to reclaim £20,706 in Gift Aid from HMRC. This was also slightly lower than the previous year. The church continues to be grateful for all your continued support, especially when everyone's finances remain stretched.
As far as costs for 2023 are concerned, these were reduced, from £187,253 in 2022 to £158,329 for this year. This reduction was in part contributed to by the decision not to pay the full Parochial Share. The amount requested was £85,813 an increase of £12,953 on the previous year. A decision was taken to only pay £67,016, representing that part which relates to clergy costs. The balance of £18,797 has been ringfenced by the PCC, but not recorded in the accounts, and a decision is being made in the current year as to whether this balance will be paid. Other notable costs for the year were for youth work, continues to be of great importance, the restoration of the clock and expenditure on Milton Combe including two ecological surveys.
After transfers from the general fund to cover activities not completely met by the relevant restricted fund balances, the net deficit for 2023 was £10,902, which has been deducted from the reserves brought forward from last year. This means that the total reserves as at 31st December 2023 were £150,803, of which £132,194 was in general reserves (of which 18,797 has been designated for the Parochial Share), and £18,608 in restricted and endowment reserves.
Thank you all for your continued support for the church, both for your financial contributions and your free time given. It is sincerely appreciated.

h) ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

The Church of St. Andrew's, Buckland Monachorum is situated in the village of Buckland Monachorum, Devon PL20 7NA. The Church of the Holy Spirit, Milton Combe, is in the village of Milton Combe, Devon PL20 6HP.

PCC members who have served from 1 January 2023 until the 31st December 2023 were:

Ex Officio members:

The Reverend Andrew Bowden - Vicar
The Reverend Andy Farmer - Associate Minister
Mrs Rumbi Mukono (Treasurer)
Mrs Patricia Topham (Safeguarding Representative)
Dr Angela Smith (Licensed lay Ministers)
Dr Mark Smith (Licensed lay Ministers Reader)
Mr P. Tuckett (Licensed lay Ministers Reader)

Deanery Synod Members:

Mr R. Matthews (Licensed lay Ministers Reader) Ex-Officio
Mr T. West
Mr R. Hopkins

Churchwardens:

Mr Roger Watkins
Mrs Lesley Pope

PCC Members:

Mr Bob Barnes
Mrs D. Farmer
Mrs D. Corness
Mrs H. Hopkins (Hon Secretary)
Mrs H. Keane
Mr Joe Smart
Mr David Tute
Mrs Elizabeth Watson
Mr Bill Houldsworth
Mr J. Girven (Milton Combe) – resigned in the year.
Mrs B. Girven (Milton Combe) – resigned in the year.
Mr R. Hopkins (Electoral Roll officer)
Mr Simon Bovey
Mr Christopher Rowe
Mr Paul Nixon (Licensed Lay Minister)
Mr Terry West (Buildings & Fabric lead & Deanery Synod Representative.)

Safeguarding representative: Mrs Patricia Topham. **DBS Officers**: Helen Hopkins & Julie Tailyour**:**

Independent Examiner: Mrs Felicity Harris – Moorlands Accountants.

The Report was approved by the PCC via email on the 10th May 2024. The Report was signed by:

Rev Andrew Bowden, Vicar: ……. and

Roger Watkins/Lesley Pope Church Warden: ……

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Independent Examiner's Report to the PCC of St Andrew Buckland Monachorum with Milton Combe

This report is on the accounts of the PCC for the year ended 31st December 2023 which are set out on the following pages.

Respective responsibilities of the PCC and the examiner

As members of the PCC you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts: you consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is required.

It is my responsibility to examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act, to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioner under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act and to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. That examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the PCC and a comparison of the accounts with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning 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 next statement.

Independent examiner's statement

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

1 which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act, have not been met; or

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

6/5/24

Felicity Harris

BA FCA ATT(fellow)

28 Glanville Road, Tavistock
Devon PL19 0EB

St Andrew's Church, Buckland Monachorum PCC & Holy Spirit Milton Combe

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	91,481	19,846	—	111,327	132,550
Income from charitable activities	29,125	—	—	29,125	37,713
Other income	871	6,102	—	6,973	7,966
Total income	**121,479**	**25,948**	**—**	**147,427**	**178,231**
Expenditure on:					
Expenditure on charitable activities	112,422	32,831	—	145,253	171,832
Other expenditure	2,604	10,471	—	13,076	15,421
Total expenditure	**115,026**	**43,303**	**—**	**158,329**	**187,253**
Net income / (expenditure) resources before transfer	**6,452**	**(17,354)**	**—**	**(10,902)**	**(9,022)**
Transfers					
Gross transfers between funds - in	—	25,406	—	25,406	23,673
Gross transfers between funds - out	(10,157)	(15,248)	—	(25,406)	(23,673)
Other recognised gains / losses					
Net movement in funds	**(3,704)**	**(7,197)**	**—**	**(10,902)**	**(9,022)**
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward	**135,899**	**24,981**	**825**	**161,705**	**170,728**
Total funds carried forward	**132,194**	**17,783**	**825**	**150,803**	**161,705**

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St Andrew's Church, Buckland Monachorum PCC & Holy Spirit Milton Combe

Analysis of income and expenditure
Selected period: 01 January 2023 to 31 December 2023

	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	Total This year	Total Last year
Income and endowments						
Donations and legacies						
Donations and legacies						
01IN0001 - Envelopes St Andrews	344	—	—	—	344	717
01IN0002 - Envelopes MC	2,750	—	—	—	2,750	2,576
01IN0003 - Payroll Donations - For Youth Worker	—	—	8,977	—	8,977	8,417
01IN0004 - Youth Work	—	—	5,692	—	5,692	6,757
01IN0005 - MAF (Matt & Beck)	—	—	417	—	417	1,254
01IN0006 - Standing Orders - General	67,949	—	—	—	67,949	72,860
01IN0007 - Standing Orders - Restricted	—	—	140	—	140	—
01IN0008 - Parish Giving Scheme	8,041	—	—	—	8,041	7,655
03IN0001 - Open Plate - St Andrews	4,224	—	—	—	4,224	888
03IN0002 - Open Plate MC	1,890	—	—	—	1,890	1,494
04IN0001 - Mis Income Occasional	—	—	2,182	—	2,182	4,858
04IN0004 - Donations to Milton Combe	—	—	2,282	—	2,282	—
04IN0005 - Donations to St Andrews	1,280	—	155	—	1,435	84
07IN0001 - Legacies	—	5,000	—	—	5,000	24,987
Donations and legacies Sub-totals	86,481	5,000	19,846	—	111,327	132,550
Donations and legacies Totals	86,481	5,000	19,846	—	111,327	132,550
Income from charitable activities						
Income from charitable activities						
04IN0002 - Income - Clergy Discretionary	—	—	—	—	—	2,315
04IN0003 - Grants & Insurance Received	—	—	—	—	—	4,762
06IN0001 - Gift Aid Refund	20,706	—	—	—	20,706	23,306
11IN0001 - Church Services Fees Income	5,573	—	—	—	5,573	4,638
12IN0001 - Magazine Income	2,845	—	—	—	2,845	2,692
Income from charitable activities Sub-totals	29,125	—	—	—	29,125	37,713
Income from charitable activities Totals	29,125	—	—	—	29,125	37,713
Other income						

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	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	Total This year	Total Last year
Other income						
10IN0001 - Bank Interest	861	—	—	—	861	89
12IN0002 - Books - Christian Books	10	—	—	—	10	206
13IN0001 - Parish Camp Income	—	—	6,102	—	6,102	7,671
Other income Sub-totals	871	—	6,102	—	6,973	7,966
Other income Totals	871	—	6,102	—	6,973	7,966
Income and endowments Grand totals	116,479	5,000	25,948	—	147,427	178,231

Expenditure

Expenditure on charitable activities

Expenditure on charitable activities						
17EX0001 - Books - Christian Books	—	—	—	—	—	156
17EX0002 - Bellringers expenditure	1,050	—	—	—	1,050	—
18EX0001 - Donations to School	2,500	—	—	—	2,500	2,500
18EX0002 - Mission Donations Home	2,582	—	2,567	—	5,149	6,514
18EX0003 - Mission Donations Occasional	600	—	2,115	—	2,715	1,870
18EX0004 - Mission Donations Buckland Chapel	1,437	—	750	—	2,187	5,870
19EX0001 - Diocesan Parish Share	67,016	—	—	—	67,016	81,388
20EX0001 - HMRC NIC - Tax Payroll Fees	—	—	5,726	—	5,726	6,912
20EX0002 - Payroll - Salaries	—	—	19,919	—	19,919	17,899
20EX0003 - Employer's contribution to NEST	1,749	—	—	—	1,749	1,749
20EX0004 - Services Fees - Independent work fees	1,400	—	—	—	1,400	1,400
20EX0005 - Organist Fees	1,305	—	—	—	1,305	1,014
21EX0001 - Clergy Expenses Ministry	2,858	—	—	—	2,858	1,904
21EX0003 - Expenses - Non-Clergy	1,638	—	—	—	1,638	2,205
22EX0001 - Pastoral Care Expenses	—	—	—	—	—	150
22EX0002 - Evangelism Purchases	—	—	—	—	—	295
22EX0004 - Youth Work Expenses	—	—	38	—	38	—
23EX0003 - Church Fees to Diocese	1,735	—	—	—	1,735	2,854
23EX0004 - Church Services Expenses,Music Books etc	1,847	—	—	—	1,847	330
23EX0005 - Purchases Miscellaneous	406	—	1,715	—	2,121	3,141
23EX0006 - Stationery consumables Printing	67	—	—	—	67	149
23EX0007 - Sound AVA Purchases and Costs	—	—	—	—	—	519
23EX0008 - IT Hardware Purchases	—	—	—	—	—	23
23EX0009 - IT Software Purchases	115	—	—	—	115	112
23EX0010 - Maintenance and General Repairs Fees	1,486	—	—	—	1,486	7,983
23EX0012 - Organ and Piano Maintenance	576	—	—	—	576	1,032
23EX0014 - Heating System Repairs & Maintenance	606	—	—	—	606	885
23EX0017 - Fire Safety Maintenance	470	—	—	—	470	289
23EX0019 - Broadband & Website (Webhosting) Costs	714	—	—	—	714	809
23EX0020 - Services Costs & Other Supplies	3,503	—	—	—	3,503	107

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	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	Total This year	Total Last year
23EX0021 - St Andrews Insurance Costs	6,783	—	—	—	6,783	7,043
23EX0022 - MC Insurance Costs	1,272	—	—	—	1,272	1,056
23EX0023 - Cleaning Costs	1,807	—	—	—	1,807	1,510
23EX0024 - Gardening Costs	1,513	—	—	—	1,513	1,446
24EX0001 - Utilities Electricity Costs	2,056	—	—	—	2,056	4,463
24EX0002 - Utilities Gas And Oil Costs	3,161	—	—	—	3,161	6,162
24EX0003 - Water Expenditure	159	—	—	—	159	79
Expenditure on charitable activities Sub-totals	112,422	—	32,831	—	145,253	171,832
Expenditure on charitable activities Totals	112,422	—	32,831	—	145,253	171,832
Other expenditure						
Other expenditure						
22EX0003 - Parish Camp	—	—	5,399	—	5,399	6,054
23EX0001 - Bank Charges	186	—	—	—	186	161
28EX0002 - Building Development Costs - St Andrews	—	—	900	—	900	—
28EX0003 - Building Development Costs - Milton Comb	—	—	4,172	—	4,172	6,931
29EX0001 - Magazine expenses	2,418	—	—	—	2,418	2,273
Other expenditure Sub-totals	2,604	—	10,471	—	13,076	15,421
Other expenditure Totals	2,604	—	10,471	—	13,076	15,421
Expenditure Grand totals	115,026	—	43,303	—	158,329	187,253

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Balance sheet (Separate funds)
As at: 31 December 2023

	General Fund	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	At 31/12/2023 £	At 31/12/2022 £
Fixed assets						
Investments	—	—	—	825	825	825
Fixed assets	**—**	**—**	**—**	**825**	**825**	**825**
Current assets						
Debtors	12,531	—	—	—	12,531	15,428
Cash at bank and in hand	90,140	29,522	17,783	0	137,447	146,513
Current assets	**102,671**	**29,522**	**17,783**	**0**	**149,978**	**161,941**
Liabilities						
Creditors: Amounts falling due in one year	—	—	—	—	—	1,061
Net current assets less current liabilities	**102,671**	**29,522**	**17,783**	**0**	**149,978**	**160,880**
Total assets less current liabilities	**102,671**	**29,522**	**17,783**	**825**	**150,803**	**161,705**
Total net assets less liabilities	**102,671**	**29,522**	**17,783**	**825**	**150,803**	**161,705**
Represented by						
Unrestricted						
Unrestricted - General fund	102,671	—	—	—	102,671	111,376
Designated						
Designated - Designated Funds	—	29,522	—	—	29,522	24,522
Restricted						
Restricted - Books - Christian Books	—	—	0	—	0	0
Restricted - Flower Fund	—	—	765	—	765	765
Restricted - Gift for Youth Worker - Gift To Youth	—	—	—	—	—	—
Restricted - Grants & Insurance Received	—	—	1,710	—	1,710	1,710
Restricted - Christmas Hampers	—	—	365	—	365	265
Restricted - Tom & Lizzie Home Gift	—	—	25	—	25	—
Restricted - The Hub	—	—	1,200	—	1,200	1,200
Restricted - IPANI SCHOOL	—	—	2,255	—	2,255	2,255
Restricted - MAF - Matt & Beck	—	—	0	—	0	—
Restricted - Milton Combe	—	—	550	—	550	550
Restricted - Church Parish Magazine	—	—	50	—	50	50
Restricted - Building Development Fund	—	—	0	—	0	—
Restricted - Menouf	—	—	—	—	—	—
Restricted - Missionary Work	—	—	63	—	63	63
Restricted - Open Doors	—	—	0	—	0	385
Restricted - Organ Donations	—	—	0	—	0	0
Restricted - Overseas Missions	—	—	1,398	—	1,398	1,398
Restricted - Parish Camp	—	—	2,429	—	2,429	1,727
Restricted - Pastarol Care	—	—	766	—	766	766
Restricted - Pathfinder	—	—	50	—	50	50
Restricted - Restricted - Payroll	—	—	—	—	—	—
Restricted - Restricted Funds	—	—	444	—	444	304
Restricted - Caroline Hammond	—	—	—	—	—	—
Restricted - Milton Combe Church Roof	—	—	4,720	—	4,720	2,720
Restricted - School Govenors	—	—	—	—	—	—
Restricted - Sequestration Account	—	—	—	—	—	—
Restricted - Shekinah	—	—	139	—	139	139
Restricted - Sound	—	—	—	—	—	—
Restricted - Tear Fund	—	—	275	—	275	275
Restricted - Tom Watson	—	—	0	—	0	0
Restricted - Tristan & Sarah	—	—	150	—	150	150
Restricted - Ukraine Support	—	—	5	—	5	5
Restricted - Vicar (Donations to Vicar)	—	—	260	—	260	260
Restricted - Catalyst	—	—	—	—	—	—
Restricted - Window	—	—	—	—	—	—
Restricted - Parish Youth Workers	—	—	—	—	—	—
Restricted - Parish Youth Work	—	—	—	—	—	9,524

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	General Fund	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	At 31/12/2023 £	At 31/12/2022 £
Restricted - Buckland Chapel	—	—	11	—	11	265
Restricted - Christianity Explored	—	—	—	—	—	—
Restricted - Devon Historic Churches	—	—	50	—	50	50
Restricted - Esme Palmer	—	—	—	—	—	—
Restricted - Buckland Food Hub	—	—	100	—	100	100
Endowment						
Endowment - Endowment Fund	—	—	—	825	825	825
Funds of the church	**102,671**	**29,522**	**17,783**	**825**	**150,803**	**161,705**

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It is my responsibility to examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act, to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioner under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act and to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. That examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the PCC and a comparison of the accounts with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning 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 next statement.

Independent examiner's statement

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

1 which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act, have not been met; or

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

6/5/24

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Accounts

ST ANDREW'S CHURCH BUCKLAND MONACHORUM WITH THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT MILTON COMBE

Annual Report of the Parochial Church Council

The Churches of
MILTON COMBE &
BUCKLAND MONACHORUM

For the year ended 31st December 2021

Website: bucklandchurchdevon.co.uk

Diocese of Exeter **Charity No. 1132573**

Aims and Purposes

There are two churches in our parish and the Parochial Church Council includes representation from both. The Vicar, Andrew Bowden, along with an Associate Minister Andrew Farmer and the PCC, aspires to extend the ministry and teaching to the wider parish community of over 2000 people.

When planning our activities for the year, the incumbent and the PCC have considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and in particular, the specific guidance on charities for the advancement of religion.

"Living in community as God's people; serving the wider community in God's world"

Our vision encourages us to look in two directions:

- "Looking inwards" – living in community as God's people; that as a church family we would put down strong spiritual roots, growing in our knowledge of God and learning how to live for his glory. For this we are reliant on the Holy Spirit, the Bible and prayer.
- "Looking outwards" – serving the wider community in God's world; as those who have received God's love, we want to share it abroad, striving to serve our local community through evangelism, social interaction and community engagement, whilst also supporting Christian missionary work around the world.

This year has been heavily disrupted by COVID-19 and the numerous lockdowns that have followed. Nevertheless, we have sought to offer spiritual teaching, direction and support to our church family and our communities.

The above have been met in various ways, and include the following:

- **Regular Sunday Worship –** This has continued at both churches whilst churches were open, and then moved to online services using Zoom and through our Website, where both the Morning services and Family Focus services were recorded and were made available through our Website on YouTube and DVDs produced and delivered for those who did not have access to the internet.
- **Prayer -** Outside of lockdown, prayer teams are available at each morning service at Buckland. The prayer chain is an important daily resource and support to any who request prayer. A new monthly prayer meeting for the whole church has been set up, meeting on the first Wednesday evening of each month currently on Zoom. A small group of individuals meet weekly to pray for the local Church of England primary school.
- **Bible Teaching –** We have adopted a more structured approach to our Bible teaching, varying our "spiritual diet" by studying different biblical genres and enabling the congregation to dig deeper into entire books of the Bible.
- **Discipleship Groups** - have been encouraged to build on the Sunday sermons, by spending time in small groups studying the same passages in greater depth.
- **Youth and children's teams** - have sought to follow the same pattern in order to promote family times beyond the Sunday service.
- **Worship** - is not confined to our church meetings on a Sunday, but is an all-encompassing lifestyle, that seeks to glorify God in words and actions.
- **Living in community** as God's people and serving the wider community in God's world – which has led, during this covid-19 crisis, to the Christian community becoming even more pro-active in monitoring and supporting those who are in need.

To facilitate this work, it is important that we maintain the fabric of both churches in Buckland Monachorum and Milton Combe.

a) ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE 2021

Guidelines and Policy documents:

i) **Health & Safety Policy** - The PCC has a policy in place for both churches to ensure that current legislation is being met and measures put in place where required.

ii) **Safeguarding -** St Andrew's Church Buckland Monachorum and the Church of the Holy Spirit, Milton Combe adopts the Exeter Diocese Policy and Procedures. (*See full report below).*

iii) **Reporting of Safeguarding and Serious incidents –** the reporting to the Charities Commission of serious incidents both in regard to Safeguarding and other serious incidents is delegated to the Diocese of Exeter Board of Finance via the Diocesan Safeguarding Adviser and the Diocesan Secretary in a resolution that was passed by the PCC in January 2020. This is in accordance with the House of Bishops Guidance. There have been no incidents to report in 2021.

iv) A **Privacy Statement** covering how the church handles personal data is now added to our Website in line with current legislation.

Safeguarding

Safeguarding, at St Andrew's Church, Buckland Monachorum, and the Church of the Holy Spirit, Milton Combe continues to be a high priority and we all fully recognise that everyone has a responsibility to support, protect and safeguard all, but in particular the vulnerable, young children and the youth.

A culture of prevention, support and guidance within both churches and all who work with children and young people, and the vulnerable is encouraged. All volunteers are recruited in accordance with the Diocesan Safer Recruitment guidance. All are fully DBS checked and are given support and training for their role.

Review of Safeguarding Action Plan 2021

The Safeguarding Action Plan was presented to the PCC by the Parish Safeguarding Officer (PSO) in January where it was approved. A mid-year review was undertaken in June and reported to the PCC.
Progress was reported upon at each PCC meeting throughout the year.
Despite the continuing pandemic, good progress was made in all the identified areas.

Progress:

- Parish Dashboard - All 3 levels were accessed this year, training was reviewed and updated, although there is still some outstanding training is to be completed. A Church and Non-Church activities list was completed and new activities were also added to the dashboard. Risk assessments for most activities were reviewed and where necessary, were amended/updated. The PCC completed all annual reviews for key safeguarding documents: Promoting a Safer Church policy; Responding to Safeguarding allegations or concerns; Church activities List. Level 3 Safer Practices was accessed and procedures around responding to concerns, management of known offenders, data protection and retention of records were all in place. A new Social Media policy was also adopted by the PCC.

Actions not fully completed have been added to the 2022 plan. These were outstanding training; pastoral visiting guidance; risk assessment for lone workers and bell ringers.

- DBS/Training - New safeguarding training requirements from the Diocese are in operation, and all DBS checks were in date at the end of the year.
- Awareness Raising - A pocket sized safeguarding guide was written, printed and distributed. All church members have access to these if they wish and they are on display in both churches. The website is regularly updated, and the noticeboards revamped and updated.
- Monitoring procedures - Having monitored the guidance given to those working with the children and youth groups, it was felt that a more robust document was needed, which could then be issued yearly. A volunteer's guidance pack was written in line with the safer recruitment procedures and issued in September.
- Safer Recruitment - A Safer Recruitment Folder was compiled, with identified procedures for both paid and voluntary roles. Having completed the task, new guidance from the Diocese on Safer Recruitment and People

Management was received for implementation from January 2022. This will mean some changes to our procedures will need to be made, so this action will move onto the 2022 Action Plan.

- Safeguarding at Milton Combe - raising awareness of Safeguarding as a priority in our churches, a safeguarding noticeboard was established with all contact detail and policies and there is access to the pocket-sized safeguarding guides as well.
- Other issues - Signage for the location of the First Aid boxes was added. In date First Aiders were identified. There is a need for more First Aiders, so hopefully in partnership with the Buckland Chapel Trust, some face-to-face training will be possible in 2022.

Trish Topham, Parish Safeguarding Officer

b) OUTREACH TO THE COMMUNITY – This is shown in the following reports:

Charleston Friendship Cafe – this community event held in the Village Hall is run and supported by members of the church family and other local people. The Friendship group meets twice a month to support those in the community, who may feel isolated or are simply in need of good company. There is tea and cake, lots of chat and fun activities that are also dementia friendly.

Pastoral Care

During 2021 the pastoral care team has continued to respond needs as they have arisen: These have included delivering some meals, keeping in touch with those living alone by telephone calls and also, when it has been appropriate, to support individuals by taking them to some appointments. One or two people have been helped with shopping, and Andy Bowden has visited a range of folk (both church and non-church members) living locally. The usual welcome bags have been delivered to those moving into the parish when they have become known to church members. Working with *Buckland Cares* the church helped delivered around 20 Christmas hampers including Co-op vouchers to those in most need. Financial donations had been received from the church family towards the cost of the vouchers.

***Buckland Cares* Group**

Buckland Cares is a Community Support Group set up in March 2020 as a joint initiative at the start of the first Covid pandemic lockdown. The core Committee is made up of representatives of key organisations around the parish, including Rev. Andy Bowden.

Buckland Cares Food Hub foodbank has continued to open throughout the year for an hour each Monday, Wednesday and Friday morning with approximately ten regular visitors and another five dropping in occasionally. This includes those living alone as well as those with families. It is hosted by Buckland Chapel Trust, located in the main hall of Buckland Chapel, and manned by volunteers from the Community. Throughout 2021, Gary Baird of the core set-up committee, successfully secured grants from WDBC and LiveWest, a local housing association. This has enabled the Food Hub to keep the shelves stocked with non-perishable essentials as well as toiletries, fruit and vegetables and bread.

Additionally, grocery donations are received from a collection point in the Co-op, Yelverton, and excess 'stock' has been donated from the food hub in Bere Alston. The food hub also continues to receive regular donations of food items and funds from local residents. Once again, very generous Harvest collections at both churches and St. Andrew's school boosted the stock in the autumn. Church and Community donations were again very generous in December, including a large collection by the local *Hash Harriers* running group, enabling Buckland Cares to make up and distribute hampers to provide a little extra at Christmas, particularly for those alone or struggling.

Many of those still using the Food Hub, found it a 'lifeline' as a point of contact during periods of lockdown. Volunteers have been able to provide a safe place for conversation as well as the practical provision of food supplies. With this in mind, during regular opening hours and whenever there are extra volunteers available, the Food Hub will be serving hot drinks and cake, and somewhere to sit for a chat, from the start of 2022.

Buckland Cares continue to support the need in the community, recognising its value as a social action initiative and an example of community supporting community.

Links with St Andrew's Primary School

St Andrew's Church continued to support St Andrew's School financially, physically and spiritually during 2021

Financially:

An academic gift of £5000 in January 2021 was used to purchase a class set of laptops. Money remaining from this gift was put towards a charging trolley.

This technology supported remote learning during lockdowns, prioritising disadvantaged learners. It also enhances in-school learning.

Physically:

Church members play an active role in the governance of the school.

Weekly assemblies based on the Christian ethos are popular with the children and have been led on alternate weeks by Andy Bowden and Tom Watson and occasionally by Andy Farmer.

In September 2021, the church set up a coffee event on the first day of the school term in Buckland Chapel to welcome new parents. It was well received and served as an introduction to church services and outreach initiatives aimed at children and families. Sarah Lakey (Head teacher) and Claire Morris (SEN) attended, and parents appreciated the chance to meet them and chat.

In December 2021 the church was used by the school for rehearsals and performances of a nativity play. Andy Bowden and Tom Watson opened the performances and closed in prayer. Terry West was indispensable in operating the sound equipment, during all the rehearsals and performances.

Also, in December 2021 the church hosted a fundraising event for the school featuring Seth Lakeman (a well-known folk singer and musician). The church was also used when Seth performed for the children.

In the past, DBS vetted members of the church have volunteered at the school. However, this was prevented in 2021 due to Covid restrictions. It is hoped it will recommence when restrictions lift.

Spiritually:

Prayer is a mainstay of school life, and the church has supported this in numerous ways.

The School Prayer Support Group has been running for five years and has continued to meet via Zoom on Monday mornings throughout 2021.

Andy Bowden and Tom Watson ran wellbeing sessions for staff during the autumn term. These where popular but have stopped temporarily while Covid restrictions are in place.

Andy Bowden and Andy Farmer have provided both pastoral and prayer support for the Headteacher which was very much appreciated during her first, very challenging year, in post.

Parish Magazine "Outreach"

At the end of November 2020, the editors (Mark Woock and Denise Hume) stood down from their positions running our community magazine, after producing six magazines a year for three years. By January 2021, no-one had stepped forward to take on the work of editing and producing Outreach, despite many "adverts" and pleas in newsletters. The previous editors, Diana and Nick Kilby, agreed to resume editorship, whilst continuing to seek new volunteers.

At the same time, many of our regular advertisers running small local businesses were being hard hit by the pandemic, so we offered to make payment for adverts optional in 2021. Over the years, Outreach had built up reserves, and we wanted to support our regular advertisers in times of difficulty. However, half of our advertisers insisted on paying anyway, which underlines why we recommend our readers to support our advertisers!

All Outreach income has only ever come through subscriptions and adverts, and in 2021 this totalled £1,387.50 compared with the usual £3,000. As printing and internet costs were much the same, the magazine made a loss of

£800 in 2021, which was funded by Outreach own reserves. At the end of 2021, we were delighted to announce that Becky Butland would be taking over the editorship from January 2022, and would be assisted by David Oliver (Advertising) Nick Kilby (Treasurer), Diana Kilby (Calendars) with our trusty distribution team run by Margie Goodfellow and Brenda Dilnot.

We urge all of the St. Andrew's community to find £5 a year to subscribe to the magazine for 2022, and to contribute articles and news to Becky Butland via email- (editor@bucklandoutreach.co.uk).

c) GENERAL CHURCH ACTIVITY

In January 2021 we welcomed our new Youth and Children's worker Tom Watson and are delighted to see how much he has achieved this year with our Youth & Children, considering he joined during the Covid restrictions.

Children and Youthwork Reports - Continued nurturing of our Young People, as seen in the following reports.

Children aged from 3-11 are able to attend the Sunday morning group during term time, not including the first Sunday of the month when they are in church for the 'All-Age Service'. Each week, three leaders from the team run the session in the Chapel Hall, ensuring the safeguarding policy is adhered to and any issues being reported back to Tom Watson and/or the Parish Safeguarding Officer.

In January 2021 another national lockdown occurred, which resulted in the provision for children going online again. Tom Watson took on the recording of a weekly 'Family Focus' for families to watch before or after the main service. This would be a brief and more age-appropriate talk on the passage being spoken on in the main service, along with a game, a craft and some questions for families to engage with together at home.

Once a month during the lockdown, the children were invited to have a short (30 minute) session on Zoom on a Sunday afternoon; an opportunity for them to see each other and their leaders while playing some short interactive games, looking at a short passage from the Bible and praying together.

About midway through the lockdown a Zoom family games night was organised for parents and children to join together and play some games against other families. This was well received and allowed for families a little more on the fringe of things to be involved too.

As lockdown eased but with restrictions still in place over Easter, an Easter Egg trail was set up in the villages of Buckland Monachorum and Milton Combe. A map of Egg locations was shared on Facebook and families from both villages and the surrounding area were invited to find each egg along the trail. The eggs were decoratively painted wooden shapes with a laminated sheet attached beneath containing a part of the Easter story and a challenge for families to attempt in situ. The trail was left up for a couple of weeks of Easter.

Once we were able to invite children back to sessions in person, Nicki Bovey, Deborah Corness, Hannah Waine and Hellen Williams continued as leaders with Debbie Farmer also joining the dedicated team. Sessions continued to be based around the same passage as is being taught in the main service where possible.

In October we were able to take the opportunity to run a Light Party as an alternative to Halloween. This saw many of the children invite their friends from St Andrew's school to come along and hear a short gospel talk, play some games and make a craft around the theme of Jesus being the Light of the world.

On Christmas Eve, the traditional Christingle service took place, aimed primarily at children and young families. To allow for a degree of 'branching out' the service was redubbed as a 'Children's Christmas Celebration'. There was a good atmosphere among those who came along and of the 150 Christingle oranges made only 20-or-so ended up being composted!

During term time throughout the year, Tom has been able to lead 'school assemblies' on a Wednesday morning. For a brief time at the end of the summer term and beginning of the autumn term Tom was able to go in to do these in person. The rest of the time these have needed to be recorded and sent in on video. At the end of the summer term, Tom was also able to go in to run a lunchtime club for KS2 as well as say a few words for the Year 6 end of year assembly.

Youth
Along with the Family Focus videos, during lockdown the youth were invited to join together for a midweek Zoom to play some games and take a look at some of the parables in Luke's gospel. As lockdown continued, the teenagers were invited and equipped to send a letter to some of the more lonely members of the congregation, which proved to be a mutually encouraging endeavour for senders and recipients! A number of Zoom socials were organised and once restrictions eased a few more in person activities were organised to encourage a 're-gelling' of the group. There are plans developing for a weekend away for the youth over the early May Bank Holiday to further build relationships within the group.

It was encouraging to see a number of the socials organised during the summer term attended by some of the youth whom we wouldn't normally see on a Sunday morning. This has either been through seeing things online or wonderfully through direct invitation from church teenagers and families.

Sunday morning sessions have continued along with a new 'youth service' every other month on a Sunday evening. This service, rather than being aimed at the youth, is a service where the youth are invited to take an active role in proceedings. It continues to be encouraging to see young people involved in various elements of an All Age Service at the beginning of each month.

A termly social called 'At home with…' started during the autumn term, where the youth are invited to meet a member of the congregation they may not otherwise speak to in order to find out a bit about them and learn a skill pertaining to their (former) area of work. Our first 'At home with…' social saw the teenagers meeting Keith Topham and learning to whittle a wooden fork!

Currently there may be scope for a VI form boys' group to meet once a week during term time to read the Bible and pray together in addition to the Sunday morning sessions. There may be an opportunity for this to happen more widely as the youth team grows.

Community Outreach to young people
During the first half of the year, community outreach was relatively limited due to Covid restrictions. Aside from Zoom 'First Friday' socials (on the first Friday evening of the month), the Easter egg trail in the villages marked the first 'in person' event that afforded an opportunity to engage with young people who may not have had previous contact with the church.

At the start of the summer, we organised a couple of outdoor based activities for young people including 'Smores on the moors' and stand-up paddle boarding at Sibblyback Lake. Along with Wednesday evening hangouts at the chapel during the summer term, a film night and the 'at home with social', it is encouraging to see the young people reaching out and inviting their friends along. The best evangelists to teenagers are teenagers themselves and it has been exciting to see new faces whom I would have otherwise been unable to reach during the year.

Networking with other youth groups
A longstanding relationship with the children and youth workers at St Andrew's Church in Plymouth city centre has proved to be mutually supportive and encouraging through the year. Plans to organise a joint weekend away for the young people from both youth groups were stopped short due to limited accommodation at an already-decided venue but is something we would be keen to consider in future years.

An annual children and youth work conference run by the organisation 'Growing Young Disciples', was a good opportunity to meet with and build relationships with other children and youth workers across Plymouth and the Southwest. A tentative encouragement for some of the older youth to think about attending a summer Venture run by CPAS was understandably met with hesitancy. In the coming years it would be great to take the young people on a summer Venture where enduring friendships are often formed and grown with other youth and youth workers across the Southwest (and further afield).

Dangerous Club
The end of lockdown in the autumn term provided an opportune time to try out a new monthly club for children in Key Stage 2. 'Dangerous Club' is directed at children aged 8-11 and involves a short Bible talk followed by various

games and activities loosely based around the theme of the talk. The idea is that it provides an easy evangelistic opportunity for the children from church families to invite their friends along to a club where they are guaranteed to have fun and hear about Jesus. While the club is going on, a café runs for parents and younger siblings with drinks, board games and small craft activities available to do. This provides a time for some of our church families to build relationships with other parents in an informal setting.

St Andrew's School has been very supportive in advertising the club, which we are now trialling on Fridays after feedback that Wednesdays clashed with some of the school's after-school clubs. The 'Christmas special' proved popular with the children and it's exciting to see what happens this year as we continue to present the gospel to the children who attend the club.
The dedicated team of leaders involved in both the club and the café make for a thoroughly welcoming and enjoyable time together.

Parish Camp
This was sadly cancelled due to Covid at the last moment after much planning and preparation had been done. We are so grateful to Rachel Perry and the planning team for all their hard and fastidious work – hopefully we can look forward to 2022 and be back camping again and can utilise all the Risk Assessments, etc., that were produced.

d) FURTHER CHURCH ACTIVITIES

Carols in the Meadow
A new initiative was held before Christmas where many villagers and members of the church joined together in the Buckland Meadow field behind the church. More than 150 met to sing carols and hear readings. Garth Redgrave read a passage from Cider with Rosie and a Christmas poem was read by one of the children. We were delighted to have the 'Laira Youth Band' to lead our singing. Thanks to all who set-up the PA etc, we were also fortunate to have good weather.
After the singing, the Drake Manor welcomed everyone and served mulled wine and mince pies – a big thank you to Mandy and Garth for providing this.

Christianity Explored
This course was held via Zoom, led by Andy & Bethany Bowden with Tom & Lizzie Watson supporting + 5 seekers. Spring term - Christianity explored; Summer term - Discipleship Explored; led by Andy Farmer with the Watsons still supporting. They used the same materials as the established Home/Discipleship Groups.

Lent Course
The Lent course also took place via Zoom and took the theme of living through the Psalms and how we can see them mirrored in our lives today through our struggles and joys that we experience, to pray and build our relationship with God. Our speakers opened the words of the Psalms to us and we then joined 'breakout rooms' to discuss questions raised. The following topics were covered: Psalm 51: Repentance; Psalm 95: Praise and submission; Psalm 51: Confession; Psalm 19: Thanksgiving; Psalm 20: Intercession - praying for others; Psalm 91: Praying for ourselves. The course finished with a Maundy Thursday Service at St. Andrew's Church.

Discipleship Groups
Discipleship groups aim to help us *learn* from God's word, *share* our thoughts, experiences, and encouragements, *pray* for each other and those around us, and *grow* in our faith. We have five or six, meeting in people's homes and a few meetings in the Chapel. People investigating Jesus or newly following him are encouraged to join a Christianity Explored group or one of the follow-up groups. Debbie and Andy Farmer, with co-leaders, have been particularly generous in setting up new groups to make room for people relatively new to our fellowship or to following Jesus.

The material suggested by Andy Bowden has been appreciated by many, though the groups like the freedom to choose what they do, so that they can tailor the material to their need. The number of people in small groups has grown, which is very positive, as the groups allow us to challenge, encourage, and support each other in our everyday lives.

There remains a need for new leaders, to allow groups to divide and grow when they become full. Please pray for God to create a heart in people to serve in this way and for the groups to grow new leaders.

Ladies Fellowship

This year sadly the group has been unable to meet until just before Christmas when a few were able to meet over a simple meal hosted by Pippa Brown.

Men's breakfast meetings

During the year there were 2 men's breakfasts, both of which were held at The Glen in Milton Combe. In May 2021 the event was held outside due to Covid and 16 men listened to Tom Watson, our new youth worker. This type of event gives opportunity for men who are not part of our congregation to listen to good testimony and to have opportunity for fellowship. 2 or 3 men in this category attended in May. In October with reduced numbers and a relaxation of the Covid regulations enabled us to have an indoor event with 10 listening to Rob Hopkins who spoke of experiencing God's grace over the years. At both events all costs and ticket sales were allocated to the work of Buckland Chapel.

Prayer Ministry Team & Prayer Ministry

Prayer Ministry

In December the team were able to start to pray after the morning service at St Andrew's Church. Social distancing was employed and wearing face coverings was observed. This has been much appreciated by members of the congregation when receiving prayer for themselves or others. We also welcome new people who feel called to this ministry to join and in the New Year there will be opportunity to undertake training.

The Prayer Chain consists of thirteen members of the church, including Rev. Andy Bowden. This is a confidential service for the church members and the wider community. We have been privileged to pray for many situations and people have been blessed through answers to prayers for both healing and situations changed.

Sung Worship within both Churches

We are blessed at St Andrews to have a group of people, who love the Lord Jesus, with their whole being, who are prepared to be part of the sung worship teams, and to say a huge thank you to them for their willingness to serve Sunday by Sunday. Alongside them, is organist, Audrey Mills, who has been amazing and supportive in all we have been able to do. Elizabeth Baxter and Sue Chapman, thank you also, for your service in playing regularly at Milton Combe.

We began this last year in lockdown once again, but since May we have been back in church, worshiping together, and as the year has progressed, we have been able to do more. I remember the Sunday so well, when the congregation were allowed to sing, albeit with a mask on, but the joy was so real in that service. The sung worship has been led primarily by four teams, who each lead one Sunday a month, and this has worked really well this year. I do believe the one thing we have learnt is not how many of us are singing, but that we coming before our Heavenly Father with humble hearts, and being open to the Holy Spirit, who has really blessed our worship Sunday by Sunday.

Christmas has always been a time for gathering together to sing. This year was no different. Our carol service was very special, with lots of congregational sung carols, which everyone who came really loved. The teams were asked to sing O Holy Night, after the sermon. We deliberately kept numbers of those taking part to the minimum. In all there were 15 of us, and we really worked hard for many weeks before hand so that we could give of our best. We had some really lovely evenings singing and praying together, and my hope is that this is something we can continue to do in the coming year. It will be great to encourage new folk to join us. It is an immense privilege to head up the sung worship, and something I do not take for granted. I do however look forward to what's to come and how our Heavenly Father will lead and guide us as we sing and worship together.

Jane Oliver, Music Group leader

Bellringers

During the period of the Coronavirus most church bells remained silenced and it is thanks to the St. Andrew's PCC in the year 1947, when the church bells were rehung and augmented from 6 bells to 8 bells, that a set of Ellacombe Chimes apparatus was also installed. This meant that during the period of the virus lockdown we have been able to enjoy the regular sound of the bells calling people to worship each Sunday at St. Andrew's.

The Central Council of Church Bell Ringers during the whole period of the covid virus have been extremely helpful with guidance covering the period from no permitted bell ringing to the time of some relaxation of covid restrictions on the 17th of May 2021 to when greater relaxation came about on the 21st of June 2021.
It became important for each tower to consider carefully, on returning to ringing, to conduct a risk assessment of the ringing room, also the risk to oneself and others. The main considering factor at St. Andrew's was that the ringing chamber could not provide an effective through ventilation or adequate social distancing, which were important guideline principals. Our ringing chamber situated in the tower room has only one small high level fanlight window, and the access to the room is climbing a narrow apse staircase.
It was not until Sunday 26th September 2021, following a period of gaining more confidence in the relaxation of restrictions that we considered our tower was a safe enough environment to resume ringing all the bells. This brought about an excellent team effort amongst our bell ringers to conduct a necessary safety check and maintenance of each bell mechanism; this was urgent work following a period of 18 months of no swinging movement of the bell bearings and bell ropes.
Our church tower joined in the combined effort with other churches in the country to ring one half muffled bell at 3.00pm on the 12th of April 2021 for HRH Duke of Edinburgh's funeral.
We joined in with other churches in the UK who also have the Ellacombe chimes, to ring our chimes at 11.00am on the 26th of June 2021 to celebrate the 'Ellacombe Chime Bicentenary'.
Rev. Henry Thomas Ellacombe invented the Ellacombe chimes when he was vicar of Bitten in Gloucestershire. He was a qualified engineer before ordination and a keen bellringer, who authored many books on bellringing.

It was good to keep up the age-old tradition at St. Andrew's in ringing the old year out and the New Year in this year, something we were unable to do last year because of Covid.

e) UK AND OVERSEAS MISSION GRANTS AND DONATIONS

Supporting people in full-time service both in prayer and financially: -
This year we have been reviewing our missionary support. We have decided to support 4 or 5 organisations consistently and well. We are in the process of deciding who those people and organisations should be. We would also like to establish a principal as to how much of our church income should be in turn given to others which requires a PCC decision. We plan to use Mission Update slots in our services to keep people informed of these people and organisations we support. We want to distribute the *Mission Restricted Funds* in 2022. Some of these have been sitting unused for a long time. See accounts for 2020/2021 donations.
Mission Coordinator: Peter Harlow

Missionary Aviation Fellowship: (Active Support, financial and prayer) (Continue in 2022 onwards)
MAF believes that nothing should stop people from receiving the love of God and the essentials of life – no matter how remote they are. Their vision (and ours) is 'to see isolated people changed by the love of Christ'. They use aviation and technology, because in many places those are the only ways to reach isolated people in need. We are the home church for Missionary Aviation Fellowship family, Matt and pilot Becki Dillingham with their children Bethan and Luke. They are based in Chad at the moment. Becki is the Operations Manager as well as a pilot.
Mission Liaison: *Philip and Antonia Tuckett, Hanna and David Waine, Peter Harlow*
Web site: https://www.maf-uk.org/
Open Doors: (Active Prayer Support, occasional financial) (Increase finance in 2022 onwards)
Every day, millions of Christians risk their lives to follow Jesus. In more than 60 countries, Open Doors supports them by supplying Bibles, providing emergency relief and helping persecuted believers stand strong for the long-term. In the UK and Ireland, Open Doors helps the church to pray, give and speak out for those who share our faith but not our freedom. ***Mission Liaison:*** *Susanna Campbell, prayer group. Web site: https://www.opendoorsuk.org/*
Tear Fund: (Proposed financial and prayer support 2022 onwards)
Tearfund is a Christian charity that partners with churches in more than 50 of the world's poorest countries. They tackle poverty through sustainable development, responding to disasters, and challenging injustice. They believe an end to extreme poverty is possible. ***Mission Liaison: TBA -*** *Web site: https://www.tearfund.org*
The Bible Society: (Proposed financial and prayer support 2022 onwards)
Bringing the Bible to life in today's world is a big undertaking and our help is needed.
The Bible Society are passionate about making the Bible available to men, women and children around the world. Abroad, the challenge is to meet the need and demand; whereas at home, it is to engage with the unengaged.
Mission Liaison: TBA. - Web site: https://www.biblesociety.org.uk/

Buckland Chapel Trust - BCT

The church has strong links with the Chapel, where members of the congregation are either Members of the Chapel Trust, or on the Board of Trustees.

The Buckland Chapel has its own group of Trustees that oversee and run the Chapel and we are very grateful to the team of Trustees for all the work that they have done to enable the Chapel to be used for the Church and Community. The Trustee team meet weekly with Members and supporters for prayer and worship, supporting the many and varied activities that take place in the Chapel and praying for individual needs.

They have raised funds, including an annual contribution from the church, to enable the completion of a level access throughout the ground floor, ramp entry to the main entrance and excellent new accessible toilet facilities. This work was completed in the spring of 2021. Additionally, the rotten windows have been repaired or replaced, the old kitchen has been removed and damp proofing and repainting undertaken. We give grateful thanks for the support received from many people, in particular Ken Farnham and Keith Topham, to enable these improvements to be made.

The Trustees are now progressing well towards completing a new kitchen and coffee making area. Throughout this period the Chapel has hosted the Buckland Food hub, that was set-up by the church and the community at the beginning of the Covid-19 outbreak and this has forged warm links with the village and wider community.

All this work has enabled the church to use the Chapel for many different activities, including all our Youth and children's outreach; links with the local primary school; Harvest Supper and Light Party.

Buckland Chapel Trust has its own Annual Report which can be found on the website: www.bucklandchapeltrust.org

f) Other key people and groups

There are many other individuals and groups who contribute greatly to the smooth running of both churches: Our Verger; our Cleaner; the Flower arranging team; the Guild members; Coffee serving teams; Projectionists and Sound desk controllers; those that organise and take part in the rotas for side-persons, prayer ministry, and the weekly notice sheets. Readers from St Andrew's have also been supporting other parishes north of the Deanery.

2022 Electoral Roll Report

There were 148 names on the roll in 2021 and during the year since May, three people left, but four more people have been added – taking to total to **149** on the roll at 30th April 2022.

Deanery Synod

At the February meeting, via Zoom, The Revd. Andy Atkins spoke about the future after Covid. He explained that the Deanery Plan might have to be altered as a result of a shortage of money. There was a one million pound shortfall for the Exeter Diocese. By 2024 there might be six full-time Stipendary Priests down from 7.6.

At the June meeting, again via Zoom, the Bishop of Crediton and the Revd. Sourbut spoke about "Living in Love and Faith in the Diocese". Four years ago, in the General Synod the Bishops had put forward a "Take Note" Debate, following on from a Report. The object was to listen and learn from one another and God. How could we listen and discern together? Therefore "Living in Love and Faith" was born. The subjects looked at, would entail, the Bible; Theology; History; Society; the Social and Biological Sciences, and the real-life stories of the followers of Christ with diverse experiences and convictions. The Living in Love and Faith courses would be run in the Mission Communities and the Parishes. At the question time, the Revd. Andy Bowden asked the question "What weight is given to each voice, Scripture, Science, Story?" The Bishop answered, "the stories have impact".

At the October meeting the Deanery Synod said farewell to the Rev. Hardwick and his wife and they were presented with gifts on their retirement from The Tavistock Parish. Neil Williams, Director of Finance for the Diocese, then gave a talk, where he thanked the Deanery Parishes for their very good Common Fund contributions. The Diocese Common Fund had a shortfall of 9.5%. In 2022 there will be a 2% increase for Parishes. Exeter is one of the poorer Dioceses.

g) STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

The method of appointing PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. At St. Andrew's, Buckland Monachorum and the Church of the Holy Spirit, Milton Combe, the PCC consists of the

incumbent; a self-supporting Associate Minister; and nine ex-officio members, together with seventeen other elected members. Included in the total of 24, are three representatives for the Church of the Holy Spirit in Milton Combe and six lay readers. The PCC also has a Standing Committee which can deal with urgent matters more effectively than calling a full PPC meeting, and a Finance Committee that regularly meets a week prior to the PCC meetings, to deal with any financial matters in more detail than the full meetings allow. The full PCC met on six occasions via Zoom during this year due to Covid-19 restrictions. The Finance Committee also met six times. The standing committee did not need to meet. The Annual AGM was held in May 2021.

Financial Review

Our combined income for Unrestricted and Restricted funds for the year ended 31.12.21 was £143,375, a decline on the previous year of £156,932. This represents a fall in income of just over 9%.
Our combined expenditure for the year ended 31.12.21 was £155,077, an increase from the previous year of £132,513. This represents an increase in expenditure of almost 12%.

An overall **deficit** of £11,701 was seen compared with a **surplus** of £24,418 last year.
Reviewing our income, it is noted that most of the decline was accounted for by a reduction in planned giving via standing orders from just over £100k to just less than £83K. Gift-aid Refund from HMRC did increase from just under £10k to almost £25K, but this is probably explained by the periodic nature in which payments are received. As expected, with the opening of our churches, plate collections and planned giving donations by envelopes have increased from £3,597 last year to £7,058 this year.
As is usual the largest expenditure was the Diocesan Parish Share. This had increased from £78,953 last year to £83,156 this year.

Expenditures to note which had not occurred last year includes costs for roof inspections at Milton Combe (£1,576). The donation to St Andrew's School was increased to £5,000 last year compared with £1,000 in previous years. Additional Mission Donations of £3,550 were also made last year. Both Clergy and Non-clergy expenses appear to have increased this year.

Conclusions

Several major expenditures are likely in the short or medium term. Examples include replacing the rather ancient oil-fired boiler at St Andrew's and the need to treat damp areas in both churches. The potential costs for roof repairs at Milton Combe are not yet available.
In addition, there will be significant cost pressures as energy prices soar and the rate of general inflation increases. Although the financial reserves remain healthy, they have been depleted by approximately £12,000 this year. A legacy of almost £25,000 has recently been received but now is the time that we all need to reflect on our giving to ensure the work of our two churches continues and that the churches flourish, shining as beacons in our communities. Roger Watkins - Warden

h) ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

The Church of St. Andrew's, Buckland Monachorum is situated in the village of Buckland Monachorum, Devon PL20 7NA. The Church of the Holy Spirit, Milton Combe, is in the village of Milton Combe, Devon PL20 6HP.

PCC members who have served from 1 January 2020 until the 31st December 2021 were:

Ex Officio members:

The Reverend Andrew Bowden - Vicar
The Reverend Andy Farmer - Associate Minister
Mrs Rumbi Mukono (Treasurer)
Mrs Patricia Topham (Safeguarding Representative)
Mrs Angela Smith (Reader)

Deanery Synod Members:
Mr P. Tuckett (Reader) Ex-officio
Mr R. Matthews (Reader) Ex-Officio

Churchwarden:
Mr Roger Watkins

PCC Members:
Dr P. Coates
Mrs D. Farmer
Mrs B. Girven (Milton Combe)
Mrs H. Hopkins (Hon Secretary)
Mrs H. Keane
Dr M. Perry
Mr Joe Smart
Mr Terry West (Buildings & Fabric lead)
Dr M. Smith (Reader)
Mrs M. Goodfellow
Mr Bob Barnes
Mr J. Girven (Milton Combe)
Mrs D. Corness
Mr R. Hopkins (Electoral Roll officer)
Mrs D. Kilby
Mr Simon Bovey

Safeguarding representatives: Mrs Patricia Topham & Deputy Mrs Jane Oliver. DBS Officer: Helen Hopkins**:**

Independent Examiner: Mrs Felicity Harris – Moorlands Accountants.

The Report was approved by the PCC at a Zoom meeting held on Monday 9 th May 2022. The Report was signed by:

Rev Andrew Bowden, Vicar: …… and

Roger Watkins, Church Warden: ……

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BANKERS	Lloyds Bank Plc 8 Royal Parade Plymouth Devon
INDEPENDENT EXAMINER	Felicity Harris, Chartered Accountant Moorlands Rock view 28 Glanville Road Tavistock Devon PL19 0EB

Independent Examiner's Report to the PCC of St Andrew Buckland Monachorum with Milton Combe

This report is on the accounts of the PCC for the year ended 31st December 2021 which are set out on the following pages.

Respective responsibilities of the PCC and the examiner

As members of the PCC you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts: you consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is required.

It is my responsibility to examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act, to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioner under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act and to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. That examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the PCC and a comparison of the accounts with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning 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 next statement.

Independent examiner's statement

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

1 which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act, have not been met; or

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

6/5/22

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St Andrew's Church, Bucklad Monachorum PCC & Holy Spirit Milton Combe

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	91,319	21,000	—	112,319	140,775
Income from charitable activities	27,203	561	—	27,764	15,367
Other income	104	3,186	—	3,291	789
Total income	**118,627**	**24,748**	**—**	**143,375**	**156,932**
Expenditure on:					
Expenditure on charitable activities	123,032	24,302	—	147,334	129,994
Other expenditure	2,337	5,404	—	7,742	2,518
Total expenditure	**125,369**	**29,707**	**—**	**155,077**	**132,513**
Net income / (expenditure) resources before transfer	**(6,742)**	**(4,958)**	**—**	**(11,701)**	**24,418**
Transfers					
Gross transfers between funds - in	—	13,751	—	13,751	469
Gross transfers between funds - out	—	(13,751)	—	(13,751)	(469)
Other recognised gains / losses					
Net movement in funds	**(6,742)**	**(4,958)**	**—**	**(11,701)**	**24,418**
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward	**142,739**	**38,864**	**825**	**182,430**	**158,011**
Total funds carried forward	**135,997**	**33,905**	**825**	**170,728**	**182,430**

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St Andrew's Church, Bucklad Monachorum PCC & Holy Spirit Milton Combe

Balance sheet (Church of England)
As at: 31 December 2021

	As at 31/12/2021	As at 31/12/2020
	£	£
Fixed assets		
Investments	825	825
	825	825
Current assets		
Debtors	17,127	19,125
Cash at bank and in hand	152,776	163,229
	169,903	182,355
Liabilities		
Creditors: Amounts falling due in one year	—	750
Net current assets less current liabilities	**169,903**	**181,605**
Total assets less current liabilities	**170,728**	**182,430**
Total net assets less liabilities	**170,728**	**182,430**
Represented by		
Unrestricted		
Unrestricted - General fund	135,837	142,334
Designated		
Designated - Designated Funds	159	405
Restricted		
Restricted - Building Development Fund	213	1,589
Restricted - G Cotter	—	—
Restricted - Christmas Hampers	390	—
Restricted - The Hub	1,200	1,200
Restricted - IPANI SCHOOL	2,255	2,255
Restricted - MAF - Matt & Beck	4,505	2,550
Restricted - Milton Combe	550	550
Restricted - Church Parish Magazine	45	—
Restricted - Menouf	—	—
Restricted - Missionary Work	63	63
Restricted - Open Doors	385	385
Restricted - Caroline Hammond	—	—
Restricted - Organ Donations	0	0
Restricted - Overseas Missions	1,398	1,398
Restricted - Parish Camp	110	753
Restricted - Pastarol Care	766	766
Restricted - Pathfinder	50	50
Restricted - Restricted - Payroll	—	0
Restricted - Restricted Funds	1,100	433
Restricted - Church Roof	800	50
Restricted - School Govenors	—	—
Restricted - Sequestration Account	—	—
Restricted - Buckland Chapel	—	1,300
Restricted - Shekinah	139	139

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	As at 31/12/2021	As at 31/12/2020
	£	£
Restricted - Sound	224	224
Restricted - Tear Fund	275	—
Restricted - Tom Watson	0	6,532
Restricted - Window	—	—
Restricted - Parish Youth Workers	—	—
Restricted - Parish Youth Work	18,247	17,753
Restricted - Christianity Explored	295	295
Restricted - Devon Historic Churches	245	30
Restricted - Esme Palmer	—	—
Restricted - Buckland Food Hub	100	—
Restricted - Flower Fund	545	545
Restricted - Gift for Tristan - Leaving Gift	—	—
Endowment		
Endowment - Endowment Fund	825	825
Funds of the church	**170,728**	**182,430**

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St Andrew's Church, Buckland Monachorum PCC & Holy Spirit Milton Combe

Analysis of income and expenditure
Selected period: 01 January 2021 to 31 December 2021

	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	Total This year	Total Last year
Income and endowments						
Donations and legacies						
01IN0001 - Envelopes St Andrews	1,250	—	—	—	1,250	—
01IN0002 - Envelopes MC	1,505	—	—	—	1,505	422
01IN0003 - Payroll Donations - For Youth Worker	—	—	8,562	—	8,562	11,278
01IN0004 - Youth Work	—	—	7,714	—	7,714	8,210
01IN0005 - Matt & Beck	—	—	1,955	—	1,955	980
01IN0006 - Standing Orders - General	82,870	—	—	—	82,870	100,248
01IN0007 - Standing Orders - Restricted	—	—	415	—	415	2,504
01IN0008 - Donations Made By Cheque	—	—	100	—	100	5,108
03IN0001 - Open Plate - St Andrews	758	—	—	—	758	3,140
03IN0002 - Open Plate MC	3,545	—	—	—	3,545	35
04IN0001 - Mis Income Occasional	1,370	—	1,075	—	2,445	3,895
04IN0004 - Donations to Milton Combe	—	—	750	—	750	695
04IN0005 - Donations to St Andrews	22	—	430	—	452	4,261
Donations and legacies Totals	91,319	—	21,001	—	112,320	140,776
Income from charitable activities						
06IN0001 - Gift Aid Refund	24,477	—	—	—	24,477	9,961
11IN0001 - Church Services Fees Income	1,339	—	516	—	1,855	2,409
12IN0001 - Magazine Income	1,388	—	45	—	1,433	2,997
Income from charitable activities Totals	27,203	—	561	—	27,764	15,367
Other income						
10IN0001 - Bank Interest	105	—	1	—	106	26
13IN0001 - Parish Camp Income	—	—	3,186	—	3,186	763
Other income Totals	105	—	3,187	—	3,291	789
Income and endowments Grand totals	118,627	—	24,748	—	143,375	156,932
Expenditure						
Expenditure on charitable activities						
17EX0002 - Bellringers expenditure	(75)	—	—	—	(75)	—
18EX0001 - Donations to School	5,000	—	—	—	5,000	1,000
18EX0002 - Mission Donations Home	272	—	510	—	782	994
18EX0003 - Mission Donations Occasional	3,550	—	—	—	3,550	—
18EX0004 - Mission Donations Buckland Chapel	2,500	—	1,480	—	3,980	2,500
19EX0001 - Diocesan Parish Share	83,156	—	—	—	83,156	78,953
20EX0001 - HMRC NIC - Tax Payroll Fees	—	—	941	—	941	613
20EX0002 - Payroll - Salaries	—	—	21,372	—	21,372	11,427
20EX0003 - Employer's contribution to NEST	1,896	—	—	—	1,896	—
20EX0004 - Services Fees & Other Services Expenses	1,675	—	—	—	1,675	933

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	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	Total This year	Total Last year
20EX0005 - Organist Fees	831	—	—	—	831	399
21EX0001 - Clergy Expenses Ministry	2,745	—	—	—	2,745	855
21EX0002 - Training Costs Ordained Staff	—	—	—	—	—	345
21EX0003 - Expenses - Non-Clergy	1,853	—	—	—	1,853	543
22EX0001 - Pastoral Care Expenses	376	—	—	—	376	1,999
22EX0002 - Evangelism Purchases	—	—	—	—	—	303
22EX0004 - Youth Work Expenses	—	—	—	—	—	100
23EX0002 - Postages and Telephone	—	—	—	—	—	114
23EX0004 - Church Services Expenses,Music Books etc	840	—	—	—	840	1,579
23EX0005 - Purchases Miscellaneous	—	—	—	—	—	3,604
23EX0006 - Stationery consumables Printing	521	—	—	—	521	174
23EX0008 - IT Hardware Purchases	952	—	—	—	952	—
23EX0009 - IT Software Purchases	70	—	—	—	70	468
23EX0010 - Maintenance and General Repairs Fees	707	—	—	—	707	7,500
23EX0012 - Organ and Piano Maintenance	—	246	—	—	246	480
23EX0013 - Church Car Park - Maintenance and Genera	—	—	—	—	—	30
23EX0014 - Heating System Repairs & Maintenance	877	—	—	—	877	—
23EX0016 - Redecorating and Flooring	—	—	—	—	—	24
23EX0017 - Fire Safety Maintenance	394	—	—	—	394	328
23EX0019 - Broadband & Website (Webhosting) Costs	883	—	—	—	883	49
23EX0020 - Services Costs & Other Supplies	823	—	—	—	823	902
23EX0021 - St Andrews Insurance Costs	5,315	—	—	—	5,315	5,163
23EX0022 - MC Insurance Costs	923	—	—	—	923	812
23EX0023 - Cleaning Costs	1,410	—	—	—	1,410	950
23EX0024 - Gardening Costs	1,490	—	—	—	1,490	1,268
24EX0001 - Utilities Electricity Costs	1,636	—	—	—	1,636	2,577
24EX0002 - Utilities Gas And Oil Costs	2,115	—	—	—	2,115	2,889
24EX0003 - Water Expenditure	53	—	—	—	53	118
Expenditure on charitable activities Totals	122,786	246	24,303	—	147,335	129,995
Other expenditure						
22EX0003 - Parish Camp	—	—	3,829	—	3,829	—
23EX0001 - Bank Charges	150	—	—	—	150	227
28EX0003 - Building Development Costs - Milton Comb	—	—	1,576	—	1,576	—
29EX0001 - Magazine expenses	2,188	—	—	—	2,188	2,291
Other expenditure Totals	2,338	—	5,405	—	7,742	2,518
Expenditure Grand totals	125,124	246	29,707	—	155,077	132,513

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Accounts

ST ANDREW'S BUCKLAND MONACHORUM WITH THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT MILTON COMBE

Annual Report of the Parochial Church Council

The Churches of
MILTON COMBE &
BUCKLAND MONACHORUM

For the year ended 31st December 2020

Website: bucklandchurchdevon.co.uk

Diocese of Exeter **Charity No. 1132573**

Aims and Purposes

There are two churches in our parish and the Parochial Church Council includes representation from both. The Vicar, Andrew Bowden, along with an Associate Minister Andrew Farmer and the PCC, aspires to extend the ministry and teaching to the wider parish community of over 2000 people.

When planning our activities for the year, the incumbent and the PCC have considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and in particular, the specific guidance on charities for the advancement of religion.

"Living in community as God's people; serving the wider community in God's world"

Our vision encourages us to look in two directions:

- "Looking inwards" – living in community as God's people; that as a church family we would put down strong spiritual roots, growing in our knowledge of God and learning how to live for his glory. For this we are reliant on the Holy Spirit, the Bible and prayer.
- "Looking outwards" – serving the wider community in God's world; as those who have received God's love, we want to share it abroad, striving to serve our local community through evangelism, social interaction and community engagement, whilst also supporting Christian missionary work around the world.

This year has been heavily disrupted by COVID-19 and the numerous lockdowns that have followed. Nevertheless, we have sought to offer spiritual teaching, direction and support to our church family and our communities.

The above have been met in various ways, and include the following:

- **Regular Sunday Worship –** This has continued at both churches whilst churches were open, and then moved to online services using Zoom and through our Website, where both the Morning services and Family focus services were recorded and were made available through our Website on YouTube and DVDs produced and delivered for those who did not have access to the internet.
- **Prayer -** Outside of lockdown, prayer teams are available at each morning service at Buckland. The prayer chain is an important daily resource and support to any who request prayer. A new monthly prayer meeting for the whole church has been set up, meeting on the first Wednesday of each month. A small group of individuals meet weekly to pray for the local Church of England primary school.
- **Bible Teaching –** We have adopted a more structured approach to our Bible teaching, varying our "spiritual diet" by studying different biblical genres and enabling the congregation to dig deeper into entire books of the Bible.
- **Home groups** - have been encouraged to build on the Sunday sermons, by spending time in small groups studying the same passages in greater depth.
- **Youth and children's teams** - have sought to follow the same pattern in order to promote family times beyond the Sunday service.
- **Worship** - is not confined to our church meetings on a Sunday, but is an all-encompassing lifestyle, that seeks to glorify God in words and actions.
- **Living in community** as God's people and serving the wider community in God's world.

To facilitate this work, it is important that we maintain the fabric of both churches in Buckland Monachorum and Milton Combe.

a) ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE – 2020

Guidelines and Policy documents:

i) **Health & Safety Policy** - The church has a policy in place for both churches to ensure that current legislation is being met and measures put in place where required.

ii) **Safeguarding -** St Andrew's Church Buckland Monachorum and the Church of the Holy Spirit, Milton Combe adopts the Exeter Diocese Policy and procedures. (*See full report below).*

iii) **Reporting of Safeguarding and Serious incidents –** the reporting to the Charities Commission of serious incidents both in regard to Safeguarding and other serious incidents is delegated to the Diocese of Exeter Board of Finance via the Diocesan Safeguarding Adviser and the Diocesan Secretary in a resolution that was passed by the PCC in January 2020. This is in accordance with the House of Bishops Guidance. There have been no incidents to report in 2020.

iv) A **Privacy Statement** covering how the church handles personal data is now added to our Website in line with current legislation.

Safeguarding

- Safeguarding at St Andrew's Church, Buckland Monachorum and the Church of the Holy Spirit, Milton Combe is a high priority, and we endeavour to publicise our commitment to it wherever possible.
- The PCC and members of the Church recognise that everyone has a responsibility to support, protect and safeguard all, but particularly children, young people and vulnerable adults.
- Essential steps are taken to safeguard children, young people and vulnerable adults who participate in the church, and the people who work with them. Local practice is kept under review to maintain a culture of safeguarding in the church.
- Staff and volunteers are recruited in accordance with the Diocesan Safer Recruitment guidance. They are fully DBS checked where appropriate and fully supported in their role.

Review of Safeguarding Action Plan 2020

The PSO wrote a Safeguarding Action Plan which was approved by the PCC at their January meeting. Progress was and is reported to the PCC as a standing agenda item at every PCC meeting.

With the pandemic situation ensuing, some actions were curtailed but generally progress was made in all the areas identified.

Progress in the Key Action Areas:

- Diocesan Audit for Parishes - The Church was invited to join the Parish Dashboard initiative in April 2020. Two members of the PCC agreed to being named as having access to the dashboard so they could monitor the progress being made. Level 1 (Safer Foundations) has almost been completed and we just await some completion of training by a few PCC members. Level 2 (Safer Activities) was started in September and good progress has also been made with the completion and approval of a Recruitment of Ex-Offenders Policy and a Review List of Church activities. Only the completion of the tasks for the Church Activities list is left. It is hoped that Level 3 (Safer Practices) will be started early in 2021.
- Safeguarding Policy Review -The House of Bishops Safeguarding Policy - Promoting a Safer Church was adopted and approved by the PCC on 20th July 2020.
- DBS checks - All renewals required for 2020 have been completed. All PCC members are now compliant with up-to-date DBS certificates.
- Confidentiality - Regular reminders were given throughout the year regarding storage of confidential paperwork. The GDPR notes on the Confidential Declaration document was also updated.
- Awareness Raising - This area was one which was most affected due to the pandemic and subsequent closure of the churches. Noticeboards do still need to be revamped and the pocket-sized guide covering the 'Dos and Don'ts' of Safeguarding has not gone into production.
- Training – The Training database has been completed and is regularly monitored. The general awareness session could not be held due to the restrictions but all relevant parties, including PCC members, were invited to complete the C0 training online which most did. Those needing C1 and C2 training for their role also completed this either online or via Zoom sessions.

- Monitoring Procedures - Much of the planned monitoring had to be put on hold if it involved face-to-face meetings. However, many of the dashboard tasks allowed some monitoring to take place regarding training, DBS, risk assessments and the key paperwork which is given to leaders and volunteers.
- Risk assessments - There are still some risk assessments that need to be written, and many of those in place need to be updated. An additional Covid-19 risk assessment was written for the Youth Emmaus when they recommenced their group sessions over in the Chapel.
- Safeguarding at Milton Combe- Restrictions meant that no progress was made, so it has been put onto the 2021 Action Plan as a priority.
- Other issues - The issues were mainly around First Aiders and access to First Aid training. First Aid boxes have all been checked and restocked, with a clear label to identify their location in the Church.
  Trish Topham, Safeguarding Representative.

b) OUTREACH TO THE COMMUNITY - as shown in the following reports:

Charleston Friendship Cafe
Unfortunately, we have not been able to meet since March 2020 due to the pandemic. We have tried to stay in touch with those who used to attend. We were able to invite everyone to a Christmas Service in St. Andrew's with others from Yelvercare in December. We were also able to deliver a Christmas meal to our friends thanks to Yelvercare sharing their resources with us. The Café has been greatly missed, and we look forward to starting again as soon as it is safe to do so.

Margie Goodfellow has stepped down from being the main contact, but will continue as a helper, and Trish Topham and Mandy Hall will continue to run the Café.

Pastoral Care
The pastoral care team has been busy in light of COVID-19 with a phone-buddy system set up to reach out to and support the most vulnerable in our community. The church partnered with representatives from Buckland Village Hall and Buckland Parish Council to set up the Buckland Cares group – organising supermarket collections and prescription pick-ups for the housebound as well as setting up a Food Hub, hosted by the Buckland Chapel. (*see full report below.* Ministry to those in their twilight years has been difficult as restrictions have meant we were unable to run our monthly communion services. In spite of that, we stayed in touch with the staff teams at both HartCare and Pilcher's Field through regular phone calls. We also organised for children from the school to write Christmas Cards and design colourful posters which were distributed to all residents, as well as putting together "thank you hampers" for the staff teams, all of which were grateful received. We look forward to re-starting services as soon as is possible.

Buckland Cares Group
Buckland Cares is a Community Support Group set up in March 2020 as a joint initiative at the start of the first Covid pandemic lockdown. The core Committee is made up of representatives of key organisations around the parish, including Rev. Andy Bowden. Initially volunteers were recruited following a leaflet drop to every home in the Parish, specifying what they could help with: shopping, mail, prescription collections, friendly phone calls, etc. A Buckland Cares Facebook page was set up with local and national information and details of where to find support locally, and this continues to be updated.

At the beginning of April, the Buckland Food Hub foodbank was opened in Buckland Chapel, stocked with essential non-perishable food items donated by Morrisons, Tavistock, and manned by volunteers from the Community. Morrisons continued to deliver weekly during the first lockdown and donations were also received from a collection point in the Co-op, Yelverton. Additionally, many local residents added a few of extra items to their own shopping and kindly donated these.

At the beginning of September, the Hub was kitted out with new shelving (made by Richard Mabey from pallets and old bunk bed slats!) and relocated to the lower dormitory in the Chapel, so that the main hall could be made available for group hire. Although, with the start of the building works to add a disabled access toilet, it has moved back into the main hall. Very generous Harvest collections at both churches and St. Andrew's school boosted the stock in the autumn, and the Hub saw an increase in use in the November lockdown. Church and Community

donations were again very generous in December, enabling Buckland Cares to make up and distribute hampers to provide a little extra this Christmas, particularly for those alone or struggling.

Local donations continue and, with regular deliveries from Morrisons having ceased, Lucy Wood and Gary Baird have been proactive in securing grants to enable the Food Hub to keep open. The Hub continues to provide essentials for a number of individuals and families. This is a wonderful example of Community serving Community.

Links with St Andrew's Primary School

St Andrew's Church has been supporting St Andrew's School financially, physically and spiritually for many decades.

Financially:

- The church donated £1000 to the school in September to support Covid implications for the school. it is planned to give a further £5000 in January 2021. This second amount of money will be put towards ordering a whole class of Chromebooks that can be used for children's home learning.

Physically:

- Church members play an active role in the governance of the school.
- Weekly assemblies based on the Christian ethos are popular with the children and have been led by Andy Bowden, Andy Farmer or Tristan Coulshaw. Online assemblies were offered in light of Coronavirus precautions in the school.
- In September 2019, the church set up a coffee event on the first day of School to welcome new parents. It also served as an introduction to Messy Church and Family Services. Due to Covid restrictions this was not repeated in September 2020, but hopefully will return in 2021.
- Members of the church also volunteer at the school (DBS vetted). Although this was prevented for most of 2020 by Covid restrictions, it is hoped it will recommence when restrictions permit.

Spiritually:

- Prayer is a mainstay of school life and the church has supported this in numerous ways.
- Four years ago, the School Prayer Support Group was set up and has taken place on site every week until the Covid lockdown. As well as this, the Vicar has run a wellbeing course for staff.
- Every member of staff had the opportunity to request prayer support either by direct communication or anonymously through a prayer box.
- During critical times such as an appointment of a new member of staff, prayer has been stepped up to meet the need. In addition, Andy Bowden offered the Staff a Christian Support Group which was very well attended and welcomed.

Parish Magazine "Outreach"

At the end of 2020, the Editors, Mark Woock and Denise Hume stepped down from their roles after three years, and we would like to record our grateful thanks for their work in producing these publications for the community. During the year, David Oliver joined the team to liaise with our Advertisers, and Nick Kilby continued in his role as Treasurer. Enormous thanks are due to the Goodfellows and the distribution volunteers, as right through the ups and downs of the pandemic, Outreach was produced and delivered on time by the Editors and team.

As was to be expected, income was down a little to just under £3,000, but the magazine still generated a small profit of £760 which has been left in reserves. Outreach has always been fully supported financially by subscribers and advertisers and continues in its role of supporting and publicising Church activities as well as other non-church community events and news.

With the launch of St. Andrew's new website during 2020, the Outreach website has been slimmed down, and acts as a support to the church website. Outreach Magazines are produced digitally now, and the latest copy is available to view via the new Church website. Articles and contributions are always very welcome.
Nick and Diana Kilby have maintained the magazine whilst a new editorial team comes forward to take over, and there will be regular issues in 2021 to maintain the publication for the community.

c) GENERAL CHURCH ACTIVITY

Children and Youthwork Reports - Continued nurturing of our Young People, as seen in the following reports.

The Sunday School usually caters for children in the preschool years, key stage 1 and key stage 2 (up to secondary school age) every Sunday in school term time, except the first in the month when they are in church for the whole service. **Bubbles** is a group for children from the age of approximately 3 -7 and **XStream** for children aged 7-11. The leaders ensure that the church's safeguarding policy is fully implemented with respect to all the children attending.

During 2019, Bubbles had between 3 and 7 children regularly attending; XStream had between 4 and 6 regular attendees, with 14 other children joining the groups either sporadically or as visitors. However, in 2020 the two groups only ran for a couple of months before having to stop meeting at the end of March, when the first lockdown was brought in because of the Coronavirus pandemic. As plans were being made to restart the groups in the autumn, in line with Covid-safety guidance from the diocese, a second wave of the virus meant another lockdown and the groups have not yet resumed meeting (as of December 2020). Crèche facilities have not been provided during the church services that have taken place since the pandemic started, because of infection control measures. Previously, a creche area has been available in the South Porch of the church, providing a space for parents to take their baby or toddler if required, during services.

Last year, Andy Bowden and the Sunday school team agreed that the themes of the children's groups sessions would follow the sermon series being preached in the main church service, as much as is practically possible. This would allow children and families to discuss more easily what they had been learning week by week. This new plan was brought in during the Spring term of 2020, and the Bubbles and XStream groups did sessions based on chapters of Daniel, corresponding to the passages being preached on, before we stopped meeting. The church has subscribed to online children's bible teaching resources from 'Mustard Seed' to support the leaders in preparing sessions.

During the first lockdown and during the summer, Tristan and Sarah Coulshaw-Stevenson recorded "Family Focus" videos – teaching and activities based on the sermon passage, delivered in an engaging and accessible way for children and young people. These were posted each week on the church website, alongside the main service videos. Craft and activities resources were also posted to complement the Family Focus videos. These enabled the children of the church to have a way to stay connected with the church family whilst we have not been able to meet together. On Christmas Eve an online Christingle service was held allowing the children to participate at home making their own Christingles, which had been distributed as kits through the school and local pre-school group before the end of term.

Also posted online are All-Age Services that have been held at St Andrew's church on the first Sunday of the month, when the congregation have been allowed to meet in the church building. These have been designed to engage and challenge the whole congregation, from young to old.

Deborah Corness, Hellen Williams and Hannah Waine have continued as leaders of the Bubbles and XStream groups, assisted by a small but faithful team of helpers. Heather Keane has now stepped down from leading XStream. We are grateful for the blessing she has been to many children and families in the church through many years of faithfully teaching this group. Nicki Bovey has agreed to be a leader once the groups resume.

Youth Emmaus

Work amongst teenagers has continued apace with Tristan Stevenson-Coulshaw employed as a full-time youth worker. These are focussed on the secondary school age group and running weekly groups and regular social gatherings.

With the departure of Tristan and his family, much of the Youth Work has continued with volunteers, and towards the end of 2020 we were able to advertise and interview for a replacement. We have appointed a new Youth and Children's worker to take up the post in January 2021.

A personal report from one of the young people: – Isaac writes:

"2020 has been a tough year for everyone, and for the youth, I think it was extremely difficult to deal with online school, or cancelled exams. Despite this, we were able to continue our weekly group sessions almost normally, with the use of Zoom and socially distanced games on the moors. Tristan and Sarah were especially eager to continue our weekly sessions, and they worked hard to ensure we enjoyed it each week. Their enthusiasm and eagerness for us to know Christ has been really encouraging through this time, providing us with teachings and verses regularly, and their willingness to share their time with us personally. It was lovely to see everyone come together on their last day in order to wish them well in the next chapter of their lives, and we keep Tom and his family in our prayers as he begins his new journey as youth leader."

Community Outreach to young people

During the year this has been severely restricted due to Covid, we are hopeful that 2021 will see more activity being resumed.

Networking with other Youth groups

Again, these links have been unable to happen due to Covid.

Messy Church

Messy Church is an outreach initiative, started by volunteers from St. Andrew's Church, primarily to serve those in the community who do not regularly attend Sunday services. We welcome children of all ages with their parents, grandparents, and carers: the young and young-at-heart! Together we learn about God and His love for us, through crafts, songs, stories, fellowship, and food. Each session is planned around a theme which we explore through different activities, some messier than others! Following the activities and celebration, we all sit down together to share a meal.

After a successful relaunch in Autumn 2019, welcoming many new families and volunteers, we were looking forward to a 'fruitful' 2020. Tristan and Sarah Coulshaw lead the planning of our Spring term sessions, sharing the message of God's love and salvation through Jesus. In February 2020 we looked at God's pursuing love, through the Parables of the Lost Coin, Lost Sheep and Lost Son. Then March saw us learning about God's Forgiving Love with a range of activities linked to the story of Jesus forgiving and healing the paralysed man. We were all set to share the Easter Story and God's Sacrificial Love, when Covid hit! As with all other activities, Messy Church moved online, we prepared a booklet and Tristan and Sarah recorded a message.

During the early weeks of the lockdown, we became acutely aware how Messy Church thrives on spending time in each other's presence; sharing fellowship, fun and, of course, food! Online booklets seemed to be just another bit of 'learning' to add to the virtual schooling everyone was having to adapt to. Sadly, we made the decision to lay down Messy Church, but continued to signpost our families to Tristan and Sarah's video messages each Sunday.

We continue to pray for God's guidance and discernment for what next and look forward to supporting our new Youth Worker in sharing God's love for all His people.

Parish Camp

Parish Camp, which for many years has engendered strong friendships, with an opportunity to invite new members of the church family, and some local families who would be without a holiday opportunity, unfortunately had to be cancelled this year.

d) FURTHER CHURCH ACTIVITY

Christianity Explored

January 2020 saw the first Christianity Explored course being run at St Andrew's. It was exciting as it was a new course for us to be running. Previously we had always used the Alpha course. Everyone was greeted at the door by members of the team, welcomed and given a name badge. Then coffee and cake was served, and everyone mingled together, getting to know each other. Various home groups provided the refreshments, and there was always plenty of delicious cake to be eaten.

Christianity Explored takes you through the gospel of Mark, and each participant is given a handbook, which allows them both to recap on what has been talked about that evening and also prepare for the following week. Each evening began with dividing into our groups, which remained the same throughout the 8 weeks. We watched brilliant talks on video, given by Rico Tice and then we discussed each talk afterwards back in our groups.
We had a good number of people who regularly attended each week, and Andy Farmer has continued with a group since finishing the course, just before the first lockdown in March. Christianity Explored is a brilliant course, and what I really liked about it is the way you are encouraged to read the Bible. The talks are new and fresh and certainly give opportunity to promote good discussion in small groups afterwards. It is a great opportunity to introduce people to the Christian Faith, in what I would describe as a non-threatening way. If we are not participating in the course, then it is something the church can really get behind in prayer.

Lent course
Curtailed due to Covid-19.

Home Groups
All the homegroups have continued to meet via Zoom. This has allowed many of us to continue to dig into God's word together, unpack its relevance to our day-to-day lives, and support each other prayerfully in living it out. In fact, since moving to online meeting (via Zoom) some of our house groups have reported an increase in participation. There are two reasons for this: For some of the elderly, it is easier for them to meet on "Zoom" rather than be transported elsewhere (especially in the dark winter months); and for others who are uncertain about what might go on in a house group, they found it easier to "try it out" online - and have been pleasantly surprised. We have also moved to following the themes being preached on at church, which allows a little more depth of thought. It is not possible for everyone to use Zoom, so it remains important for groups, and the wider church, to telephone (or meet when possible) those who are more isolated. So, looking ahead there are still insufficient leaders and hosts to serve the number of people in our church fellowship. Important needs are (1) providing the training and experience for people who might feel daunted by leading and (2) teaming up enthusiastic and committed people so that the group does not peter out.

Ladies Fellowship
The meetings have not been able to take place. However, all members have been in touch with each other via WhatsApp for sharing news, prayer points and generally supporting each other.

Men's breakfast meetings
Again, curtailed due to Covid-19.

Prayer Ministry Team & Prayer Ministry
Prayer Ministry used to be offered following the morning service at St. Andrew's. There are thirteen members of the prayer ministry team, and the last rota was sent out in January 2020. However, due to the pandemic we have been unable to offer prayer ministry since then. We are saddened by this, of course, and look forward to the day we can offer prayer once the pandemic is over, and it is safe to do so.

The Prayer Chain consists of thirteen members of the church, including Rev. Andy Bowden.
Prayers are generally received and sent out by email, are usually confidential. We have seen many wonderful answers to our prayers and are thankful to God for his faithfulness. We were last able to meet together in 2019, but have been unable to meet since then due to the pandemic.

Sung Worship within both Churches
2020 has proved to be challenging for all of us and in so many ways. We have had to adjust to 'doing things' in a very different way, and this has included how we include music within our services. During the initial lockdown, all services went online, and this included using pre-recorded songs and hymns. Once we were allowed to come together again in church, we had to adhere to guidelines laid down by the Church of England and the Government. This meant only one or two people could sing, and a limited number of musicians, all who had to socially distance. For some people this has been very frustrating but what I have learnt is that God never fails to teach us things in all circumstances. There is a song we sing by Matt Redman, '*When the music fades, all is stripped away, and I simply come'*. The words of this song kept coming back to me time and time again, and after some prayer I really felt that

the Lord was teaching us to really focus on Him. I have really enjoyed focusing on the words of songs and hymns, and just enjoying the simplicity of the sung worship in our services. The words of Psalm 48 v 9
'Within your temple O God, we meditate on your unfailing love.
Like your name O God, your praise reaches to the ends of the earth'.
Even though we have not been able to sing, we are learning to worship the Lord in all aspects of our daily life. Christmas also was a time when we were not able to sing as we would normally do, but we still had some wonderful services both in church and online, and the Holy Spirit was with us.
There are positives to this year. Due to lockdown, all those who are involved in the sung worship have been meeting together, albeit on zoom, to pray together. These times have been really blessed and the Lord has really spoken to us during these short prayer times. We meet together online once a month, and I would love that to continue, when normality returns.
It would be a huge failing on my part if I did not mention Audrey Mills in this report. She has been an absolute star in playing the organ and supporting singers Sunday by Sunday, and particularly over the Christmas period. Many thanks to Audrey, and also to Elisabeth Baxter playing the organ in Milton Combe.
We so look forward to a time when we can all sing together again, but we must keep our eyes focused on our Heavenly Father, remembering he is Lord over this.

Bellringers
Bell ringing must be one of the last activities to re-start after Coronavirus as eight people in a closed space handling ropes in front of their faces presents an obvious risk of contagion.
Like so many places across Britain, the Buckland village community has missed the peals before the Sunday morning services and bellringers have missed their weekly opportunity to connect mind, soul and body.
Buckland is fortunate to have a set of chiming hammers as, of the 5200 churches in England that have rings of five or more bells, only around 400 are so fitted. They work like the clock hammer which has a heavy metal ball at one end of a lever and a cord linked to the clock mechanism at the other. The only difference with the chiming hammers – one for each bell – is that the cords are pulled by a single person.
The system is known as the 'Ellacombe Chiming Apparatus' and next year in June will be the 200th anniversary of the Rev Henry Thomas Ellacombe's invention. He studied engineering under Marc Brunel before entering the church and was Vicar at St. Mary's Church, Bitton in South Gloucestershire where in 1822 he invented and first installed the chimes to overcome what he considered to be 'a wayward team of bellringers'! He later became vicar at Clyst St. George and was the leading person in forming the Guild of Devonshire Ringers in 1874.
Because the bell is not swinging as with normal ringing, the cords can be pulled in any order and changes are instantaneous. It makes it possible to play tunes although the selection we can play in Buckland is limited by having a single octave tuned to E major. No accidental sharps or flats are possible. We managed to work out these hymn tunes during lockdown and look forward to finding more:

> *Great is Thy faithfulness; I know not how the Spirit moves; All things bright & beautiful; Brightest and best of the Stars of the morning; Kum Ba Ya my Lord; Fight the good fight; Brother, sister let me be your Servant; We rest on Thee, our Shield and our Defender*. We hope you have enjoyed listening to them.

e) UK AND OVERSEAS MISSION GRANTS AND DONATIONS
Supporting people in full-time service both in prayer and financially: -

Missionary Aviation Fellowship:
We are the home church for Missionary Aviation Fellowship family, Matt and pilot Becki Dillingham with their children Bethan and Luke. Now back in Chad after returning home due to Covid-19. Becki has taken on more responsibility to add to her flying: she is now also overseeing the Operations Management.

New Growth Ministries:
Sadly, our link with New Growth Ministries in Zimbabwe has come to an end. However, we are looking to focus on new areas of overseas support during 2021.

Egypt:
We continue to maintain contact with and support Bishop Mouneer of Egypt and North Africa, and our other Egyptian friends.

Open Doors:
Although we have not been meeting recently to pray for the persecuted church, our family of brothers and sisters around the world who suffer in so many ways for their faith in Jesus Christ remain close to our hearts and in our prayers. We remember especially Christians in Iran, Egypt and Syria and also in Turkish belt countries where Islamic political extremism is on the rise. We also pray for perseverance in our own prayers, not forgetting that this is a spiritual battle where the Lord has won an eternal victory over the forces of evil and darkness in this world.

Buckland Chapel Trust - BCT
The church has strong links with the Chapel and members of the congregation are both Members and also on the Board of Trustees. Caroline Mitchell and Roger Watkins have been Trustees of the Chapel since 2017 and 2016 respectively and in 2018 they were joined by Andy Price, Susanna Campbell and Nicola Bovey. However, Andy Price resigned during the year and Richard Mabey was appointed. The church uses the Chapel for various church activities, although this year these have been very restricted. Mark Smith is the PCC representative for the BCT Members and is not a member on the Board of Trustees.

f) Other key people and groups
There are many other individuals and groups who contribute greatly to the smooth running of both churches: - Our Verger; our Cleaner; the Flower arranging team; the Guild members; Coffee serving teams; Projectionists and Sound desk controllers; those that organise and take part in the rotas for sidepersons, prayer ministry, and the weekly notice sheets. Readers from St Andrew's have also been supporting other parishes north of the Deanery.

2021 Electoral Roll Report
The Electoral Roll as at 30th April 2021 contained 148 Names. During the year 1 was added and 4 removed. Of those removed 2 sadly have died and 2 have moved away from the area.

Deanery Synod
Three members of the PCC sit on the Deanery Synod, which met three times during 2020. One meeting was held in the Tavistock Parish Centre and two further meetings were held by Zoom.
At the March meeting, The Archdeacon of Plymouth, The Rev. Nick Shutt, spoke about the Weekend of JOY 2020 from the 26th to 28th June 2020. The three days of the weekend would see a visit to the ArchDeanery by the Bishops of Exeter, Crediton and Plymouth. The main themes were as follows: PRAYER, grow in Prayer and GROW, make new Disciples the people of Devon. There were plans for a number of events, which of course, were all cancelled as the result of Coronavirus. At this meeting, the Revd. Andy Bowden was welcomed to his first meeting, as was The Revd Philip Conway from Lifton.

The July meeting was held Via Zoom. The meeting started with reflections of the Church Life in Lockdown. Some of the reflections were as follows: "An interesting time, which has passed quickly; Enormous and steep learning curve; A learning opportunity; Felt the local Church really responsive, but the National Church had rather switched off; Value felt in local phone calls; Found longer conservations enriching and those in Lamerton were encouraged to think about Hymn words whilst listening to the music".

The October meeting was also held by Zoom. The Lay Chair, Annie Jeffries spoke about the Anna Chaplaincy – this model offers voluntary spiritual care to those in Care Homes. There is a training available to those who may be interested in this work. The volunteers are trained in dementia awareness; listening skills; responding to individual needs of the residents; taking Worship Services where appropriate, and end of Life support. They will become an integral part of a local ministry team. Corinne Shutt then spoke about "Nosh at Home", an online service that has replaced "Nosh at 9.30". The online service comprises: Opening Prayer, an Activity, a Bible reading and a Talk with questions; a Reflection and Prayer, with a link to songs on YouTube. Revd. Nick Law retired as Rural Dean at the meeting, and he will be replaced by Rev. Andy Atkins.

g) STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

The method of appointing PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. At St. Andrew's, Buckland Monachorum and the Church of the Holy Spirit, Milton Combe, the PCC consists of the incumbent, a self-supporting Associate Minister and nine ex-officio members, together with seventeen other elected members. Included in the total of 26, are three representatives for the Church of the Holy Spirit in Milton Combe and six lay readers. The PCC also has a Standing Committee which can deal with urgent matters more effectively than calling a full PPC meeting, and a Finance Committee that regularly meets a week prior to the PCC meetings, to deal with any financial matters in more detail than the full meetings allow. The full PCC met on six occasions mostly via Zoom during this year due to Covid-19 restrictions. The annual APCM was postponed until October due to the lockdown. The standing committee did not need to meet. The Finance Committee also met six times.

Financial Review

Our combined income for Unrestricted and Restricted funds for the year ended 31.12.20 was £156,931 and the combined expenditure was £132,513 producing an overall surplus of £24,418. Of this amount £10,930 was unrestricted. Although very little has been collected through the plates our overall income has held up quite well with more people making larger periodic donations or paying by standing order. Some expenses have also been lower during the lockdown periods.

Recovering our reserves. God has graciously provided for our needs and we are grateful for the healthy reserves that have offered us financial stability during a difficult year, where giving has dropped, in large due to the lockdowns. However, with the challenges over the Covid period the Parish managed to pay our Diocesan share and maintain our standard donations to the village school, the Buckland Chapel and Mission Aviation Fellowship (MAF).

Major repairs have taken place at both churches this year and further work has been identified, that will need to be addressed in the future.

h) ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

The Church of St. Andrew's, Buckland Monachorum is situated in the village of Buckland Monachorum, Devon PL20 7NA. The Church of the Holy Spirit, Milton Combe, is in the village of Milton Combe, Devon PL20 6HP.

PCC members who have served from 1 January 2020 until the 31st December 2020 were:

Ex Officio members:

The Reverend Andrew Bowden - Vicar
The Reverend Andy Farmer - Associate Minister
Paul Nixon (Reader)
Mrs Rumbi Mukono (Treasurer)
Mrs Patricia Topham (Safeguarding Representative)

Deanery Synod Members:

Mr P. Tuckett (Reader) Ex-officio
Mr P. Nixon (Reader)
Mr R. Matthews (Reader)

Churchwardens:

Mr R Barnes
Mr David Oliver

Deputy Churchwarden:

Mr T. West (buildings) elected PCC member

PCC Members:

Mr P Coates
Mrs D. Farmer
Mrs B. Girven (Milton Combe)
Mrs S. Reid (Milton Combe) resigned in October 2020
Mr J. Girven (Milton Combe)
Mrs D. Corness

Mrs H. Hopkins (Hon Secretary)
Mrs H. Keane
Dr M. Perry
Mrs A. Smart (stepped down in October 2020)
Dr M. Smith (Reader)
Mrs M. Goodfellow
Mr R. Hopkins (electoral roll officer)
Mrs D. Kilby
Mr J. Smart
Mrs B. Coulshaw

Safeguarding representatives: Mrs Patricia Topham & Deputy Mrs Jane Oliver. DBS Officer: Helen Hopkins
Church Accountant: Mrs Felicity Harris – Moorlands Solicitors.

The Report was approved by the PCC at a Zoom meeting held on Monday 10th May 2021. The Report was signed by:

Rev Andrew Bowden, Vicar: …… and

Bob Barnes, Church Warden: ……

Parochial Church Council of St Andrew Buckland Monachorum with Milton Combe

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Buckland Monachorum with Milton Combe

Statement of Financial Activities

For the Year Ended 31st December 2020

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	TOTAL FUNDS 2020 £	2019 £
INCOMING RESOURCES						
	1 (b), 1 (c), 2					
Incoming resources from donors		113,604	23,935	0	**137,539**	140,943
Other voluntary incoming resources		9,077	4,885	0	**13,962**	7,420
Incoming resources from operating activities						
- to further the Council's objects		5,405	0	0	**5,405**	6,988
- to generate funds		0	0	0	**0**	0
Income from investment		17	8	0	**25**	70
Other incoming resources		0		0	**0**	0
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES		**128,103**	**28,828**	**0**	**156,931**	155,421
RESOURCES EXPENDED	1 (d),3					
Grants		6,794	0	0	**6,794**	33,053
Activities directly relating to the work of the church		108,937	12,140	0	**121,077**	108,618
Church management and administration		1,442	3,200	0	**4,642**	4,468
Costs of generating funds						0
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED		**117,173**	**15,340**	**0**	**132,513**	146,139
NET INCOMING / (OUTGOING) RESOURCES		**10,930**	**13,488**	**0**	**24,418**	9,283
GAINS AND LOSSES ON INVESTMENTS						
- realised		0	0	0	**0**	0
- unrealised		0	0	0	**0**	0
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		10,930	13,488	0	**24,418**	9,283
TRANSFERS BETWEEN FUNDS		3,235	(3,235)		**0**	0
BALANCES BROUGHT FORWARD AT 1st JANUARY		131,774	25,412	825	**158,011**	148,728
BALANCES CARRIED FORWARD AT 31st DECEMBER	9	£ **145,939**	£ **35,665**	£ **825**	£ **182,429**	£ 158,011

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Balance Sheet

For the Year Ended 31st December 2020

	Notes	2020		2019	
		£	£	£	£
FIXED ASSETS					
Investment assets	5		**825**		825
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	7	**19,126**		14,784	
Cash at bank and in hand	1 (f)	**163,229**		143,739	
		182,355		158,523	
LIABILITIES: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR	8	**(750)**		(1,337)	
NET CURRENT ASSETS			**181,605**		157,186
NET ASSETS	6	**£**	**182,430**	£	158,011
FUNDS	9				
Unrestricted			**145,939**		131,774
Restricted			**35,666**		25,412
Endowment			**825**		825
		£	**182,430**	£	158,011

Approved by the Parochial Church Council on 2021 and signed on its behalf by:

Churchwarden

The notes on pages 5 to 10 form part of these accounts

1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES

a) The financial statements have been prepared under the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 in accordance with applicable accounting standards and the current Statement of Recommended Practice, Accounting and Reporting by Charities and applicable accounting standard FRS102.The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention except for investment assets, which are shown at market value. The financial statements include all transactions, assets and liabilities for which the PCC is responsible in law. They do not include the accounts of church groups that owe their main affiliation to another body, nor those that are informal gatherings of church members.

b) **FUNDS**

General funds represent the funds of the PCC that are not subject to any restrictions regarding their use and are available for application on the general purposes of the PCC. Funds designated for a particular purpose by the PCC are also unrestricted.

c) **INCOMING RESOURCES**

Voluntary income and capital sources

Collections are recognised when received by or on behalf of the PCC. Planned giving receivable under Gift Aid is recognised only when received. Income Tax recoverable on Gift Aid donations is recognised when the income is recognised. Grants and legacies to the PCC are accounted for as soon as the PCC is notified of its legal entitlement, the amount due is quantifiable and its ultimate receipt by the PCC is reasonably certain. Funds raised by fete, garden party and similar events are accounted for gross. Sales of books and magazines from the church bookstall are accounted for gross.

Income from investments

Dividends are accounted for when due and payable. Interest entitlements are accounted for as they accrue.

Gain s and losses on investments

Realised gains or losses are accounted for when the investments are sold. Unrealised gains or losses are accounted for on the revaluation of the investments at year end.

d) **RESOURCES USED**

Grants

Grants and donations are accounted for when paid over, or when awarded, if that award creates a binding obligation on the PCC.

Activities directly relating to the work of the church.

The diocesan parish share for the year ended 31 December 2020 has been paid in full and accounted for in the year ended 31 December 2020.

e) **FIXED ASSETS**

Tangible Fixed Assets

Consecrated and beneficed property of any kind is excluded from the accounts by s. 96(2)(a) & (c) of the Charities Act 1993.

Movable church furnishings held by the Vicar and Churchwardens on special trust for the PCC and which require a faculty for disposals has no value placed on them as the PCC considers them to be inalienable property.

All expenditure incurred during the year on consecrated or benefice buildings and movable church furnishings, whether maintenance or improvement, is written off as expenditure and separately disclosed

Investments

Investments are valued at market value as at 31st December.

f) **CURRENT ASSETS**

Amounts owing to the PCC at 31st December in respect of fees, rents or other income are shown as debtors, less a provision for amounts that may not be collected.

Short term deposits represents cleared liquid funds held at the bank.

2 INCOMING RESOURCES

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	TOTAL FUNDS 2020	2019
	£	£	£	£	£
Incoming resources from donors					
Planned giving:					
Covenants			0	**0**	0
Gift Aid donations	81,343	23,172	0	**104,515**	99,299
Income Tax recoverable	29,087		0	**29,087**	25,804
Other Planned giving			0	**0**	0
Collections (open plate) at all services	3,174		0	**3,174**	8,769
Uncovenanted giving				**0**	0
Parish camp		763	0	**763**	7,071
Sundry donations			0	**0**	0
	113,604	23,935	0	**137,539**	140,943
Other voluntary incoming resources					
Donations, appeals, etc	9,077	4,885	0	**13,962**	6,420
Legacies			0	**0**	1,000
Fundraising events			0	**0**	0
	9,077	4,885	0	13,962	7,420
Income from other operating activities: further to the Council's objects					
Bookstall			0	**0**	0
Magazines	2,996		0	**2,996**	3,035
Fees	2,409		0	**2,409**	3,953
	5,405	0	0	**5,405**	6,988
Income from operating activities: to generate funds					
Magazines (advertisement fees)			0	**0**	0
Fetes, bazaars, other fund-raising events	0		0	**0**	0
	0	0	0	**0**	0
Income from investment					
Dividends and interest including any reclaimable interest	17	8	0	**25**	70
	17	8	0	**25**	70
Other ordinary incoming resources		0	0	**0**	0
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES	**128,103**	**28,828**	**0**	**£ 156,931**	£ 155,421

3 RESOURCES EXPENDED

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	TOTAL FUNDS 2020	2019
	£	£	£	£	£
Grants					
Missionary and charitable giving:				**0**	3,660
Home missions and other Church Societies	3,493			**3,493**	4,303
Tristan Stevenson Coulshaw				**0**	20,402
Secular charities and outreach	3,301			**3,301**	3,322
Fees to Diocese	0			**0**	1,366
	6,794	0	0	**6,794**	33,053
Activities directly relating to the work of the Church					
Ministry:					
Diocesan parish share	78,953			**78,953**	73,995
Clergy expenses	1,200			**1,200**	0
other clergy costs	543			**543**	0
Parish workers		12,040		**12,040**	0
Church - running expenses	13,776			**13,776**	2,979
Church Maintenance Buckland	8,361			**8,361**	16,807
Church Maintenance Milton Combe				**0**	0
Upkeep of services	3,813			**3,813**	1,060
Sunday school				**0**	0
Expenditure on parish magazine and bookstall	2,291			**2,291**	2,372
Honoraria				**0**	3,006
Parish Camp	0			**0**	7,638
Other youth outreach		100		**100**	762
Other expenditure				**0**	0
	108,937	12,140	0	**121,077**	108,618
Church management and administration					
Printing and stationery etc.	1,215			**1,215**	4,124
Bank Charges	227			**227**	344
Other expenses		3,200		**3,200**	0
Remuneration of independent examiner				**0**	0
	1,442	3,200	0	**4,642**	4,468
Costs of generating funds					
Fetes, bazaars, other fund-raising events				**0**	0
Costs of stewardship campaign				**0**	0
	0	0	0	**0**	0
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED	**117,173**	**15,340**	**0**	**£ 132,513**	£ 146,139

4 STAFF COSTS

No member of the PCC received any remuneration during the year. The PCC remunerated parish youth workers at a total cost, including expenses, for the year of £12,040 (2019 – £20,402).

5 FIXED ASSETS FOR USE BY THE PCC

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	TOTAL FUNDS 2020 £	TOTAL FUNDS 2019 £
Investment fixed assets					
Movement in the year:					
Market Value - 1st January	0	0	825	**825**	825
Purchases at cost, less disposals at carrying value	0	0	0	**0**	0
Net gains / (losses) on disposals and annual revaluation	0	0	0	0	0
Market Value - 31st December	**0**	**0**	**825**	£ **825**	£ 825

Endowment Fund Holdings 31 December 2020

Endowment Title	Endowment Share Description
School Governors' fund	61 Central Board of Finance Investment Fund shares

6 ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BY FUND

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	TOTAL FUNDS 2020	TOTAL FUNDS 2019
Investment Fixed Assets			**825**	**825**	825
Current Assets	91,550	90,805		**182,355**	158,523
Current Liabilities	(750)			**(750)**	(1,337)
	90,800	90,805	825	£ **182,430**	£ 158,011

7 DEBTORS

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	TOTAL FUNDS 2020 £	TOTAL FUNDS 2019 £
Income Tax Recoverable	19,126			**19,126**	14,784
	19,126	0	0	£ **19,126**	£ 14,784

8 LIABILITIES: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

Bank overdraft				**0**	0
Accruals of utility and other costs				**0**	0
Creditors for goods and services				**0**	0
Other creditors	750			**750**	1,337
	750	0	0	£ **750**	£ 1,337

9 FUND DETAILS

	2020		2019	
Unrestricted:	£	£	£	£
Other unrestricted funds	**145,939**		131,774	
		145,939		131,774
Restricted:				
Alpha	**295**		295	
Buckland Chapel	**1,300**		265	
Building	**1,589**		3,451	
Caroline Hammond			1,400	
Church roof	**50**			
Designated funds			(1,640)	
Devon historic churches	**30**			
Flower fund	**545**		545	
G Cotter			1,724	
Ipani School	2,255		2,000	
MAF Matt & Beck	**2,550**		2,430	
Menouf			189	
Milton Combe	**550**		550	
Missionary work	**63**		576	
Open Doors	**385**		0	
Oversea missions	**1,398**		1,398	
Parish Camp	**753**		0	
Parish Youth workers	**17,753**		3,784	
Pastoral care	**766**		800	
Pathfinder	**50**		50	
Restricted funds	**439**		425	
Robin and Pippa Brown			465	
Shekinah mission	**139**		90	
Sound	**224**		224	
Tear fund			0	
The Hub	**1,200**		1,200	
Tristan Stevenson-Coulshaw	**3,332**		5,191	
		35,666		25,412
Endowment:				
School Governors fund	**825**		825	
		825		825
		£ **182,430**		£ 158,011

Independent Examiner's Report to the PCC of St Andrew Buckland Monachorum with Milton Combe

This report is on the accounts of the PCC for the year ended 31st December 2020 which are set out on pages 3 to 10.

Respective responsibilities of the PCC and the examiner

As members of the PCC you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts: you consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is required.

It is my responsibility to examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act, to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioner under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act and to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. That examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the PCC and a comparison of the accounts with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning 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 next statement.

Independent examiner's statement

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

1 which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act, have not been met; or

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

Felicity Harris

BA ACA ATT

14th May 2021

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