

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF ST AUSTELL

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Details

Other names	ST AUSTELL PCC
Status	Registered
Legal form	Previously excepted
Registered	2010-03-17
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: Church of England Church

Classification

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

Geography

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

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£428,771	£460,852	-	-
2023-12-31	£397,980	£352,509	-	-
2022-12-31	£676,904	£886,620	£1,694,782	5
2021-12-31	£588,976	£1,351,212	£1,259,877	5
2020-12-31	£441,870	£245,198	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Arthur James Moore		2023-03-26
Clive Nichols		2021-05-17
Georgia Jenkin		2023-05-08
Katrina Hurst		2020-10-05
MR A GILBERT		
MRS H BATHO		
Mark Lawther		2025-05-04
Peter Shaw		2025-05-04
RICHARD Harry RASHLEIGH BT		
Rear Admiral Ralph Curr		2025-03-03
Sara Moulton		2018-05-01
Stephen White		2021-05-17

Accounts

St Austell Parish

Annual Report & Financial Statements for the year ending 31/12/2024

Holy Trinity Church
Church Street
St Austell
Cornwall PL25 4FZ

Incumbent:

Rev Jonathan Huff (From 11th July 2024)

Principal Bankers:

CAF Bank Ltd
25 Kings Hill Avenue
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10 Church Street
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St Austell Parochial Church Council (PCC) 1.1.2024-31.12.2024

Revd Jonathan Huff (from 11.7.2024) - *ex officio, Incumbent*

Sara Moulton *ex officio, churchwarden*

Bonnie Zaphiriou *ex officio, churchwarden*

Richard Rashleigh (Treasurer)

Katrina Hurst (PCC Secretary)

Clive Nichols

Jane Wingrove

Steve White

Georgia Jenkins

Heather Batho *ex officio, Deanery Synod*

Alan Gilbert *ex officio, Deanery Synod*

Jonny Dant *ex officio, Deanery Synod*

Jamie Moore *ex officio, Deanery Synod*

Revd Paul Zaphiriou *ex officio, Diocesan Synod, Rural Dean*

Lesley Lawther *ex officio, Deanery Synod*

Vicar's Report

It is a joy and a privilege to be sitting here writing my first “annual vicar’s report” for you all! First and foremost because the fact that I’m sitting here at all to me demonstrates the incredible faithfulness of God. All of those months of Lydie and I praying for “what next”, and He has answered our prayers so extravagantly... all of those months (had we known it!) of you all praying for “what next” with no plan B (!) and He has answered these too.

I’ve said this a few times from the front of all three of our churches, but our arrival here has felt to Lydie and I like coming home, even though in the geographical sense that couldn’t be further from the truth. Behind the sense of homecoming, I believe, is the reality that we are where we are supposed to be, with the people we are supposed to be with, doing what we are called to do. So... a huge THANK YOU from both of us to you: for welcoming us so extravagantly and making us part of the family, but also for nurturing a hunger and a zeal for the Lord that is at the very heart of who you are and what you do.

Now to business! Although I’ve only been here in-post coming up 10 months, there’s been so much going on that I couldn’t possibly report on it all. Hopefully the reports which follow will give you a good sense of all this activity. From my perspective, just a few highlights to share.

My first six months were spent meeting people, getting up to speed on how things work within the parish as an organisation, and committing wholeheartedly to serving and leading the parish in its worshipping life. My priorities for this time were **building relationships** and **Sunday worship**. As a parish, our commitment to and love for one another is one of the things that makes us distinctive and marks us out as wholehearted followers of Jesus: something which makes a big impact on visitors and newcomers coming through our doors on Sundays. It was something we experienced and celebrated fully on our **parish weekend away** earlier in the year.

Some of the fruit that I see coming from these priorities – which remain! – is that as a parish we are growing numerically and flourishing spiritually, with new people arriving regularly on Sundays at Holy Trinity and St Levan’s and growing teams and ministries to support this. **Prayer ministry** has been a key focus in this regard, and I’ve been working closely with Clive to grow the team and embed core values and practices. One of our priorities (which is listed as a parish DNA in the vision/parish profile) is **encountering the Holy Spirit in worship** – something for which effective prayer ministry is essential – and the **launch of the new evening gathering in March** has made room for this in a new way, with its emphasis on space, flexibility and simplicity.

One of the areas in which we are flourishing particularly clearly is in our **work with children and young people**. Lesley will say more in her report, but it is significant that in a national Church which struggles to reach the younger generation, we are

growing in this area on Sundays and in our midweek outreach. Our recent **Youth Alpha** was very fruitful in this regard!

We exist, after all, to make Jesus known to the world, so it's been very exciting to join a church which is running **Alpha** three times a year, and we celebrate all the **baptisms and dedications** we've held this year as a result... including baptising around a dozen new believers in the sea (some in freezing February!)

Part of understanding the parish as an organisation has required getting to grips with its **governance** and the protocols, processes and issues that come with it: things like **finances, team structures, policies and procedures**. I've been working with lots of different people on such things in the background, and although these are not usually the things which get talked about, they are vital in ensuring that the main things – mission and ministry – remain the main things. We are digging foundations for a fruitful future! Thank you to everybody who is working hard in this area.

I must also thank our incredible **staff team** who work so hard to lead our parish in the mission and ministry for which we exist. Across the board these are gifted, generous, selfless heroes who demonstrate the love of God so abundantly. It has been so hard saying goodbye to some of them in recent months, with Bonnie and Hilary stepping down and with the loss of our dear Paul. We also rejoice because of new appointments, including Jonny (as ordinand), Lara (Flourish) and Steve Williams (Associate Minister).

All-in-all, and with reference to our Parish Vision:

- We are seeing people becoming wholehearted for Jesus
- We are searching for God's heart and sharing it with St Austell, the Deanery, and beyond
- We are demonstrating God's love
- We are engaging our community
- We are a community of people playing their own parts
- We are learning
- We are hearing and following God

But this is just the beginning! Here's to the next year of following Jesus together!

With love,

Jonathan

Churchwardens' Report

After the installation of our new vicar, Jonathan Huff, in July last year, Bonnie's and Sara's first concern was to support him in establishing himself in the role. Now more than six months down the track, Jonathan has made the parish his own. Sara has served an extra year, authorised by the PCC, beyond the usual six-year term limit for Churchwardens and her extended term of office ends at the APCM.

Bonnie resigned as Churchwarden in March and we all owe her massive thanks for all her hard work and especially everything she put in place for the team producing our handbook and guidance for employees.

I know everyone will be praying with us for the selection of two new Churchwardens.

Bonnie Zaphiriou and Sara Moulton

PCC Secretary report

It has been a very busy year for the PCC with our new Vicar, Jonathan, joining us. Therefore we have met every month apart from August,

Katrina Hurst

Electoral Roll Report

Once in every six years, the preparation of a new church electoral roll takes place. This means that everyone must come off the roll and re-apply. On our new roll we have 165 members.

Rachel Smith

Electoral Roll Officer

Deanery Synod

2024 was a busy year for the Deanery.

It all started at our February meeting when Paul Zaphiriou Rural Dean and Mike Rowe Lay Chair presented a document proposing reconfiguring the Benefices in the Deanery. The rationale behind this was to make the vacant posts more attractive to applicants. This seems to have worked as by the end of year we had filled all of our vacant posts.

The Deanery held 4 meetings during the year and over the next 3 meetings we received talks including Poverty and Community Engagement from the parish Nurse in Goran.

Support for Low Income Families by Erica Payne from the Dockyard Collective based in Truro, and a Q and A session of two of our new appointments led by our Rural Dean Paul.

We also discussed if we should change the name of the Deanery as some people thought that when we talk about St Austell Deanery, we mean St Austell parish. The feeling of the parishes was that the rebranding was not necessary and that St Austell was the centre of the area and people recognised it as such.

Mike Rowe (Deanery Lay Chair)

Diocesan Synod Report

The Diocesan Synod meets 3 times each year in May, September and November. In 2024 the September meeting was of the Triennium following the elections in July.

In the May meeting we looked at different patterns of ministry across the Diocese including local lay leaders and oversight ministers.

At the September meeting with the new synod, synod took a look at how synod works with input from officers of the Diocesan Synod. In November the theme of Synod was 'With and for those in need'.

We received a presentation from Dr. Tanya Ovenden-Hope (TOH), Professor of Education at Plymouth Marjon University and Dean of Place and Social Purpose, and the 'Rurality Matters' work. Dr Tanya Ovenden-Hope (TOH) introduced herself and her research: The research has been conducted on place and social purpose, with a focus on education. We also heard from other Parishes from around the Diocese that are working 'With and for those in need'.

Also, at the November meeting we received the Budget presentation from Sophie Eddy Director of Finance. We then voted on the proposed budget for 2025 of which the majority were in favour.

Mike Rowe (Diocesan Synod Rep)

Worship

New Worship Leaders

Over the past year the worship team has adopted a co-leading model on Sunday mornings (two worship leaders per week) to encourage and train several of our emerging worship leaders. This model means they can take more responsibility for the planning and delivery of Sunday's sung worship alongside a more experienced leader. We have also welcomed two new members this year.

Evening Gatherings

Our main focus since the autumn has been preparing for evening gatherings, which started in March. This gathering has required a more free-flowing style of worship leading, a different tech setup, and an additional songpool of 60+ songs. We have spent time as a team developing the skills needed to fulfil this well.

Thursday@11

I have continued to support Jane with the sound and media requirements for this weekly gathering including training new volunteers to support her with setup and operating the iPad and iSingWorship software.

Sound Team

In the autumn I ran a live training session for the sound team and created a Sound of Holy Trinity document to provide a brief of how I would like the sound on Sunday mornings. There was also a training session for the different setup and sound required for the evening gatherings.

Media Team

The media team also had training on how to fulfil the different requirements of the evening gatherings and how to use the new media cabinet that we have recently commissioned (a big thank you to Justin Hanson for his time and expertise on this). This new cabinet is a permanent housing for our Media PC and offers faster setup/packdown, fewer connection issues, and protects the PC from the wear and tear damage that was naturally occurring by continually unpacking.

Youth Band

I have continued to coach youth band with the support of Talea and then Berna. We meet most weeks (on a Thursday afternoon) and currently have 5 young musicians attending - we would love a few more! The youth band led worship at an all-age Sunday morning gathering in September and February, with another scheduled for 27th April.

Parish

In January I oversaw the installation of two small screens at the front of St Levan's church in Porthpean (a big thanks to Keith Palmer for his time and expertise on this). This has allowed the congregation to have song lyrics shown on screens (via iSingWorship) and a way to show notices slides, sermon slides, and videos each week, including one showing photos of the Church Weekend Away at Lee Abbey. The next step is to install some permanent speakers to replace the temporary trolley speaker they are currently using.

Christians Together St Austell

I have continued to support the Christians Together in the town and took the lead role in the planning and executing the ecumenical ***Church in the Square*** event on Good Friday. I also led the band that provided sung worship during the event. This was once again a great success and warmly received by those who attended, despite us having to be inside again this year due to the wet weather. Hopefully we can be outside next year!

Deanery

Beyond the parish I have supported;

- **St Peter's** (Mevagissey) with two Christmas services (one was for the whole of Mevagissey Primary School) and also helped them set up a new church laptop with an iSingWorship subscription.
- **St Goran** (Gorran) by arranging and overseeing an upgrade to their sound system and providing a live demonstration of iSingWorship software at one of their Sunday morning services.
- **St Andrews** (Tywardreath) by helping Shona plan for a new monthly Family Service which is due to start in May.
- The **Deanery Implementation Team** by creating a plan for how we could hopefully encourage more intergenerational worship across the deanery.

Jamie Moore (Worship Minister)

Alpha

Over the past year, as a church, we have successfully run four Alpha courses, (including one Young Adult Alpha and one Youth Alpha course). We have seen a

total of 55 helpers and guests involved across the courses. We have seen multiple people turn to faith in Christ either for the first time or reaffirm their belief. We have had over 15 people get baptised following their Alpha course. It has been incredibly moving to see people not only turn to Christ but also to see their lives embedded in wholehearted discipleship groups. Roger and Jan formed an Alpha follow-up Life Group, and have been regularly meeting in their home to encourage one another in their faith. Many of the guests have also been involved in the helping of subsequent Alpha courses as co-leaders, which has been really inspiring to see their faith in action. We are looking forward to starting a new Alpha course in September, so please be praying about who you can invite.

Jonny Dant

Children's and Youth Ministry

It's been another wonderful and fun year of activities, outreach and growing disciples!

Since the last APCM we've seen growth in the number of families who've joined us and we now regularly have 30+ children and young people going out to our groups on Sunday mornings.

We continue on with our different groups and initiatives across the year which as well as Sundays includes; Woven girls' discipleship group, Youth Café, Sundays at the Loft, Light Fest, Winter Wonderland, Easter Fun Day, Easter Experience, Flourish project, Sunshine Toddler group, Christingle, our youth camp to SPREE in the summer and various other youth events across the year. We also hosted our first Youth Alpha in January.

We've taken lessons in Sky School at Eden and regularly take Collective Worship at Bishop Bronescombe. The Easter Experience brought 2 new schools into church and it was great to make links with these.

It's been a busy year for Rosie as she has been in the final year of her degree and has had some weighty assignments to write as well as leading and planning all the

things she does here for us. I'm very grateful for her and all she has given over these last 4 years. We've also been gifted Berna for the year as our SWYM intern from Germany. She has been a joy and has connected well with our children and young people. We will miss her when she goes home in the summer.

Rosie and I were very excited to attend the Youthscape National Youth Work conference in November and we came back inspired, equipped, laden down with resources and excited for all that God is doing here in St Austell and will continue to do.

Looking ahead we want to build and strengthen our links with our local secondary schools and we have plans to begin a small group for our teenage boys. We continue to build our team of amazing volunteers to help support all of this. We value your ongoing prayers. If you have any questions about anything we do, please come and chat to us!

Lesley Lawther

Thursday Gatherings

These gatherings have developed a reflective style of worship, allowing for people to join in the time of prayer together. I'm now encouraging others to take part in leading the prayers and doing the readings. We use iSing, Peter on the organ and Benjamin to enhance the worship. We have communion once a month. Our numbers range between 16 and 30! We are definitely a developing community and all are welcome at this midweek sanctuary!

Jane Wingrove (Anna Chaplain)

Buildings and Maintenance Report

During the last year the PCC have been proactively looking after our building and land. We have also been looking at future projects. Below is a summary of some of our actions.

Maintenance

- Many small jobs have been done on a regular basis by Justin Hanson.
- We have had two work party mornings in Autumn 2024 and Spring 2025. The main focus has been clearing shrubs, trees and weeds from the church car park.

- At the time of writing the emergency lighting in Holy Trinity needs some maintenance and upgrading.

Larger Projects

- Enhanced West Door Entrance into Holy Trinity: Professional drawings have been done which show the raising of the bell ringing floor and a new stairway up to this area. The next phase is to start the faculty process. Once this is complete we can get accurate costs for installation and find the funding.
- Church Car Park: In 2024 Paul Zaphiriou started investigating the future of the car park and its possible sale. This project will continue during 2025.

Quinquennial Inspections

- The C of E requirement is that every 5 years a church building is inspected. In April all three church buildings (Holy Trinity, St Levan and All Saint's) had their inspections. At the time of writing we are awaiting these reports. We are hoping that nothing major will be reported.

I would also like to say a big thank you to Keith Palmer who deals with various maintenance items at Trinity Centre particularly in the café.

Clive Nichols

CAP (Christians Against Poverty)

St Austell Parish has continued to be the lead church for CAP operations in the St Austell area. Edwina Sleeman, who is a member of White River Community Church, is our Debt Centre Manager, and Craig Glanville, who is a member of the Clays Community Church, is a Debt Coach. There are also befrienders who are drawn from various churches around the area, and several of these churches support CAP financially with monthly standing orders. The Board is made up of Kevin Prinsloo (White River Community Church), Jenny Taylor (Methodist) and Heather Batho

(Chair, St Austell Parish). We work in conjunction with St Austell Foodbank and are also involved in offering Life Skills training.

During 2024 support and advice was given to help many people become debt free, learn how to budget, and generally manage their finances in a more appropriate way.

All of this takes place in the context of sharing God's love to all. Clients are asked if they would like prayer, and most respond positively. Care for families is also an important part of the work of CAP and individual gifts for each child of clients, and care and food packages for adults are all distributed at Christmas and at other times as needed.

Heather Batho

Walking for Health

Our Walking for Health group is part of St Austell Healthcare's Social Prescribing set up, and as such we frequently have new walkers referred to us through local surgeries. We are a very mixed group and have regular walkers who have challenging special needs.

We walk whatever the weather every Tuesday, leaving from HT at 2pm. We walk along the Clay Trail for a total of about 3 miles, and then many choose to migrate to Trinity Café for a drink and some cake.

This walk is not just about encouraging people to take exercise, but it is a community and for some, it might be the only point in the week when they experience some social interaction and a warm welcome.

Heather Batho

Prayer Ministry Report

During the past year prayer ministry has grown and developed at Holy Trinity. Previously it was mainly available at the end of gatherings but now increasingly there is time set aside within each of the gatherings for opportunity for prayer. In order to facilitate this more members of the congregation have been mobilised to pray.

Jonathan has run two training sessions and we are grateful to the new folk who have been willing to support. Prayer ministry continues to be offered after the morning gathering for anyone who would like it. It is certainly a joy that prayer ministry has now become an integral part to our worship. In simple terms we ask the question, "What is the Lord saying and how do I respond to this?" The space given provides a place where we allow the Holy Spirit to bring his love, grace, mercy and goodness into our lives. It is a place where we sense the unique presence of the Lord, both personally, and corporately as a church.

So, whether you feel you want lots of prayer, or just a little, prayer ministry is for us all. It is an opportunity to press into the Lord as he leads us in our journey together.

Thank you to all the team, both new and old, for your faithfulness over the past year.

Clive Nichols

Life Groups

It's been a joy to see our Life groups develop over the last year. We currently have ten life groups meeting at various times of the week. We met with the life group leaders before Christmas to pray together and share encouragements and different resources we have been using. Life groups are also a first point of contact for pastoral care and it's been lovely to hear how people are supporting one another and meeting together for social occasions too. Life groups are a wonderful expression of church family and give the opportunity for growth in so many areas of our lives. If you aren't already in a group and wish to join one, please do get in touch with one of us or the office.

Jonny and Lesley April 2025

St Levan's Report

St Levan's has continued to thrive and grow throughout the year, with numbers attending typically hovering between mid 20s and low 30s. Our Associate Minister

and Reader Alan Gilbert continues to lead us with wisdom and dedication despite having given up driving this year.

Our willing volunteers are too many to list but highlights include Jim Bushrod who tames vegetation around the perimeter of the church and has replaced our inside lighting with LED bulbs this year as well as tackling our ailing outside vestry door and frame. Nigel Bloxham has been inspired to turn our lower plot into a garden for the congregation, community and parish and with the able assistance of Marguerite Coke's husband, Marcus, has cleared, tilled and seeded the plot ready for planting. We hope Nigel will see the realisation of his vision before his forthcoming move to Norfolk: he will be much missed. Maggie Barlow has played the organ for us frequently this year and it is always a joy to sing praises with beautiful live music. Alan Coode has taken on the role of secretary of the St Levan's Committee this year and keeps us efficiently organised with minutes, agenda and meeting dates. He and Roger Kirkpatrick alongside Sara Moulton have all mastered using I Sing on the computer with the new screens, installed by Jamie Moore and Keith Palmer. Jamie also trained the operators with exemplary skill and patience. The talented Lizzie Haskins has led with our flowers and the Vicar chairs our committee meetings. Our rota of readers, intercessors and refreshers is always full.

Our Life Group "Homegrown" meets weekly on Thursday afternoons usually at Polcarne, the home of Cathy and Alan Coode and we are grown to around twelve in number. Homegrown and the wider congregation are a welcoming and loving family, supporting each other in living and growing in faith.

This year we have acquired our stylish and elegant kitchenette constructed from timber felled, seasoned and donated by Alan Coode and constructed to his design, approved by the committee. The church has also just had its first quinquennial inspection and the report is to hand.

Incidents of note include the blowing over of a large length of the boundary fence to Rosemary Cottage and its repair at the parish expense, subject to an agreement that any repairs required will be at the expense of the other party. In August we were invaded by colonies of angry displaced bees who forced us temporarily out of our place of worship and left a terrible mess behind them. We worshipped for one week in All Saints Pentewan who gave us shelter and the bill for humane rehoming of the bees was paid by our insurer aside from the usual excess.

Sara Moulton

All Saints

It has been a rather variable period for all Saints Church Pentewan. It included a period before the new Vicar arrived, his first visits and a few indifferent services. The highlight was undoubtedly the Christmas Carol Gathering with an attendance of 91 including 3 children. Furthermore, there were only 4 from Holy Trinity, so the vast majority must have been locals who just wanted to enjoy singing carols in their own church!

A new door has been fixed to the outside toilet thanks to the efforts of Bonnie Zaphiriou. We have also had the roof surveyed and the gutters cleaned. There was a quinquennial survey conducted on 8th April, although little had changed since the one conducted in 2020. The church has also signed up to join the Cornwall Historic Churches Trust (CHCT). It is now possible to create a maintenance project that can be submitted to the PCC for costing and approval of some repairs.

Sadly, the number of regular helpers has diminished. There are really only 3 and if one is sick or on holiday, then the routine work falls to one person. Maybe it might be possible to have some periodic help from Holy Trinity? There is definitely a strong wish to keep the church open, even if it is only for High Days and Holidays. It is already a walkers' church and during the summer months there is a stream of visitors who seem delighted to see an open church with refreshments available. We now have a card reading machine, so more money should be going to the Parish. The future remains uncertain and much prayer is needed.

Ralph Curr

Pastoral Report

Our prayer was that the whole church would look after one another and this seems to be fruitful. Each area of the church family keeps a careful eye on its flock (Families and young people, Inspire, Grain, Worship group etc) We have still had termly meetings as the pastoral group and maintain contact as required through our Whatsapp group.

Jane Wingrove (Pastoral Lead)

Anna Chaplaincy

This past year I have developed a strong relationship with Woodlands Care Home and Penrice, both of which I visit on a weekly visit, working with groups and spending time with individuals. I have had the privilege of spending time at the Hospice with patients at the end of life and when I haven't been able to respond Andrew Wade has stepped in.

We have also set up the Daisy Chain Cafe to provide a safe place for those who are grieving to come together and share their stories. We meet in Holy Trinity on the second Sunday of each month. We have only met 3 times so it's early days.

I'm now in discussions with Social Prescribing to establish a group of Anna Friends to support the NHS work with elderly and lonely people in St. Austell

Jane Wingrove (Anna Chaplain).

Home Communion

Home Communion services were delivered to three residential homes: Penrice, Woodlands and Caprera once a month through the year except in December, when a service of lessons and carols was held just before Christmas, which was well received.

The team is small and has room to grow. With more members, it would be possible to cover more homes. As it is said in Matthew 9: 37 Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. 38 Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field." Home Communion services have also been brought to a person at their home.

Alan Coode, Co-ordinator

Precept Report

Precept Bible study groups have continued to meet on Zoom throughout 2024/25.

Participants come from St. Austell Parish as well as from other denominations throughout Cornwall, the UK and Worldwide.

During 2024/25 the Monday afternoon study group has just completed their study of Luke's gospel.

During 2024/25 the Thursday evening study group has studied Acts, Fasting, Micah, Nahum, Habakkuk, Zephaniah and Titus.

Both groups are going on to study Jude in May. As always we have deepened our relationship with God through studying His word, with the help of the Holy Spirit, and have been challenged to live differently, in ways that please God, through what we have studied. We have enjoyed fellowship, friendship and laughter despite being many miles apart.

If you would like any further information please contact Diana Adams
lydiaminerva@btinternet.com

Missions Report

Holy Trinity continues to financially support Katia Rocks £100 on a monthly basis. Holy Trinity was paired with Katia through Church Mission Society. Katia is based in Florianopolis in Brazil. Katia is a single Mum with two children, Joanna and Davi. Katia was diagnosed with cancer last year and has been receiving treatment, from which she is recovering. Katia is in Leadership of Vineyard Brazil and is planning to be ordained later this year. Katia's work into the women's prisons has been cancelled by the prison director however they are still able to go in and do their monthly evangelism.

Many thanks to Caroline Allsup-Evans for keeping the family of Holy Trinity updated with news of Katia in the notice sheet as and when we receive it.

During the transition period of Jonathon's arrival, Paul and I did meet regarding going forward with Missions. We both felt that it was best to wait and see how Jonathon wanted to proceed with missions.

Alison Hanson

Bellringers' Report

The year has been one of mixed fortunes. This year we have welcomed a number of visiting ringing groups and it has always been a pleasure to meet ringers from near and far. With the increasing usage of the church for events other than church services it can be difficult to fit visit requests from various groups. On one occasion we had to "encourage" wedding guests to leave resulting in a misunderstanding between the groups. This led to the guest ringers not realising they needed to pull the clock hammers away from the bells before ringing up resulting in severe damage to the clock chimes mechanism. Fortunately, the ensuing damage was covered by the church insurance!

With the move to single Sunday morning gatherings are now delighted to be ringing at the more socially acceptable time of 9.30-10.00am. I understand the neighbours are grateful for another hour of uninterrupted sleep. We have a maximum of 6 ringers for our 8 bells. With problems of work patterns for some, holidays and illness it is difficult to ring more than 4 or 5 bells each Sunday. We hope to recruit more ringers soon. We still have to stop ringing for the arrival of the congregation! We prefer not to lasso our friends!

Plans are progressing for a new ringing floor above the level of the entrance doors with access via a staircase. This will incorporate the long-planned piazza and good disabled access.

Rupert Adkins

Tower Captain

Parochial Church Council Of St Austell

Statement Of Financial Activities

for the Year ended 31st December 2024

	<u>Note</u>	<u>Unrestricted Funds</u>	<u>Restricted Funds</u>	<u>Endowment Funds</u>	<u>Total Funds 2024</u>	<u>Total Funds 2023</u>
		£	£	£	£	£
Incoming Resources						
Donations and Legacies	2(a)	209,545	12,908		222,453	265,825
Charitable Activities	2(b)	16,559	113,752		130,311	109,181
Other Trading Activities		63,927			63,927	11,329
Investment Income	2(c)	4,736	7,344		12,080	11,645
Total Incoming Resources		294,767	134,004		428,771	397,980
Resources Used						
Church Activities	3(a)	301,549	159,303		460,852	352,509
Net Surplus/Deficit on Ordinary Activities		(6,782)	(25,299)		(32,081)	45,471
Other Resources Used Capital Items						
Trinity Centre Refurbishment & Café Fitting Out**	3(b)					91,944
Transforming Mission - Provisioning Exp - Equip. etc. **	3(b)					
Net Outgoing/Incoming Resources		(6,782)	(25,299)		(32,081)	(46,473)
(Before Other Recognised Gains and Losses)						
(Loss)/Gains on Investments ref. mkt value @ 31-12-2024	5(b)			394	394	9,017
Net Income/(Expenditure)		(6,782)	(25,299)	394	(31,687)	(37,456)
Transfers Between Funds		(23,645)	23,645			
Other Recognised Gains/(Losses)						
Capitalised Expenditure **	3(b)					91,944
Gains and Losses on Revaluation of Property						
Other Gains/(losses)						
Net Movement In Funds		(30,427)	(1,654)	394	(31,687)	54,488
Reserves - Balances B/Fwd At 1st January 2024		226,341	1,408,617	114,312	1,749,270	1,694,782
Reserves - Balances C/Fwd At 31st December 2024		195,914	1,406,963	114,706	1,717,583	1,749,270
Memo - Of Which The Revaluation Reserve is -		46,245			46,245	46,245

	<u>Note</u>	<u>2024</u> £	<u>2023</u> £
Balance Sheet as at 31st December 2024			
Fixed Assets			
Tangible Fixed Assets	5(a)	1,995,609	1,997,223
Trinity Café (St Austell) Ltd - Share Capital	5 (b)	1	
Investment Assets	5(c)	114,706	114,312
		2,110,316	2,111,535
Current Assets			
Stock (Café Ingredients)			2,835
Debtors	6	43,818	23,800
Cash At Bank & In-Hand		75,206	88,411
		119,024	115,046
Liabilities; Creditors; Amounts Falling Due Within 1 Year	7(a)	(48,757)	(14,311)
Net Current Assets		70,267	100,735
Creditors - Amounts falling Due Over 1 year	7(b)	(463,000)	(463,000)
Net Assets		1,717,583	1,749,270
Funds			
Endowment	9	114,706	114,312
Restricted	8	1,406,963	1,408,617
Unrestricted	9	149,669	180,096
Revaluation Reserve	9	46,245	46,245
		1,717,583	1,749,270

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	<u>Unrestricted Funds</u>	<u>Unrestricted Funds</u>	<u>Trading Income (Café)</u> £	<u>Restricted Funds</u> Tr'form'g. Miss. £	<u>Restricted Funds</u> (Tr. Centre) £	<u>Restricted Funds</u> (Fabric) £	<u>Restricted Funds</u> (CAP) £	<u>Total Funds</u> 2024 £	<u>Total Funds</u> 2023 £
	<u>2023</u>	<u>2024</u>							
2. Incoming Resources	<u>Comparative</u>								
2(a) Voluntary Income									
Planned Giving - Covenant	138,632	139,959						139,959	138,632
Donations, Appeals Etc	10,065	14,983			3,385		8,720	27,088	37,885
Collections	5,924	4,813						4,813	5,924
Contactless Devices	6,290	6,168						6,168	6,290
Tax Recoverable	29,467	33,622			428		375	34,425	36,830
Other Grants Received	8,798								25,764
Legacies	14,500	10,000						10,000	14,500
	213,676	209,545			3,813		9,095	222,453	265,825
2(b) Charitable Activities									
Missional Grants (Incl. TM Funding)		1,203		113,752				114,955	95,126
Fund Raising		150						150	
		1,353		113,752				115,105	95,126
Add:-									
Income From Other Qualifying Church Activities									
Rental incl Wayleaves	1,516	2,622						2,622	1,516
Income from Church Hall Site	8,163	8,860						8,860	8,163
Fees	4,376	3,724						3,724	4,376
	14,055	15,206						15,206	14,055
Total Income From Charitable Activities	14,055	16,559		113,752				130,311	109,181
Income from Other Trading Activities									
Café			63,927					63,927	11,194
Revenue from Sales of Books, Cards etc.	135								135
	135		63,927					63,927	11,329
2(c) Income From Investments									
Dividends	3,497	3,363						3,363	3,497
Interest	1,358	1,373				7,344		8,717	8,148
	4,855	4,736				7,344		12,080	11,645
Total Incoming Resources	232,721	230,840	63,927	113,752	3,813	7,344	9,095	428,771	397,980

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	<u>Unrestricted Funds</u>	<u>Unrestricted Funds</u>	<u>Trading Income (Café) £</u>	<u>Restricted Funds Tr'form'g. Miss. £</u>	<u>Restricted Funds (Tr. Centre) £</u>	<u>Restricted Funds (Fabric) £</u>	<u>Restricted Funds (CAP) £</u>	<u>Total Funds 2024</u>	<u>Total Funds 2023</u>
	<u>2023</u>	<u>2024</u>						<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>
<u>3(a) Church Activities - Ordinary Expenditure</u>									
Missionary and Charitable Giving	24	3,791						3,791	59
Christians Against Poverty (CAP)							5,394	5,394	6,183
Ministry : Diocesan Quota	62,339	67,544						67,544	62,339
Clergy Costs		67						67	
Parish Training & Mission Resources	3,589	5,343						5,343	3,589
Other Ministry Costs	2,731	1,205						1,205	2,731
Church :- Repairs & Maintenance	4,278	11,430				2,326		13,756	7,096
Insurance	9,680	13,894						13,894	9,680
Utilities	18,648	11,846						11,846	18,648
Upkeep Of Services	5,715	5,767						5,767	5,715
Depreciation of Equipment	9,647	8,227						8,227	9,647
Organist	1,135	638						638	1,135
Trinity Car Park	1,108	4,075						4,075	1,108
Children & Youth Expenditure	2,324	3,908						3,908	2,324
Church Fabric (Incl. Re-ordering)						1,350		1,350	1,107
Trinity Centre - Consultancy/Costs of Fund raising)	17								17
Staff Costs & Honorarium	34,967	36,690		119,250			11,876	167,816	156,799
Telephone & Broadband	380								380
Property Costs - Trinity Centre	27,107	26,012			960			26,972	27,577
General Office Expenses	6,177	8,674						8,674	6,177
Costs Of Trading			83,796	18,147				101,943	22,336
Miscellaneous	700	800						800	700
Loan Interest	6,781	7,344						7,344	6,781
Bank Charges	381	498						498	381
Total Ordinary (Operating) Expenditure	197,728	217,753	83,796	137,397	960	3,676	17,270	460,852	352,509
Net Surplus/(Deficit) on Ordinary Activities	34,993	13,087	(19,869)	(23,645)	2,853	3,668	(8,175)	(32,081)	45,471
Transfers Between Funds - Incoming/(Outgoing)									
Capital Transfers	(4,118)	(19,869)	19,869						
TM Funding - Parish Contr'n	(28,955)	(23,645)		23,645					
Trinity Centre - Refurbishment Expenditure**									(91,944)
Net Movement in Funds	1,920	(30,427)	-	-	2,853	3,668	(8,175)	(32,081)	(46,473)

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4. Staff Costs

	<u>Amount</u>
	<u>£</u>
(a) Wages & Salaries	233,013
Employers National Insurance	9,630
Employers Pension Contributions	3,920
Estimate Of Average No. Of Full Time Equivalent Employees	7.1

(b) Payments to PCC members

The Operations Manager, Worship Minister and Pioneer Minister are members or have served on the PCC during the year and their election has been approved by the PCC on the basis that the best interests of the PCC are being so served.

Their remuneration was £18,003, £33,338, and £21,005 respectively, in the financial year.

5. Fixed Assets

5(a) Tangible	<u>2024</u>		<u>2023</u>	
	<u>Freehold Property</u>	<u>Equipment</u>	<u>Freehold Property</u>	<u>Equipment</u>
	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>
Actual Deemed/Cost at 1st January	1,942,733	89,860	1,884,412	53,624
Additions During The Year	-	6,613	58,321	36,236
Demolition/Disposals During The Year				
Revaluations During The Year				
Balance At 1st December 2024	1,942,733	96,473	1,942,733	89,860
Depreciation At 1st January	-	(35,370)	-	(25,723)
Charge For Year		(8,227)		(9,647)
Adjustments Demolition/Disposals/Reval'n During The Year				
Balance At 1st December 2024	1,942,733	(43,597)	1,942,733	(35,370)
Net Book Value At 31st December 2024	£1,942,733	£52,876	£1,942,733	£54,490
<i>Memo - Of Which Revaluation of Assets Accounts for -</i>	<u>£46,245</u>		<u>£46,245</u>	

The tangible assets consist of the freehold land, buildings and equipment. The freehold land and buildings comprise the former church hall site and car park and the Trinity Centre (formerly Hop & Vine) located in St Austell.

Valuation is based Open Market and these have been carried out within the last 3 years. The Revaluation Reserve gives the uplift in value from the Historic Cost. Equipment is depreciated at 25% reducing balance. Buildings are not depreciated based on assumptions of long life expectancy and high residual value.

5(b) Investment in Trinity Café (St Austell) Ltd

The PCC established and incorporated the café on the 25th July 2024 Company No.15858843 operating in St Austell town centre)

(Prior to incorporation it was run through the church - please see notes 2 and 3 for trading results for this period).

The nature of the business is a Café serving hot and cold food, snacks and drinks and related goods.

The PCC owns 100% of the shares and has control of the company

At the 31st December 2024 the aggregate value of capital and reserves was (£7,756) e.g. negative equity.

Herewith a summary Profit and Loss Account:-

Turnover (i.e. sales)	51,106
Cost of sales and/or direct expenses (optional line)	<u>43,707</u>
Gross profit	7,399
Less:- Administrative or operating expenses	<u>15,155</u>
Net profit/(Loss) before tax	(7,756)
Gift Aid donation to the parent charity	0
Retained profit (if any)	0
Intercompany balance owed to PCC	15,523

The Director's two of whom are on the PCC are of the opinion that this first year loss is not unexpected given that this is a start-up business.

There has been a reduction in management staffing and other cost cutting measures have been taken together with pricing changes. A growth in turnover and with the creation of the Piazza in the church grounds opposite the café - creating the potential for additional customers being able to sit outside, they believe that there are grounds for optimism that the Café will see a turnaround in its trading position in the coming year.

(Early results for the first quarter results for 2025 are supporting this view).

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5 (c) Other Investments - Deposit and Investment Funds

	<u>2024</u> <u>£</u>	<u>2023</u> <u>£</u>
Market Value 1st January	114,312	105,295
Unrealised investment (loss)/gain in year	394	9,017
Market value at 31st December 2024	<u>114,706</u>	<u>114,312</u>
Cost At 31st December 2024	<u>13,341</u>	<u>13,341</u>

6 Debtors

Income Tax recoverable	6,723	3,731
Transforming Mission Grants Receivable	20,000	18,389
Intercompany Debtors	15,523	
Prepayments and Accrued Income	1,572	1,680
	<u>43,818</u>	<u>23,800</u>

7. Liabilities

7(a) Creditors ; Amounts falling due within one year

Boscoppa Church (Agency a/c)	8,716	
General Creditors, Accruals and Deferred income	40,041	14,053
Outside Giving - Funds held for Distribution		258
	<u>48,757</u>	<u>14,311</u>

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7(b) Creditors - Amounts falling Due Over 1 year

Truro Diocese TM Loan (5 Year Term Repayment 2/12/26)	25,000	25,000
Private Loans (Church & Trinity Project)		
Repayment terms 3-5 years/variable	438,000	438,000
	<u>463,000</u>	<u>463,000</u>

Loans are interest free. Private loans include loans from members of th PCC (Heather Batho £100,000 and Richard Rashleigh £298,000)

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8. Funds

Restricted Funds Movement

	<u>Total</u>	<u>Church Fabric</u>	<u>Transforming Mission</u>	<u>Trinity Centre & Café</u>	<u>CAP</u>
Balance at 1st January 2024	1,408,617	176,767		1,214,895	16,955
Incoming Resources	134,004	7,344	113,752	3,813	9,095
	1,542,621	184,111	113,752	1,218,708	26,050
Resources Expended	(159,303)	(3,676)	(137,397)	(960)	(17,270)
Transfers To/From General Fund	23,645	-	23,645	-	-
Balance at 31st December 2024	£1,406,963	£180,435	-	£1,217,748	£8,780

9 Analysis of net assets by Fund	<u>Unrestricted</u>	<----- <u>Restricted</u> ----->						<u>Total Funds</u>
	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Fabric Funds</u>	<u>Endowment Funds</u>	<u>TM</u>	<u>Trinity Centre & Café</u>	<u>CAP</u>	<u>Agency</u>	<u>2024</u>
	£	£	£		£		£	£
Fixed Assets - Tangible Investments	335,943 (150,000)	150,000	114,706		1,659,666			1,995,609 114,706
	185,943	150,000	114,706		1,659,666			2,110,315
Current Assets	33,439	30,798		29,175	(3,918)	8,780	20,750	119,024
Current Liabilities	(23,469)	(363)		(4,175)			(20,750)	(48,757)
Net Current Assets	9,970	30,435		25,000	(3,918)	8,780		70,267
Creditors - Amounts falling Due Over 1 year				(25,000)	(438,000)			(463,000)
Adj. Re Fixed Asset Revaluations (Trf to Separate Reserve)	(46,245)							(46,245)
Fund Balance	149,668	180,435	114,706		1,217,748	8,780		1,717,582
Note Revaluation Reserve Disclosed separately	46,245							

10 Audit and Accountancy Fees

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
	£	£
Independent Examiners Fee	800	700

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST AUSTELL

This report on the financial statements of the PCC for the year ended 31st December 2024, which are set out on Pages 1 to 4, is in respect of an examination carried out in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 ('the Regulations') and section 43 of the Charities Act 1993 ('the Act').

Respective Responsibilities of the PCC and the Examiner

As members of the PCC you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements. You consider that the audit requirements of the Regulations and section 43(2) of the Act do not apply. It is my responsibility to issue this report on those financial statements in accordance with the terms of the Regulations.

Basis of this report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity commission under section 43 (7)(b) of the Act and to be found in the Church Guidance 2006 edition, issued by the Finance Division of the Archbishops' Council. The examination includes a review of accounting records kept by the PCC and a comparison of the accounts with those records. It also includes considering any unusual items or disclosures in the financial statements and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the Accounts.

Independent examiner's statement.

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

1. Which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements. To keep accounting records in accordance with section 41 of the Act; and to prepare financial statements, which accord with the accounting records and comply with the requirements of the Act and Regulations 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.



Tina Kelly

25th April 2025

Cuckoo House, Marshall Road, Nanstallon, Bodmin, Cornwall. PL30 5LD

Finance Report for the year ended 31st Dec. 2024

The accounts of the PCC are best viewed in two separate parts, namely those activities associated with what are termed Unrestricted Funds (funds that can be spent on any expense, routine or otherwise, that the church incurs in the course of carrying out its work) and those associated with Restricted funds (where money is specifically given and handled according to defined criteria e.g. for the maintenance of the Church's buildings and fabric).

Overview to the 2024 Accounts

Before proceeding with the detailed section of the report, it is worth briefly commenting on the main events and activities of the past year.

Transforming Mission initiative is being actively and confidently carried out within the benefice and also reaching out into the wider Deanery. On a general note with regard to this, although the early years of this initiative have been mainly funded by the Diocese in partnership with the Central Board of Finance of the Church of England, our contribution has been increasing each year - on the basis that church growth will aim to provide the funding required to support the mission in the longer term. (The accounts show that our contribution to the initiative in 2024 was £23,645. In the coming year this is predicted to rise to around £45,000 and will rise again in 2026, after which current grant support will cease).

Turning to the Trinity Café. The café was run until the 24th July within church operations, thereafter it was incorporated - as Trinity Café (St Austell) Ltd. As a start-up, unfortunately the Café - whilst getting established - made a loss of £19,869 (within the church period till 24th July) and a loss of £7,756 (for the period of incorporation until 31st December. Despite this the directors hold a positive outlook, noting that the café is popular and enjoys good reviews on both social media and elsewhere. The situation has already seen a significant improvement in recent quarters (due to cost-cutting and pricing adjustments). They therefore remain optimistic that the café is on track to reach break-even or even turn a profit in 2025 (refer to note 5b in the accounts for further details). They would also like to mention that the ongoing support from the church congregation and friends is greatly appreciated and helping to shape the café into a warm and lively gathering place, strengthening its role as a vital link between the church and the wider community.

Commentary on Unrestricted Funds

The headline result for our principal church activities was a surplus of £13,087 however after deducting out TM contribution (£23,645) and start-up support for the cafe of (£19,869) this turned into a deficit of £30,427.

Income. (Please also refer to the expanded income statement in the notes and commentary section of the accounts)

Total income for Unrestricted Funds was £230,840 which is slightly down on 2023 (£1,881).

Commenting on particular items, Planned Giving was £139,959 (up £1,327). General one-off donations were up by £4,918 at £14,983 (from £10,065 in 2023) but are clearly unpredictable in nature. We have also benefitted legacies of £10,000. Total Voluntary giving by church members including tax recovered through Gift Aid came to £209,545 (down on 2023 by £4,131). Other income (including dividends, the car park and fees) came to £15,206 against £14,055 in the previous year.

Expenditure. Total expenditure on Unrestricted funds was £217,753 – an increase of £20,025 on 2023. The major changes were an increase in the MMF charge from the Diocese of £5,205, Charitable Giving of £3,767 (see paragraph below on missional support), Church Repairs £7,152 (principally Porthpean church – kitchen and boundary fencing repairs and improvements), Insurance £4,214, Car Park £2,967 (stable repairs and car park perimeter maintenance and repairs), Office Staff Costs by £1,723, Office Expenses £2,497. However, there were savings too – in utilities £6,801 (in large part refunds of overcharged VAT), and Trinity Centre £1,095

In terms of the church's Missional support our TM contribution (shown below expenditure in the table (in Transfers) is mission orientated albeit more locally focussed and came to £23,645.

Also, our mission partner Katia Rocks in Brazil is also receiving help from our mission reserve fund £1,200 p.a. as does CAP (£1,800 p.a.) and Bibles in Schools (£500).

Property Costs The freehold land and buildings comprise Trinity Centre (formerly the Hop & Vine) together with the Church Car Park located in St Austell. Valuation is based Open Market valuations, as reviewed within the last 3 years. The Revaluation Reserve gives the uplift in value from the Historic Cost.

Restricted Funds

For Restricted Funds, income normally comes from specifically designated grants, appeals and legacies. The total income came to £134,004 in 2024 of which £3,813 was money received towards the Trinity Centre and £113,752 was funding received towards Transforming Mission by the Diocese, and £9,095 towards CAP (Christians Against Poverty), which is administered by our church with the funds raised principally from the local churches (St Austell Churches Together) and other sponsors, and is ring-fenced for use in local debt relief.

Total expenditure on Restricted Funds was £159,303. This includes £137,397 related to Transforming Mission -staffing and resourcing and £17,270 to CAP Staffing and Resourcing.

Reserves Policy

Your PCC has agreed a Reserves policy (on the Free Reserves) of holding up to £50,000 as a Critical Reserve, and up to a further £50,000 as Discretionary Reserves (to maintain Children's & Youth work, seed fund initiatives, provide money for new or replacement office equipment and as general contingency).

At the year end the net current assets (Free Reserves) stood at £9,970 as against £11,452 at the end of 2023. Restricted Reserves which relate to the Church Fabric, Trinity Centre and CAP Funds) stood at £1,406,963. However, of this £150,000 is held as an internal investment loan to the General Fund which supported the initial purchase of the Trinity Centre.

Investments Policy

Your PCC has approved an investment policy that enables program related investments where the risk has been assessed as acceptable and provided a prudent level of cash reserves are retained to cover anticipated expenditure as well as possible contingencies that may arise. A more detailed policy statement is available for inspection. This policy has allowed for the loan arrangement set in place as described in the Reserves section above.

2025 Action

As a general objective - your PCC will continue to aim to achieve equilibrium between its income and expenditure, and maintain adequate free reserves to ensure the smooth running of the church's financial affairs. With rising costs and the increase in the PCC's share of the support costs to maintain the TM mission, it remains to be said that the continuing and generous support and commitment of the PCC and congregation will be essential in meeting the challenges that face us and making the most of the exciting opportunities that lie ahead.

Richard Rashleigh
Treasurer
St Austell PCC

Accounts

St Austell Parish

Annual Report & Financial Statements for the year ending 31/12/2023

Holy Trinity Church
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St Austell
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Rev Howard Flint (to 31 August 2023)

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St Austell Parochial Church Council (PCC) 1.1.2023-31.12.2023

Revd Howard Flint (to 31.8.2023) - *ex officio, Incumbent*

Sara Moulton *ex officio, churchwarden*

Keith Palmer (to 26.3.2023) *ex officio, churchwarden*

Bonnie Zaphiriou (from 26.3.2023) *ex officio, churchwarden*

Revd Carol Edleston - *ex officio, clergy*

Richard Rashleigh (Treasurer)

Katrina Hurst (PCC Secretary)

Clive Nichols

Jane Wingrove

Steve White

Ralph Curr (to 26.3.2023)

Georgia Jenkins (from 8.5.2023)

Heather Batho *ex officio, Deanery Synod*

Alan Gilbert *ex officio, Deanery Synod*

Jonny Dant (from 8.5.2023) *ex officio, Deanery Synod*

Jamie Moore (from 8.5.2023) *ex officio, Deanery Synod*

Chris Edleston - *ex officio, Diocesan Synod*

Revd Paul Zaphiriou (from 8.5.2023) *ex officio, Diocesan Synod (Rural Dean from 14.9.2023)*

Safeguarding

We continue to highlight the importance of good safeguarding. We know it's paramount to ensure a good safeguarding culture and it's something we positively promote. Our safeguarding compliance is now managed via a Safeguarding Dashboard; an online database system that keeps a check on everything. Of course, it's only as good as the information input into it so I keep a regular check and it's great for reminding me when things need checking or renewing. This is reported to the PCC regularly. There were no safeguarding issues arising in the parish in 2023.

[Update 2024: We now also have a Safeguarding Hub which I have been working on over the last few weeks. It's another database, structured by the Diocese, which holds all the different volunteer roles and the requirements for DBS and safeguarding training. It will also tell me when dates are due to expire which is very helpful! I'm still in the process of putting all the information in but it will be a helpful system once up to date. These databases are being rolled out nationwide as the wider Church of England seeks to robustly manage the different areas of safeguarding.]

As always, if anyone has a concern or a question please talk to me or either of the Churchwardens.
Lesley Lawther

Churchwardens

On 26th March 2023 Howard Flint announced at the APCM that he would be leaving at the end of August 2023. We are enormously grateful to Howard for the foundations he laid in the Parish over six and a half years, ready for the next incumbent to build on; he and Kay are missed, they went with our love and blessings and are now very happily ensconced in Hampshire (where hurricanes hardly ever happen).

Work began on the Parish Profile even before Howard's departure and the first draft was with the PCC in May. The churchwardens acknowledge the invaluable support of the Rural Dean whose wisdom, experience and energy enabled us to produce a profile now being shared as an exemplar within the diocese. The transition team (comprising the Churchwardens and the Rural Dean) was active in finding a new vicarage and in liaising with the Diocese and the Crown Representative.

[Update in 2024: the transition team oversaw the wording and placement of the advertisement for the new Vicar, participated in both the short-listing of applicants and the visit, interview and selection of the successful candidate. At the last APCM, Howard said, "I believe God is preparing that person even as we gather at this meeting today" and so it proved. This was in no small way, supported by the prayers of so many of you and the No Plan B prayer initiative. This was accomplished in 7 months and 6 days which is amazing in the current climate, and we are so grateful to God for His provision in this and so many other ways; truly, "His faithfulness endures forever." Howard was not our only loss; Carol Edleston became the Priest for Fowey on March 11 2024 and she, together with Chris and Teddy are missed as well.]

During the vacancy, the Churchwardens and Rural Dean have been wonderfully supported by the PCC, the congregations in the Parish and the Team at Trinity Centre who have been working hard, ensuring that our momentum and more importantly, our Parish vision, was maintained. More than once, we were told, "this does not look like a church in transition" so, thank you – all of you!

Our numbers during the vacancy were broadly steady and we continued to see people coming forward for baptism *[to note that 6 candidates were confirmed by Bishop Hugh in April 2024; when the Bishop also commissioned Jane Wingrove as our Anna Chaplain.]* Our outreach to Mums and

toddlers, to those needing debt counselling, to other churches in our deanery needing our support from our TM team, visiting the elderly in care homes and the local hospice, has continued. We continue to rely heavily on volunteers, and we are so grateful for your commitment of your time. We also managed during the transition to open the Trinity Café in November, which is doing very well indeed. Birthed in our vision and accomplished through prayer, your generosity and the hard work of so many, in particular, Heather Batho, Keith Palmer and Richard Rashleigh.

Our buildings, while very old, have no major structural issues although they have required minor repairs, some of them needed due to occasions of anti-social behaviour; a break-in where the collection box was stolen, a window smashed, and graffiti sprayed on the South wall. The crumbling top wall of the Stables in the carpark required stabilization [*which has been done in 2024*]. We are grateful to Clive Nichols who Chairs the Building Committee, a sub-committee of the PCC and who has done an enormous amount of work on ensuring our buildings remain safe.

We organised staff events such as a Learning Day, Christmas meal and Fun Day.

Bonnie's HR skills and experience are being generously and effectively deployed in the clarification of staff contracts and the preparation of a staff handbook, bringing us into line with best practice and enabling us to hand over an efficient and up-to-date organisation to our new incumbent.

So where are we today? We gather in three beautiful churches in the glorious Duchy of Cornwall: our future secure not in our works but in knowing that the Church belongs to Jesus; we continue to welcome, to love, to be passionate for God; we are a prayerful, worshipping and prophetic people, our presence announcing to this struggling town, that Jesus is Lord! We are excited about what God has in store for us; we have dreams – we have plans, but we leave these in His hands. May God bless you and our Parish and all those who walk through our doors. *Sara Moulton & Bonnie Zaphiriou*

Church Gatherings

Thursdays at 11

This gathering continued throughout 2023, led by Revd Carol Edleston. [*2024 update: Since Carol left we have continued to worship at this time every week. With the help of Jamie we have learnt new skills and are able to use iSing and project the same slides as on a Sunday so that the congregation are kept up to date with what is happening in the parish. We also use Peter on the organ once a month and Benjamin on the piano. The live music has definitely been well received and definitely enhances our worship. We have a variety of leaders and speakers. The talks are in line with those given on a Sunday. We also have a list of readers now so that they can prepare before the gathering (and a welcomer on the door!). As part of the pastoral role we start each gathering with a welcome and news so that we can keep up with those who are not well. Numbers range between 12 and 25! All are welcome.*] *Jane Wingrove*

Sundays at HT

In 2023 the pattern of 9:15 and 11:00 was maintained both before and after Howard Flint's departure, together with regular eucharistic gatherings. We were encouraged by generally sustained attendance. Organizing a rota for the period of transition proved quite straightforward and I am very grateful to all who have led gatherings or preached – and of course to all the many volunteers in numerous teams who together help make church, humanly speaking, an uplifting experience of encounter with God. We had Bishop Philip with us in late summer on one of his final Sundays in the Diocese (with baptisms!) and Bishop Hugh came in November.

Our Christmas gatherings were particularly well received; attendance at our Carols by Candlelight exceeded our expectations. We are so grateful to God for his sustaining provision! *Paul Zaphiriou*

Sundays at Porthpean

The congregation of St Levan's has had a year of growth and favour with worship numbers increasing and participation in the wider life of the parish strengthening.

Attendance is usually in the mid 20s to 30 range and much higher for the major celebrations. At joint gatherings for Parish events, more than half our regular worshippers typically attend and our team of volunteers for grounds has grown and been active under the leadership of Alan Coode. More and more of us are stepping up to read, lead, preach and assist at gatherings and we have welcomed a wider range of music, particularly from TM Worship Minister Jamie Moore and volunteer organist Martin Petherick, and of participation in open prayer while holding to our more traditional preferences. We acknowledge the contribution of Rev Andrew Wade, who is retired with permission to officiate, whose generosity enables us to gather frequently for Holy Communion.

Our Thursday afternoon group "Homegrown" has continued and participated in the parish-wide renewal of life groups and we are now some twelve strong with new members drawn from the wider parish, though we mourn the recent loss of Roger Venn from among our number.

On a practical level we expect the installation of our bespoke kitchenette, funded by Howard Rosevear's generous legacy and masterminded by Alan Coode who has donated timber for the worktop and sourced labour and elements of the construction, to be completed within the next month. Ian Gilbert produced the original design and organised the water supply to the building. The kitchenette will make a huge difference to the serving of refreshments and be of benefit to the village community whenever they make use of the venue.

St Levan's is in good heart under the dedicated leadership of Assistant Minister Alan Gilbert who is our rock and example of loving Christian leadership and service. *Sara Moul*

Sundays at Pentewan

The last year has been quieter for All Saints. Attendance has been lower except for special services such as Easter when we had 37 including 2 children. We are currently creating a bank of well-known hymns as there have been comments that many are unfamiliar.

We remain concerned that no planned maintenance has been done for the last 5 years. There is a crack in the North wall that abuts the house next door. We do understand that funds are tight but hope they may ease now that the Trinity Center is complete. We do have a petty cash account and use this for minor repairs and refreshments. However, our own budget would be a bonus. The Church is 202 years old and maintenance costs will only grow if no action is taken.

We look forward to the arrival of Rev Huff and eagerly anticipate his first visit to All Saints, Pentewan where he will be made most welcome. *Ralph Curr*

Children, Youth and families

Sunday Mornings:

We continue to run Trinity Tinies for toddlers, Trinity Kids for 4-11s and Trinity Youth for 11+.

We've enjoyed some growth in numbers and this has resulted in us splitting the children's group further and having two smaller groups for the input time. We've looked at a whole variety of subjects and themes and love spending time with our children and youth each week. They are growing in their understanding and also in confidence and their relationships with one another.

We have regularly been taking the youth out after church on Sundays and have been bowling, had an Easter egg hunt and picnic and joined in an intergenerational lunch with Inspire.

Sundays @ The Loft:

This group meets on alternate Sunday evenings to hang out, make food, play games and chat about life. It's a great place for our young people to connect and invite their friends. We recently changed the age range from 15-18 to 11-18 as a few of our younger youth were keen to get involved!

Soul Life:

We took the decision to rest Soul Life youth club for a season and to see what we felt might be next in terms of reaching young people. We've decided to launch the Youth Café, starting in early June 2024, where we will open the church on a Wednesday afternoon between 3.30 and 5pm and invite secondary school aged children to come and enjoy a milkshake, tuck shop, play some games or sit and do homework. Please pray that this initiative will prove to be a great space for young people to safely congregate and that we can build good relationships and share faith as those opportunities arise.

Woven:

Our teenage girls group meets on a Monday evening fortnightly and sees around 6 girls meeting to explore faith, life and identity in a fun and supportive environment. There is usually cake and craft involved and plenty of glitter!

Sunshine Toddlers:

Sunshine continues to thrive and we see new parents and little ones coming along each week. We are grateful for a fab team that enables this valuable ministry to go ahead. We tend to count in 'snack plates' and it's not unusual for the team to making up to 30 snack plates for the children to enjoy. We play, sing songs and listen to stories and are also a listening ear to the many parents who come along. Relationships continue to deepen and this has led to parents attending our parenting course, supporting other events and bringing their children along for baptism.

Kids Matter:

We ran a Kids Matter parenting course in summer 2023 and it was great to engage more deeply around parenting issues with some of our mums from toddlers. Unfortunately, we've not been able to run a course since due to lack of numbers although we've tried hard to recruit parents. We hope that we will be able to run one again in the future.

Schools:

We continue to visit schools when invited, for either assemblies or lessons. We were delighted to host An Easter Experience last term, where we hosted approx. 170 children from 3 different schools to explore the Easter story here at the church. It was a busy but very enjoyable time and each child got to hear the gospel message and take home a reminder booklet with games and quizzes to help engage further.

Community Events:

We have hosted Light Fest, Winter Wonderland and the Easter Fun Day, all of which have been great opportunities to invite families to come into the church for lots of fun and to see that the church isn't dull! They have all been very well attended and we've had some very positive feedback, especially from those who have never entered a church before! For the Easter Fun day, families were queueing down the road and we counted 97 people through the door in the first seven minutes! These are great days to offer something to families for free, and to break down barriers around their concepts of what happens in a church!

SPREE:

We had a great time at SPREE youth camp in the summer. The heat was intense so sleep was at a minimum but all our young people had a fab time. We are readying ourselves for this year's SPREE which will be later in June. Please pray for our young people attending.

As can be seen, there is plenty going on across the year, plus things like Christingle and all age gatherings. There is lots of planning, conversations and practicalities to all of the above but our heart is that we can engage with more and more families, children and young people and share

the love of Jesus with them. Our team of volunteers is paramount to all of the above happening and we are so grateful to those who give of their time and resources to help all of these things go ahead. However, we are always grateful for anyone new who wants to join a team and would love to hear from you if you are up for it! I (Lesley) personally am incredibly grateful for Rosie and all that she does to support and care for our young people and all that she selflessly does. We have also loved having Talea Zeller this year, our intern from Germany, who has thrown herself into everything that we do and has been a real gift to us all. Talea will leave at the end of July 2024 and Bernadette also from Germany will join us in September 2024. We will need to find a host family so please do pray for this. It could be you! Thanks for your prayers and support *Lesley and Rosie*

Home Communions

With the completion of the pandemic phase of Covid and the start of the endemic phase, residential homes have revised their visiting constraints and have agreed to allow visits by teams from churches to conduct services holding Holy Communion.

A small team from St. Austell Parish now hold a service of Home Communion once a month at three homes: Penrice, Caprera and Woodland. With new members, it would be possible to cover more homes. As it is said in Matthew 9: 37 "Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. 38 Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field." Home Communions have also been brought to one person at their home. A services of lessons and carols were held in Penrice, Woodland and Caprera just before Christmas, which was well received.

Alan Coode, Co-ordinator

Pastoral and Anna Chaplaincy

The pastoral team continues to meet on a termly basis, with a supporting WhatsApp group which keeps us in touch. We support where needed by home visits, one to one meetings, care home and hospice visits. *[In January 2024 we hosted a Bereavement Awareness Course led by Care for the Family and as a result of that we are now pursuing the possibility of running a 'Forget me Not' café.]* As always, these initiatives rely on volunteers! The pastoral group also attended an End of Life Course at the Cornwall Hospice so that we felt more equipped when visiting those people in that position. Thanks to Andrew and Caroline we have a very useful booklet to support us with suitable prayers. If anyone feels called to ministry within pastoral care or are interested in the 'Forget me Not' cafe idea please talk to myself or Lesley.

[In April 2024 I was finally commissioned as the Anna Chaplain for the Benefice of St. Austell. The role is about the spiritual well-being of our senior family members. Already we have our Inspire Group which continues to meet about four times a year: activities have included, Harvest Festival Gathering for Food Bank, Christmas Lunch, Intergenerational Lunch and a Quiz and Cream Tea. These are well attended between 20 and 32 people! As the Anna Chaplain I will be visiting care homes on a weekly basis which is in addition to the monthly Home Communions. If you need a chat please contact me]. Jane Wingrove, Anna Chaplain

Lesley Lawther, Minister for Communities/ Pastoral Care/Parish Safeguarding Officer

Alpha

We ran two Alpha courses in 2023. *[Some of our Alpha graduates have been invited to join Life Groups in 2024].* We are particularly grateful to Dr Kara Lawman for hosting a number of our Alpha Saturdays.

Jonny Dant

Worship

The worship, media and sound team continue to grow in confidence and number over the past year. We have been working on various ways to share leadership more widely around the team. There are some technical upgrades that could be installed in HT to improve the sound on Sundays but the necessary finances have not yet been available.

I have continued to support the Thursday@11 team. *[Since Carol left, Jane Wingrove and I have created a tech team who share the set up and operation of the church iPad each week. More recently they have also been using the iPad to project lyrics and notices on the screens.]*

Youth Band has continued to flourish with the help of Talea and there are currently 6 children attending each week. The older ones have now learnt 5 worship songs and are preparing to lead worship at their 3rd all-age gathering in June 2024.

I led Radiant prayer and worship evenings throughout 2023. *[These were paused in January 2024 because of three large worship events hosted at HT in the first half of 2024 - the third being Love South West on May 19th - please come! I am prayerfully considering if, and in what format, Radiant should return in the Autumn.]*

I and Rich Baldwin-Lee have provided live worship at St Levans every 6 weeks since September. *[I also recently helped them to upgrade to a larger speaker with a microphone and reinstated their hearing loop.]*

I and a few of the worship team continued to provide live worship for Grain, our Young Adults community, once a month in HT.

I helped steer the activity of Christians Together in St Austell over the past year *[and coordinated the ecumenical Walk with the Cross and Church in the Square events on Good Friday 2024 again]*.

Beyond the parish as part of the T M team I have provided live worship for St Luke's Boscoppa; supported St Peter's Mevagissey with Christmas services; co-led the intergenerational worship part of the Deanery plan; continued to work with Mevagissey and Gorran on upgrading their AV systems; and supported TDEF (Truro Diocese Evangelical Fellowship) to host bi-annual gatherings at HT.

Jamie Moore

Transforming Mission

As well as working within St Austell Parish in our various different individual areas of responsibility, the team have been working to build relationships with other churches in the deanery. By being part of the Deanery Synod and Deanery Implementation Team, (DIT) we are getting to be known in the wider area, and we have hosted meetings in different churches as well as here in the Cafe and Trinity Centre. In this way we are attempting to break down some of the historic barriers that have existed between the more rural churches and St Austell itself. We hope that this will lead to T M being able to help resource some of the new plans that are being developed in different places. One positive result has come from our input at Tywardreath which has led to the setting up of a new Toddler Group in the village.

Our team members have also spent time at St Stephen, Mevagissey and Goran helping with specific projects, but through the DIT Poverty Group we are also exploring the possibility of obtaining funding for a parish nurse in the St Austell/Clays area.

We are attending Sunday services in different churches throughout the deanery as and when we can, so that we can better understand the dynamics of different congregations and offer encouragement as well as more appropriate resourcing.

We work closely with the Diocese, attending training days, sharing best practice and encouragement with other T M projects and DITs throughout Cornwall.

Our team consists of: Heather Batho - Operations Manager; Lesley Lawther - Children, Youth and Communities Minister; Jonny Dant - Pioneer Minister (18s - 39s age group); Jamie Moore - Worship Minister; Caroline Allsup-Evans - Media Manager
Heather Batho

Mission

Alison Hanson writes: I took over this role from William Hazleton at the end of November 2023, due to William Hazelton moving out of the area. The Missions Group has not met recently.

Katia Rocks is a missionary with Church Mission Society (CMS). Katia is 46 years old, single mum, with two children, Joanna 13 and Davi 9. She spent time living in Bristol, returning to Florianopolis, Brazil in 2015, with the aim to plant a Vineyard Church. The church serves its community with projects for the homeless, drug addicts, street evangelism and a prison ministry. Katia is currently undergoing preventative chemotherapy as she had a tumour removed from her intestines in January this year. Katia is gifted £100 a month. Holy Trinity is one of 22 churches which supports Katia.

Iain Walker is chaplain with St Austell Running Club and Sports Chaplaincy UK (SCUK) has asked if Holy Trinity could support SCUK financially. *[The Bereavement Course that was run by Care for the Family at HT in January 2024 was initially sourced through SCUK.]*

Christians Against Poverty (CAP), which we support, continued to work with local residents – huge thanks to Edwina Sleeman for all her hard work.

[The notice board at the rear of HT now has a missions display and a regular spot in the Church notices will now be given to missions to help raise awareness in the Church.]

Life Groups

Towards the end of 2023 the desire was clear for a Life Group network to re-launch. *[As a result, after two training sessions for Life Group Hosts and Leaders, a total of ten groups had launched/ relaunched by May 2024 with total membership approaching 80.]* *Paul Zaphiriou*

Grain

Grain, a group for 18-39 year olds, continued to meet on Monday evenings. We experimented for a while with splitting into two groups but eventually joined back together into one. *Jonny Dant*

Other Connect Groups

Reading: The group agreed to stop meeting towards the end of last year following Kay's departure and the Transition process involving members in other matters. We therefore decided to put the group on hold. *Katrina Hurst*

Art: After two and a half years the group closed last July. The numbers had fallen to generally 3 attendees. One member now works in the Market House Art shop on a Monday morning. It was generally agreed that it had been a positive time allowing people to grow in confidence in their personal lives and in their faith. *Jane Wingrove*

Walking for Health: This mixed group, churchgoers and non-churchgoers, met every Tuesday at the Trinity belltower entrance at 2pm for a 90-minute walk, followed by coffee in the Market House (to November 2023) and thereafter in the Trinity Café. Inclement weather never seemed to deter!

ManMade: We (a group of up to 10 men) continued meeting, mostly at the Queens Head, every Thursday fortnight at 7:30pm. The aim is to make connections and generate conversations. We are now welcome and well known there. One highlight was being invited to organise a Christmas "gig" with carols and songs in December, which was a great success.

Walking group: Connect Walking Group for ladies was set up post-Covid, to help women connect for a leisurely afternoon walk, share their life experiences, and pray together (after a welcome drink in a cafe!) The group included eleven of us, some from Holy Trinity and others linked in some way. We never managed all of us at once though, usually five to seven. We've had some great times together, seen many answers to prayer, and enjoyed exploring paths around the wider St Austell area. On one particularly hot afternoon last summer we combined our walk with a dip in the sea for some! The weather has not always been kind, particularly over this past winter, but we have tried to walk every Wednesday. There are now more opportunities for people to connect than when we started, and as other commitments have taken up our time, the decision has been taken to suspend walks for the foreseeable future.

Walking+ group: was started in September for ladies who were keen to walk greater distances and to allow those who work during the week to join. Once a month, usually on a Saturday afternoon, we walk between five and seven miles, depending on the terrain! Currently there are six of us but there is always room for more ladies to join us, so if you are interested, contact me on 07748 521830 or di@dknj.org.uk *Diane Palmer*

Electoral Roll

The Roll has been amended with the addition of several new members and the deletion of those who have either moved house or churches. We have also said farewell to several precious family members. Every sixth year the preparation of new Church Electoral Rolls takes place, which means that everyone must re-apply to be included on the Electoral Roll of their church. The next occasion for the preparation of new rolls is **2025**. Our Roll currently stands at **150**.



Trinity Cafe only opened on Nov 11th 2023 [*therefore much of this report pertains to 2024.*] Already it has become a most popular feature in the town. The initial aims of employing high calibre staff, establishing an unequalled menu, and creating a welcoming atmosphere was achieved. We are now working on stepping up a level to address the holiday season, which includes extra staff and more exciting products.

We have had a rocky ride with staff, and a moderate success with volunteers, which means it has been a challenge to keep everything running smoothly. We are very grateful to our regular volunteers but are always open to more!

Already we have seen four folk work for us, only to step up to a job elsewhere – something we have been pleased to support. We are establishing links with the Reach Out programme and the college to train younger folk with hospitality skills.

For the cafe itself, we created a micro-bakery across the yard. We fitted out the manager's office and cupboards to store the significant volume of consumables for in-house and take-away trade. It is a continually evolving landscape, as we discover design deficiencies. Some features you might see are experimental, using whatever is to hand to trial new menu items in a low cost way.

In order to be sustainable, the cafe does have to be profitable. This does mean that sometimes the cafe team is unable to support everything that is requested. This is just as hard for the team, who are really generous with their time, as for the disappointed host.

Since opening, we have processed £44k, 25% in cash. Most common product is an Americano, the most revenue comes from freshly made rolls. Lunch anyone? *Keith Palmer & Heather Batho on behalf of Trinity Cafe Trustees*

Bellringers

We currently occupy the ground floor of the belltower; our Sunday ringing is limited to 8.30-9.00am, stopping for the congregation to enter via the west (tower) doors. This means many of our church members have never heard our glorious ring of 8 bells. We have finally re-established a permanent Tuesday evening for teaching and practice. Yet our numbers have suffered and we can now only count on 6 ringers, some of whom have other commitments too. To fill eight slots all year round needs at least 16 ringers to cover holidays, sickness and work duties. Potential ringers have balked at the prospect having leaving home as early as 8.00am to start ringing the bells by 8.25am before ringing properly at 8.30am, we hope to rectify that situation soon.

However, it has been a pleasure to meet new church goers who tell us they first came to church because they heard the bells! A significant number have joined the congregation. We have welcomed Bishops, visiting bands of ringers and will be ringing to welcome our new vicar. From a personal viewpoint, I will have welcomed 3 vicars in my time as Tower Captain.

We held a service for our local Central Branch of the Diocesan Guild of Ringers, many of whom consider these to be amongst the finest bells in Cornwall, and hosted their AGM.

We need more ringers. All ages, men and women! From the safeguarding angle, I am DBS checked and the ringing area is covered by CCTV for your security and mine. I have taught many of my grandchildren but young people tend to leave for further education and jobs. We do need the 25-80 age group. Please contact me via Church Suite. *Rupert Adkins, Tower Captain*

Precept

Precept Bible study groups have continued to meet regularly throughout 2023/24. These groups run successfully online and participants come, not only from St. Austell Parish, but from across the United Kingdom and internationally as well. Participants come from a broad range of denominations and a wealth of faith that enriches our discussions. We have new Christians in our

groups as well as those who have walked with Jesus for a lifetime. Our age range currently is from 30 - 90. Anyone who would like to read and understand God's word for themselves is welcome.

Precept Bible studies focus on getting to know God deeply and learning to live differently in the light of what we learn. During the 2023/24 period we have held groups who have studied Philippians, Ruth - Kinsman Redeemer, Esther, Luke and Acts. We have also run 2 very successful courses on 'Lord, Teach me to Study the Bible in 28 Days' - an introduction to Inductive Bible Study using the life of Josiah, and the books of Jonah and Jude as our study material.

Future studies planned are 'Key Principles of Biblical Fasting' - a 'no-homework' study and our study of Luke are ongoing.

Some Precept Inductive Bible study methods have been introduced to our young people and post-Alpha groups.

If you would like further information on Precept Bible studies and how they could be used by individuals or in small groups please contact me at lydiaminerva@btinternet.com Diana Adams

Buildings and Maintenance

During the last year *and into 2024* the PCC has been proactive with caring for our building and land and also looking into future projects. Below is a summary of some of our actions. If you would like more detail please speak to me.

Maintenance....

- Repair to fence at St Leven's, Porthpean.
- Removal of weeds on tower pinnacles.
- Erection of temporary fence to try and control antisocial behaviour in HT church yard.
- Cleaning of weeds and shrubs in the church car park.
- Clearing blocked gutters and replacement of slipped slates on HT.
- Lobbying the council to maintain the church yard.
- *Work party organised on Saturday 20th April 2024*
- *Appointment of Justin Hanson as maintenance person in spring 2024.*

Larger projects....

- Detailed investigation on cost of removing the degraded Stable building.
- Investigating into an enhanced entrance in the west (tower) door. This would include,
- Raising the bell ringing floor.
- Looking into how we might use the church car park in a more beneficial way for ourselves and the town.

Clive Nichols

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Statement Of Financial Activities

for the Year ended 31st December 2023

	<u>Note</u>	<u>Unrestricted Funds</u>	<u>Restricted Funds</u>	<u>Endowment Funds</u>	<u>Total Funds 2023</u>	<u>Total Funds 2022</u>
		<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>
Incoming Resources						
Donations and Legacies	2(a)	213,676	52,149		265,825	549,847
Charitable Activities	2(b)	14,055	95,126		109,181	121,183
Other Trading Activities		11,329			11,329	177
Investment Income	2(c)	4,855	6,790		11,645	5,697
Total Incoming Resources		243,915	154,065		397,980	676,904
Resources Used						
Church Activities	3(a)	213,040	139,469		352,509	341,033
Net Surplus/Deficit on Ordinary Activities		30,875	14,596		45,471	335,871
<u>Other Resources Used Capital Items</u>						
Trinity Centre Refurbishment & Café Fitting Out**	3(b)		91,944		91,944	525,677
Transforming Mission - Provisioning Exp - Equip. etc.**	3(b)					19,910
Net Outgoing/Incoming Resources (Before Other Recognised Gains and Losses)		30,875	(77,348)		(46,473)	(209,716)
(Loss)/Gains on Investments ref. mkt value @ 31-12-2023	5(b)			9,017	9,017	(12,617)
Net Income/(Expenditure)		30,875	(77,348)	9,017	(37,456)	(222,333)
Transfers Between Funds		(28,955)	28,955			
<u>Other Recognised Gains/(Losses)</u>						
Capitalised Expenditure **	3(b)		91,944		91,944	545,587
Gains and Losses on Revaluation of Property						111,651
Other Gains/(losses)						
Net Movement In Funds		1,920	43,551	9,017	54,488	434,905
Reserves - Balances B/Fwd At 1st January 2023		224,421	1,365,066	105,295	1,694,782	1,259,877
Reserves - Balances C/Fwd At 31st December 2023		226,341	1,408,617	114,312	1,749,270	1,694,782
Memo - Of Which The Revaluation Reserve is -		46,245			46,245	46,245
		<u>2023</u>			<u>2022</u>	
		<u>£</u>			<u>£</u>	
Balance Sheet as at 31st December 2023	<u>Note</u>					
Fixed Assets						
Tangible Fixed Assets	5(a)		1,997,223		1,912,313	
Investment Assets	5(b)		114,312		105,295	
			2,111,535		2,017,608	
Current Assets						
Stock (Café Ingredients)			2,835			
Debtors	6		23,800		55,050	
Cash At Bank & In-Hand			88,411		112,427	
			115,046		167,477	
Liabilities; Creditors; Amounts Falling Due Within 1 Year	7(a)		(14,311)		(27,303)	
Net Current Assets			100,735		140,174	
Creditors - Amounts falling Due Over 1 year	7(b)		(463,000)		(463,000)	
Net Assets			1,749,270		1,694,782	
Funds						
Endowment	9		114,312		105,295	
Restricted	8		1,408,617		1,365,066	
Unrestricted	9		180,096		178,176	
Revaluation Reserve	9		46,245		46,245	
			1,749,270		1,694,782	

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2. Incoming Resources

	<u>Unrestricted Funds</u>	<u>Unrestricted Funds</u>	<u>Trading Income (Café)</u>	<u>Restricted Funds</u>	<u>Restricted Funds</u>	<u>Restricted Funds</u>	<u>Restricted Funds</u>	<u>Total Funds</u>	<u>Total Funds</u>
	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>Tr'form'g. Miss.</u>	<u>(Tr. Centre)</u>	<u>(Fabric)</u>	<u>(CAP)</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
	<u>Comparative</u>								
2(a) Voluntary Income									
Planned Giving - Covenant	124,195	138,632						138,632	124,195
Donations, Appeals Etc	40,491	10,065			19,712		8,108	37,885	171,547
Collections	5,947	5,924						5,924	5,947
Contactless Devices	2,196	6,290						6,290	2,196
Tax Recoverable	33,423	29,467			7,187		176	36,830	62,922
Other Grants Received	5,000	8,798			16,966			25,764	148,516
Legacies	6,000	14,500						14,500	34,524
	217,252	213,676			43,865		8,284	265,825	549,847
2(b) Charitable Activities									
Missional Grants (Incl. TM Funding)				95,126				95,126	105,715
Fund Raising	809								809
	809			95,126				95,126	106,524
Add:-									
Income From Other Qualifying Church Activities									
Rental incl Wayleaves	555	1,516						1,516	555
Income from Church Hall Site	9,392	8,163						8,163	9,392
Fees	4,712	4,376						4,376	4,712
	14,659	14,055						14,055	14,659
Total Income From Charitable Activities	15,468	14,055		95,126				109,181	121,183
Income from Other Trading Activities									
Café			11,194					11,194	
Revenue from Sales of Books, Cards etc.	177	135						135	177
	177	135	11,194					11,329	177
2(c) Income From Investments									
Dividends	2,660	3,497						3,497	2,660
Interest	278	1,358			1	6,781	8	8,148	3,037
	2,938	4,855			1	6,781	8	11,645	5,697
Total Incoming Resources	235,835	232,721	11,194	95,126	43,866	6,781	8,292	397,980	676,904
3(a) Church Activities - Ordinary Expenditure									
Missionary and Charitable Giving	42	24	35					59	42
Christians Against Poverty (CAP)							6,183	6,183	13,573
Ministry : Diocesan Quota	100,793	62,339						62,339	100,793
Clergy Costs	1,067								1,067
Parish Training & Mission Resources	4,221	3,589						3,589	4,221
Other Ministry Costs	1,933	2,731						2,731	1,933
Church :- Repairs & Maintenance	3,111	4,278				2,818		7,096	4,536
Insurance	10,209	9,680						9,680	10,209
Utilities	11,980	18,648						18,648	11,980
Upkeep Of Services	5,037	5,715						5,715	5,037
Depreciation of Equipment	2,286	9,647						9,647	8,922
Organist	245	1,135						1,135	245
Trinity Car Park	1,409	1,108						1,108	1,409
Children & Youth Expenditure	3,481	2,324						2,324	3,481
Church Fabric (Incl. Re-ordering)	741					1,107		1,107	1,870
Trinity Centre - Consultancy/Costs of Fund raising)		17						17	3,000
Staff Costs & Honorarium	30,126	34,967		117,022			4,810	156,799	137,936
Telephone & Broadband	194	380						380	194
Church Office - Property Costs - No.9	4,902								4,902
Trinity Centre	17,436	27,107			470			27,577	16,292
General Office Expenses	3,762	6,177						6,177	4,032
Costs Of Trading			15,277	7,059				22,336	
Miscellaneous	550	700						700	550
Loan Interest	2,760	6,781						6,781	2,760
Bank Charges	394	381						381	394
Other Property Costs - (Trinity Lodge)	1,655								1,655
Total Ordinary (Operating) Expenditure	208,334	197,728	15,312	124,081	470	3,925	10,993	352,509	341,033
Net Surplus/(Deficit) on Ordinary Activities	27,501	34,993	(4,118)	(28,955)	43,396	2,856	(2,701)	45,471	335,871
Transfers Between Funds - Incoming/(Outgoing)									
Capital Transfers	(254,511)	(4,118)	34,467		(30,349)				
TM Funding - Parish Contr'n	(28,641)	(28,955)		28,955					
3(b) Other Expenditure/Fund Movements - Inc./(Out)									
Other Gains/(losses) - Sale of Sch. Rm, P'Pean)	111,651								111,651
Trinity Centre - Refurbishment Expenditure**			(30,349)		(61,595)			(91,944)	(525,677)
Trans. Mission - Provisioning Assets**	19,910								
Net Movement in Funds	(124,090)	1,920	-	-	(48,548)	2,856	(2,701)	(46,473)	(78,155)

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4. Staff Costs

	<u>Amount</u>
	<u>£</u>
(a) Wages & Salaries	160,750
Employers National Insurance	10,449
Employers Pension Contributions	2,460
Estimate Of Average No. Of Full Time Equivalent Employees	5.9

(b) Payments to PCC members

The Operations Manager, Worship Minister and Pioneer Minister are members of the PCC and their election has been approved by the PCC on the basis that the best interests of the PCC are being so served.

Their remuneration was £17,111, £31,687, and £28,518 respectively, in the financial year.

5. Fixed Assets

5(a) Tangible	<u>2023</u>		<u>2022</u>	
	<u>Freehold Property</u>	<u>Equipment</u>	<u>Freehold Property</u>	<u>Equipment</u>
	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>
Actual Deemed/Cost at 1st January	1,884,412	53,624	1,502,733	25,081
Additions During The Year	58,321	36,236	524,539	28,543
Demolition/Disposals During The Year			(142,860)	
Revaluations During The Year				
Balance At 1st December 2023	<u>1,942,733</u>	<u>89,860</u>	<u>1,884,412</u>	<u>53,624</u>
Depreciation At 1st January	-	(25,723)	-	(16,801)
Charge For Year		(9,647)		(8,922)
Adjustments Demolition/Disposals/Reval'n During The Year				
Balance At 1st December 2023	<u>1,942,733</u>	<u>(35,370)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(25,723)</u>
Net Book Value At 31st December 2023	<u>£1,942,733</u>	<u>£54,490</u>	<u>£1,884,412</u>	<u>£27,901</u>
<i>Memo - Of Which Revaluation of Assets Accounts for -</i>	<u><i>£46,245</i></u>		<u><i>£46,245</i></u>	

The tangible assets consist of the freehold land, buildings and equipment. The freehold land and buildings comprise the former church hall site and car park and the Trinity Centre (formerly Hop & Vine) located in St Austell.

Valuation is based Open Market and these have been carried out within the last 3 years. The Revaluation Reserve gives the uplift in value from the Historic Cost. Equipment is depreciated at 25% reducing balance. Buildings are not depreciated based on assumptions of long life expectancy and high residual value.

5(b) Investments - Deposit and Investment Funds

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>
Market Value 1st January	105,295	117,912
Unrealised investment (loss)/gain in year	9,017	(12,617)
Market value at 31st December 2023	<u>114,312</u>	<u>105,295</u>
Cost At 31st December 2023	<u>13,341</u>	<u>13,341</u>

6 Debtors

Income Tax recoverable	3,731	25,601
Transforming Mission Grants Receivable	18,389	26,076
Prepayments and Accrued Income	1,680	3,373
	<u>23,800</u>	<u>55,050</u>

7. Liabilities

7(a) Creditors ; Amounts falling due within one year

General Creditors, Accruals and Deferred income	14,053	17,880
Outside Giving - Funds held for Distribution	258	3,258
Trinity Centre Construction - Creditors		6,165
	<u>14,311</u>	<u>27,303</u>

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7(b) Creditors - Amounts falling Due Over 1 year

Truro Diocese TM Loan (5 Year Term Repayment 2/12/26)	25,000	25,000
Private Loans (Church & Trinity Project)		
Repayment terms 3-5 years/variable	438,000	438,000
	<u>463,000</u>	<u>463,000</u>

Loans are interest free. Private loans include loans from members of th PCC (Heather Batho £100,000 and Richard Rashleigh £298,000)

8. Funds

Restricted Funds Movement

	<u>Total</u>	<u>Church Fabric</u>	<u>Transforming Mission</u>	<u>Trinity Centre & Café</u>	<u>CAP</u>
Balance at 1st January 2023	1,365,066	173,911		1,171,499	19,656
Incoming Resources	154,065	6,781	95,126	43,866	8,292
	1,519,131	180,692	95,126	1,215,365	27,948
Resources Expended	(139,469)	(3,925)	(124,081)	(470)	(10,993)
Transfers To/From General Fund	28,955	-	28,955	-	-
Balance at 31st December 2023	<u>£1,408,617</u>	<u>£176,767</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>£1,214,895</u>	<u>£16,955</u>

9 Analysis of net assets by Fund

9 Analysis of net assets by Fund	Unrestricted	<-----Restricted----->						Total Funds
	General Fund	Fabric Funds	Endowment Funds	TM	Trinity Centre & Café	CAP	Agency	2023
	£	£	£		£		£	£
Fixed Assets - Tangible	339,889				1,657,334			1,997,223
Investments	(125,000)	125,000	114,312					114,312
	214,889	125,000	114,312		1,657,334			2,111,535
Current Assets	20,767	52,358		25,050	250	16,955	3,757	119,137
Current Liabilities	(9,315)	(591)		(50)	(4,689)		(3,757)	(18,402)
Net Current Assets	11,452	51,767		25,000	(4,439)	16,955		100,735
Creditors - Amounts falling Due Over 1 year				(25,000)	(438,000)			(463,000)
Adj. Re Fixed Asset Revaluations (Trf to Separate Reserve)	(46,245)							(46,245)
Fund Balance	180,096	176,767	114,312		1,214,895	16,955		1,749,270
Note Revaluation Reserve Disclosed separately	46,245							

10 Audit and Accountancy Fees

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>
Independent Examiners Fee	700	550

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST AUSTELL

This report on the financial statements of the PCC for the year ended 31st December 2023, which are set out on Pages 1 to 4, is in respect of an examination carried out in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 ('the Regulations') and section 43 of the Charities Act 1993 ('the Act').

Respective Responsibilities of the PCC and the Examiner

As members of the PCC you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements. You consider that the audit requirements of the Regulations and section 43(2) of the Act do not apply. It is my responsibility to issue this report on those financial statements in accordance with the terms of the Regulations.

Basis of this report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 43 (7)(b) of the Act and to be found in the Church Guidance 2006 edition, issued by the Finance Division of the Archbishops' Council. The examination includes a review of accounting records kept by the PCC and a comparison of the accounts with those records. It also includes considering any unusual items or disclosures in the financial statements and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the Accounts.

Independent examiner's statement.

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

1. Which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements
 - To keep accounting records in accordance with section 41 of the Act; and
 - to prepare financial statements, which accord with the accounting records and comply with the requirements of the Act and Regulations 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.



Tina Kelly

29th May 2024

Cuckoo House, Marshall Road, Nanstallon, Bodmin, Cornwall. PL30 5LD

Finance Report for the year ended 31st Dec. 2023

The accounts of the PCC are best viewed in two separate parts, namely those activities associated with what are termed Unrestricted Funds (funds that can be spent on any expense, routine or otherwise, that the church incurs in the course of carrying out its work) and those associated with Restricted funds (where money is specifically given and handled according to defined criteria e.g. for the maintenance of the Church's buildings and fabric).

Overview to the 2023 Accounts

Before proceeding with the detailed section of the report, it is worth briefly commenting on the main events and activities of the past year.

Beginning with progress on the Trinity Centre, the building is now fully functional with the opening of the Café in November. The cost of the refurbishment was £1,625,135 and the fitting out of the café was a further £30,349. In terms of meeting that cost I'm pleased to say that the money raised from the church family (including pledges) so far is over £599,263, with a further £256,791 received from grant bodies. Proceeds from disposals have contributed another £398,794 which taken together total £1,254,848. The balance has been funded for the time being by private loans with repayments due within the next few years, however pledges for the Trinity Centre continue to come in towards raising sums towards that.

On another note – the Transforming Mission initiative is being actively and confidently carried out within the benefice and also reaching out into the wider Deanery. On a general note with regard to this, although the early years of this initiative have been mainly funded by the Diocese in partnership with the Central Board of Finance of the Church of England, our contribution has been increasing each year - on the basis that church growth will aim to provide the funding required to support the mission in the longer term. (The accounts show that our contribution to the initiative in 2023 was £28,955 and will rise by 10% in the coming year to providing 35% of the staffing costs).

On a further note with regard to the Trinity Café. As many are aware, it started serving its first customers in November and has got off to a promising start with initial sales and numbers of customers and also positive feedback on the quality and atmosphere there.

Commentary on Unrestricted Funds

The headline result for our principal church activities was a surplus of £34,993 however after deducting out TM contribution (£28,955) and start-

up support for the cafe of (£4,118) that reduced the surplus to £1,920.

Income. (Please also refer to the expanded income statement in the notes and commentary section of the accounts)

Total income for Unrestricted Funds was £232,721 which is slightly down on 2022 (£3,114).

Commenting on particular items, Planned Giving was £138,632 (up £14,437). Contactless donations have risen nearly threefold (to £6,290) and have become an important component in attracting offerings. General one-off donations were much lower at £9,853 (from £40,491 in 2022) but are clearly unpredictable in nature. We have also benefitted from grants (towards increased energy bills) of £8,798 and legacies of £14,500. Total Voluntary giving by church members including tax recovered through Gift Aid came to £213,676 (slightly down on 2022 by £3,576). Other income (including dividends, the car park and fees) came to £14,055 against £14,659 in the previous year. The Café's turnover for the short period after it opened until 31st December was £11,194.

Expenditure. Total expenditure on Unrestricted funds was £197,728 – a decrease of £10,606 on 2021. This was almost entirely due to a reduction in the MMF charge from the Diocese (of £38,454) from 2022, which absorbed much of the increase in running costs elsewhere - which have risen significantly over the same period. In particular church heating and electricity increased by £6,668, office staff costs by £4,841, office running costs by £7,370 (again principally soaring utility bills). In terms of the church's Missional support our TM contribution (shown below expenditure in the table (in Transfers) is mission orientated albeit more locally focussed and came to £28,955.

Also, our mission partner Katia Rocks in Brazil is also receiving help from our mission reserve fund £1,200 p.a. as does CAP (£1,800 p.a.).

Property Costs The freehold land and buildings comprise Trinity Centre (formerly the Hop & Vine) together with the Church Car Park located in St Austell. Valuation is based Open Market valuations, as reviewed within the last 3 years. The Revaluation Reserve gives the uplift in value from the Historic Cost.

Restricted Funds

For Restricted Funds, income normally comes from specifically designated grants, appeals and legacies. The total income came to £154,065 in 2023 of which £43,865 was money received towards the Trinity Centre and £96,126 was funding received towards Transforming Mission by the Diocese, and £8,292 towards CAP (Christians Against Poverty), which is administered by our church with the funds

raised principally from the local churches (St Austell Churches Together) and other sponsors, and is ring-fenced for use in local debt relief.

Total expenditure on Restricted Funds was £139,469 with an additional £91,944 expenditure on the Trinity Centre refurbishment and Café fitting out. £124,081 related to Transforming Mission (staffing and resourcing).

Reserves Policy

Your PCC has agreed a Reserves policy (on the Free Reserves) of holding up to £50,000 as a Critical Reserve, and up to a further £50,000 as Discretionary Reserves (to maintain Children's & Youth work, seed fund initiatives, provide money for new or replacement office equipment and as general contingency).

At the year end the net current assets (Free Reserves) stood at £11,452 as against £24,971 at the end of 2022. Restricted Reserves which relate to the Church Fabric, Trinity Centre and CAP Funds) stood at £1,408,617. However, of this £125,000 is held as an internal investment loan to the General Fund which supported the initial purchase of the Trinity Centre.

Investments Policy

Your PCC has approved an investment policy that enables program related investments where the risk has been assessed as acceptable and provided a prudent level of cash reserves are retained to cover anticipated expenditure as well as possible contingencies that may arise. A more detailed policy statement is available for inspection. This policy has allowed for the loan arrangement set in place as described in the Reserves section above.

2024 Action

As a general objective - your PCC will continue to aim to achieve equilibrium between its income and expenditure, and maintain adequate free reserves to ensure the smooth running of the church's financial affairs. With rising costs and the increase in the PCC's share of the support costs to maintain the TM mission, it remains to be said that the continuing and generous support and commitment of the PCC and congregation will be essential in meeting the challenges that face us and making the most of the exciting opportunities that lie ahead.

Richard Rashleigh
Treasurer
St Austell PCC

Governance

PCC

The PCC has been very busy this year and met every month, except August, so over and above the required frequency. *Katrina Hurst – PCC Secretary*

Deanery Synod

We held 3 Deanery Synod meetings during the past year. The first meeting held at Luxulyan Church, was the first for the new triennium at which we elected the Deanery officers, Chair-Mike Rowe, Secretary-Anji Screech and Treasurer-Richard Rashleigh. We said goodbye to Howard Flint as Rural Dean and welcomed Paul Zaphiriou. The main topic of the evening was a presentation by Julia Keep and Roger Paine An Update on the Deanery Plan and its Implementation. Our next meeting held at St Stephen-in-Brannel our focus was on Local/Focal Lay Leadership and Oversight Ministry, led by Sally Piper the Diocesan Head of Ministry. *[At the most recent meeting in February 2024, we received a presentation from the Chair on the proposed changes to the alignment of Parish Groupings to enhance ministry effectiveness across the Deanery. The proposal also sought to enhance the appeal of vacant clergy posts which had proved challenging to fill during the past year. This proposal was accepted 29 voting for, 2 against and 6 abstentions.]* *Mike Rowe*

Diocesan Synod

Truro Diocesan Synod met 3 times in the last 12 months. During that time, it looked at:

The role of the Chaplains at RNAS Culdrose. What the Navy requires in the way of Pastoral Care, Religious Leadership, Unit Cohesion, Defense Engagement and Ethical Advice. With that remit the Chaplain's seek to bring the Love of Christ to all.

We have gone Back to School – how we teach RE. Synod members divided into three groups, and teachers Beth Horwell, Nicola Bonell and Catherine Coles, using slides and various resources, led each group in turn through three separate examples of RE primary school teaching in Christianity, Hinduism and Islam. Lee Moscato then introduced himself as the interim Director of Diocesan Board of Education and outlined his aims and perspectives. He wishes to shine a light on our own schools so that they, in turn, can shine their light on all schools in Cornwall. Lee stressed that the vision for education is for all schools not just church schools.

A report on the diocesan strategy and plan to “Cherish Creation, Cut Carbon, and Speak Up, by Ben Lillie and Dr Annabel South. Responding to climate breakdown is an act of mission. The third mark of the Anglican Communion's Five Marks of Mission is to respond to human need by loving service. The fourth mark is to transform unjust structures of society and the fifth is to strive to safeguard the integrity of creation and to sustain and renew the life of the earth.

From September 2023 Synod has received a report on the Vacancy in See committee, re the appointment of a new Bishop of Truro. We have also received a financial report at each Synod. At the November Synod we received the accounts for year end and approved the budget for 2024 after much discussion.

Mike Rowe

Further background on Diocesan Synod and Truro Diocesan Board of Finance activities

2023 saw the furtherance of strategic work done in the recent past with the four key headlines being:

- Continued commitment to supporting strategic change through the Diocesan Plan for Change and Renewal (based on plans made locally in each deanery) and the Assets Strategy, with clergy recruitment being the top operational priority and provision for the creation of three ‘Dean of Area’ posts;

- The linking of income contributed by parishes to the Mission and Ministry Fund (MMF) becoming intrinsically linked to the deanery plans; 2023 saw an increase in the collection rate to 90%;
- The overall value of assets diocesan assets continuing to perform strongly; and
- Pursuit of a policy of increasing direct support for parish ministry.

The Diocesan Plan for Change and Renewal adopted 3 main priorities emerging from deanery plans:

- Instituting significant changes in patterns of ministry;
- Reversing the steep decline in the number of children and young people with whom we have significant engagement; and
- Shifting resources towards ministry and mission in communities experiencing deprivation.

In addition to those 3 headline themes 5 other significant priorities emerged from deanery plans and therefore were included in diocesan planning:

- Achieving the national ambition for cutting carbon emissions to net zero by 2030;
- Supporting parishes in their stewardship of buildings, particularly church buildings;
- Focusing on how small churches are able to flourish;
- Change in governance and leadership due to changing patterns of ministry and to support mission;
- Achieving a sustainable financial church model, partnering with the TDBF and the national church.

Paul Zaphiriou

Accounts

Parish of St. Austell
ANNUAL VESTRY MEETING
Sunday 26th March 2023 at 4:00 pm
in Holy Trinity Church

The meeting will start with a time of prayer. In accordance with The Churchwardens Measure 2001 all those on the Electoral Roll and all residents of the parish are entitled to join and to vote. Nominations need to be in writing with the statement by the nominee that he/she agrees and is not subject to disqualification. Churchwardens should be over 21, baptised, on the electoral roll and actual communicants.

Agenda.

1. Opening worship.
2. Minutes of the Annual Vestry Meeting of the 28 March 2022
3. Election of Churchwardens (2 posts for 1 year) **Nominations: Sara Moul,**
4. Election of Assistant wardens (2 posts) **Nominations:**

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Sunday 26th March 2023 at 4:00pm in Holy Trinity Church

Agenda.

1. Apologies offered (**please sign the apologies form**), Introduction and Approval of Agenda.
2. Approval of the minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the 28 March 2022.
3. Presentation of the Electoral Roll (Hilary Dipper) **Roll stands at: 164**
4. Election of Electoral Roll Officer. **Nomination: Hilary Dipper**
5. Report on the PCC's meetings. (Katrina Hurst)
6. Treasurer's Report. Election of Treasurer. **Nomination: Richard Rashleigh**
7. Appointment of Auditor. **Proposed: Tina Kelly**
8. Church warden's report on goods and fabric of the building- **previously received - APCM report**
9. Report on the Deanery Synod - **previously received - APCM report**
10. Election of 3 Lay members to the Parochial Church Council for a 3 year term**.
Nominations: Heather Batho, Clive Nichols,
11. Approval of Deanery Synod Members**. **Nominations - Heather Batho, Alan Gilbert, Chris Edleston,**
12. Election of PCC Secretary: **Nomination: Katrina Hurst**
13. Appointment of Chalice Bearers. **Proposed members: Anthony & Pauline Hereward, Bonnie & Paul Zaphiriou, Janet & Mike Rowe, Rosemary & Rupert Adkins, Kay Flint, Jonny Dant, Heather Batho, Rachel Manicom Smith,**

Open Discussion & Question Time.

In groups, a short opportunity to consider what questions we may have about the direction and life of the church family.

Closing Reflections & Announcements - Revd Howard Flint

Closing Worship & Prayer.

**Appointees need to be on the Electoral Roll and actual communicants – aged 16+ for the PCC and 18+ for Deanery Synod.

St Austell Parish

Annual Report

for the year ending 31st December 2022



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**Annual Report and Accounts
of the
Parochial Church Council**

for the Year ending 31 December 2022

Incumbent:

Rev Howard Flint
Appointed: September 2016
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St Austell Parochial Church Council (PCC) 2022

Ex Officio
Howard Flint
Church Wardens
Sara Moulton
Keith Palmer
Diocesan Synod Representatives – 3 years from September 2021 (Ends 2024)
Carol Edleston (Clergy)
Chris Edleston (Laity)
St Austell Deanery Synod Representatives – 3 years from APCM 2020 (Ends 2023)
Alan Gilbert
Richard Rashleigh
Heather Batho
Currently two spaces
Elected Members to serve until 2023
Heather Batho
Ralph Curr
Clive Nichols
Elected Members to serve until 2024
Steve White
Chris Edleston
Jane Wingrove
Deputy Churchwardens – to serve for 1 year
All Saints Representative*
Ralph Curr
St Levan's Representative*
Sara Moulton
Non voting members
PCC Secretary **
Katrina Hurst

* Selected by relevant church congregation

** PCC Secretary

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Transforming Mission

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Parochial Church Council Of St Austell

Statement Of Financial Activities

for the Year ended 31st December 2022

	Note	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total Funds 2022	Total Funds 2021
		£	£	£	£	£
Incoming Resources						
Donations and Legacies	2(a)	217,252	332,595		549,847	493,319
Charitable Activities	2(b)	15,468	105,715		121,183	91,501
Other Trading Activities		177			177	205
Investment Income	2(c)	2,938	2,759		5,697	3,951
Total Incoming Resources		235,835	441,069		676,904	588,976
Resources Used						
Church Activities	3(a)	208,334	132,699		341,033	335,688
Net Surplus/Deficit on Ordinary Activities		27,501	308,370		335,871	253,288
Other Resources Used Capital Items						
Trinity Centre Refurbishment **	3(b)		525,677		525,677	1,015,524
Transforming Mission - Provisioning Exp - Equip. etc.**	3(b)		19,910		19,910	2,737
Net Outgoing/Incoming Resources (Before Other Recognised Gains and Losses)		27,501	(237,217)		(209,716)	(764,973)
(Loss)/Gains on Investments ref. mkt value @ 31-12-2022	5(b)			(12,617)	(12,617)	13,534
Net Income/(Expenditure)		27,501	(237,217)	(12,617)	(222,333)	(751,439)
Transfers Between Funds		(283,152)	283,152			
Other Recognised Gains/(Losses)						
Capitalised Expenditure **	3(b)	19,910	525,677		545,587	1,018,261
Gains and Losses on Revaluation of Property Other Gains/(losses)		111,651			111,651	94,157
Net Movement In Funds		(124,090)	571,612	(12,617)	434,905	360,979
Reserves - Balances B/Fwd At 1st January 2022		348,511	793,454	117,912	1,259,877	898,898
Reserves - Balances C/Fwd At 31st December 2022		224,421	1,365,066	105,295	1,694,782	1,259,877
Memo - Of Which The Revaluation Reserve is -		46,245			46,245	137,105

	Note	2022 £	2021 £
Balance Sheet as at 31st December 2022			
Fixed Assets			
Tangible Fixed Assets	5(a)	1,912,313	1,511,015
Investment Assets	5(b)	105,295	117,912
		2,017,608	1,628,927
Current Assets			
Debtors	6	55,050	72,859
Cash At Bank & In-Hand		112,427	112,155
		167,477	185,014
Liabilities; Creditors; Amounts Falling Due Within 1 Year	7(a)	(27,303)	(124,064)
Net Current Assets		140,174	60,950
Creditors - Amounts falling Due Over 1 year	7(b)	(463,000)	(430,000)
Net Assets		1,694,782	1,259,877
Funds			
Endowment	9	105,295	117,912
Restricted	8	1,365,066	793,454
Unrestricted	9	178,176	211,406
Revaluation Reserve	9	46,245	137,105
		1,694,782	1,259,877

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2. Incoming Resources

	<u>Unrestricted Funds</u>	<u>Unrestricted Funds</u>	<u>Restricted Funds</u> Tr'form'g. Miss.	<u>Restricted Funds</u> (Tr. Centre)	<u>Restricted Funds</u> (Fabric)	<u>Restricted Funds</u> (CAP)	<u>Total Funds</u> 2022	<u>Total Funds</u> 2021
	<u>2021</u> <u>Comparative</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>
2(a) Voluntary Income								
Planned Giving - Covenant	128,683	124,195					124,195	128,683
Donations, Appeals Etc	1,044	40,491		98,702			139,193	192,249
CAP Donations & Transfers						32,354	32,354	
Collections	2,441	5,947					5,947	2,441
Contactless Devices	624	2,196					2,196	624
Tax Recoverable	26,073	33,423		28,624		875	62,922	58,172
Other Grants Received	167	5,000		143,516			148,516	96,476
Legacies		6,000			28,524		34,524	
	159,032	217,252		270,842	28,524	33,229	549,847	478,645
2(b) Charitable Activities								
Missional Grants (Incl. TM Funding)			105,715				105,715	75,842
Fund Raising		809					809	
Revenue from Sales of Books, Cards and Magazines etc.	205	177					177	205
	205	986	105,715				106,701	76,047
Add:-								
Income From Other Qualifying Church Activities								
Rental incl Wayleaves	3,607	555					555	3,607
Income from Church Hall Site	8,088	9,392					9,392	8,088
Fees	3,964	4,712					4,712	3,964
	15,659	14,659					14,659	15,659
Total Income From Charitable Activities	15,864	15,645	105,715				121,360	91,706
2(c) Income From Investments								
Dividends	2,744	2,660					2,660	2,744
Interest	13	278			2,759		3,037	1,207
	2,757	2,938			2,759		5,697	3,951
Total Incoming Resources	177,653	235,835	105,715	270,842	31,283	33,229	676,904	574,302
3(a) Church Activities - Ordinary Expenditure								
Missionary and Charitable Giving	20	42					42	20
Christians Against Poverty (CAP)						13,573	13,573	
Ministry : Diocesan Quota	98,356	100,793					100,793	98,357
Clergy Costs	344	1,067					1,067	344
Parish Training & Mission Resources	1,155	4,221					4,221	1,360
Other Ministry Costs	703	1,933					1,933	885
Church :- Repairs & Maintenance	1,666	3,111			1,425		4,536	3,537
Insurance	10,039	10,209					10,209	10,039
Utilities	7,840	11,980					11,980	7,840
Upkeep Of Services	3,288	5,037					5,037	3,288
Depreciation of Equipment	2,759	2,286	6,636				8,922	2,759
Organist		245					245	
Trinity Car Park	784	1,409					1,409	784
Children & Youth Expenditure	1,325	3,481					3,481	1,325
Church Fabric (Incl. Re-ordering)		741			1,129		1,870	35,838
Trinity Centre - Consultancy/Costs of Fund raising)				3,000			3,000	4,423
Staff Costs & Honorarium	29,292	30,126	107,810				137,936	117,165
Telephone & Broadband	1,083	194					194	1,083
Church Office - Property Costs - No.9	14,999	4,902					4,902	15,019
Trinity Centre		17,436		(1,144)			16,292	9,518
General Office Expenses	3,031	3,762		270			4,032	3,673
Miscellaneous	500	550					550	500
Loan Interest	1,195	2,760					2,760	1,195
Bank Charges	196	394					394	196
Other Property Costs - (Trinity Lodge)	1,866	1,655					1,655	1,866
Total Ordinary (Operating) Expenditure	180,441	208,334	114,446	2,126	2,554	13,573	341,033	321,014
Net Surplus/(Deficit) on Ordinary Activities	(2,788)	27,501	(8,731)	268,716	28,729	19,656	335,871	253,288
Transfers Between Funds - Incoming/(Outgoing)								
Capital Transfers	(144,283)	(254,511)		254,511				
TM Funding - Parish Contr'n	(14,674)	(28,641)	28,641					
3(b) Other Expenditure/Fund Movements - Incoming/(Outgoing)								
Other Gains/(losses) - Sale of Trinity Lodge (Pr.Yr. Sch. Rm, P'Pean)	94,157	111,651					111,651	94,157
Trinity Centre - Refurbishment Expenditure**				(525,677)			(525,677)	(1,015,524)
Trans. Mission - Provisioning Assets (e.g. I.T & Media Eq.)**		19,910	(19,910)					
Capital Additions** (Trf to B'sheet)								
Net Movement in Funds	(67,588)	(124,090)	-	(2,450)	28,729	19,656	(78,155)	(668,079)

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4. Staff Costs

	<u>Amount</u>
	<u>£</u>
(a) Wages & Salaries	125,032
Employers National Insurance	8,445
Employers Pension Contributions	2,079
Estimate Of Average No. Of Full Time Equivalent Employees	4.8

(b) Payments to PCC members

The Operations Manager is a member of the PCC and her election has been approved by the PCC on the basis that the best interests of the PCC are being so served.
The Operations Manager remuneration was £16,200 in the financial year.

5. Fixed Assets

	<u>2022</u>		<u>2021</u>	
5(a) Tangible	<u>Freehold Property</u>	<u>Equipment</u>	<u>Freehold Property</u>	<u>Equipment</u>
	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>
Actual Deemed/Cost at 1st January	1,502,733	25,081	547,209	20,683
Additions During The Year	524,539	28,543	1,015,524	4,398
Demolition/Disposals During The Year	(142,860)		(60,000)	
Revaluations During The Year				
Balance At 1st December 2022	1,884,412	53,624	1,502,733	25,081
Depreciation At 1st January	-	(16,801)	-	(14,040)
Charge For Year		(8,922)		(2,759)
Adjustments Demolition/Disposals/Reval'n During The Year				
Balance At 1st December 2022		(25,723)	-	(16,799)
Net Book Value At 31st December 2022	£1,884,412	£27,901	£1,502,733	£8,282
<i>Memo - Of Which Revaluation of Assets Accounts for -</i>	<i>£46,245</i>		<i>£137,105</i>	

The tangible assets consist of the freehold land, buildings and equipment. The freehold land and buildings comprise the former church hall site and car park and the Trinity Centre (formerly Hop & Vine) located in St Austell.
Valuation is based Open Market and these have been carried out within the last 3 years. The Revaluation Reserve gives the uplift in value from the Historic Cost. Equipment is depreciated at 25% reducing balance. Buildings are not depreciated based on assumptions of long life expectancy and high residual value.

5(b) Investments - Deposit and Investment Funds

	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>
Market Value 1st January	117,912	104,378
Unrealised investment (loss)/gain in year	(12,617)	13,534
Market value at 31st December 2022	<u>105,295</u>	<u>117,912</u>
Cost At 31st December 2022	<u>13,341</u>	<u>13,341</u>

6 Debtors

Income Tax recoverable	25,601	55,377
Transforming Mission Grants Receivable	26,076	13,678
Prepayments and Accrued Income	3,373	3,804
	<u>55,050</u>	<u>72,859</u>

7. Liabilities

7(a) Creditors ; Amounts falling due within one year

General Creditors, Accruals and Deferred income	17,880	28,142
Outside Giving - Funds held for Distribution	3,258	7,170
Trinity Centre Construction - Creditors	6,165	88,752
Christians Against Poverty (CAP) (Trf To Restricted Fund 2022)		10,308
	<u>27,303</u>	<u>124,064</u>

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7(b) Creditors - Amounts falling Due Over 1 year

Truro Diocese TM Loan (5 Year Term Repayment 2/12/26)	25,000	25,000
Private Loans (Church & Trinity Project) Repayment terms 3-5 years/variable	438,000	405,000
	<u>463,000</u>	<u>430,000</u>

Loans are interest free. Private loans include loans from members of th PCC (Heather Batho £100,000 and Richard Rashleigh £298,000)

8. Funds

Restricted Funds Movement

	<u>Total</u>	<u>Church Fabric</u>	<u>Transforming Mission</u>	<u>Trinity Centre</u>	<u>CAP</u>
Balance at 1st January 2022	793,454	145,182		648,272	-
Incoming Resources	441,069	31,283	105,715	270,842	33,229
	<u>1,234,523</u>	<u>176,465</u>	<u>105,715</u>	<u>919,114</u>	<u>33,229</u>
Resources Expended	(132,699)	(2,554)	(114,446)	(2,126)	(13,573)
Transfers To/From General Fund	263,242	-	8,731	254,511	-
Balance at 31st December 2022	<u>£1,365,066</u>	<u>£173,911</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>£1,171,499</u>	<u>£19,656</u>

9 Analysis of net assets by Fund

9 Analysis of net assets by Fund	Unrestricted	<-----Restricted----->						Total Funds
	General Fund	Fabric Funds	Endowment Funds	TM	Trinity Centre Redev.	CAP	Agency	2022
	£	£	£		£		£	£
Fixed Assets - Tangible	324,451			19,910	1,567,952			1,912,313
Investments	(125,000)	125,000	105,295					105,295
	199,451	125,000	105,295	19,910	1,567,952			2,017,608
Current Assets	33,510	48,911		5,750	48,881	19,656	10,769	167,477
Current Liabilities	(8,540)			(660)	(7,334)		(10,769)	(27,303)
Net Current Assets	24,970	48,911		5,090	41,547	19,656		140,174
Creditors - Amounts falling Due Over 1 year				(25,000)	(438,000)			(463,000)
Adj. Re Fixed Asset Revaluations (Trf to Separate Reserve)	(46,245)							(46,245)
Fund Balance	178,176	173,911	105,295	1,171,499	19,656			1,694,782
Note Revaluation Reserve Disclosed separately	46,245							

10 Audit and Accountancy Fees

	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>
Independent Examiners Fee	550	500

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST AUSTELL

This report on the financial statements of the PCC for the year ended 31st December 2022, which are set out on Pages 1 to 4, is in respect of an examination carried out in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 ('the Regulations') and section 43 of the Charities Act 1993 ('the Act').

Respective Responsibilities of the PCC and the Examiner

As members of the PCC you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements. You consider that the audit requirements of the Regulations and section 43(2) of the Act do not apply. It is my responsibility to issue this report on those financial statements in accordance with the terms of the Regulations.

Basis of this report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity commission under section 43 (7)(b) of the Act and to be found in the Church Guidance 2006 edition, issued by the Finance Division of the Archbishops' Council. The examination includes a review of accounting records kept by the PCC and a comparison of the accounts with those records. It also includes considering any unusual items or disclosures in the financial statements and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the Accounts.

Independent examiner's statement.

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

1. Which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements
 - To keep accounting records in accordance with section 41 of the Act; and
 - to prepare financial statements, which accord with the accounting records and comply with the requirements of the Act and Regulations 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.



Tina Kelly

24th March 2023

Cuckoo House, Marshall Road, Nanstallon, Bodmin, Cornwall. PL30 5LD

Finance Report for the year ended 31st Dec. 2022

The accounts of the PCC are best viewed in two separate parts, namely those activities associated with what are termed Unrestricted Funds (funds that can be spent on any expense, routine or otherwise, that the church incurs in the course of carrying out its work) and those associated with Restricted funds (where money is specifically given and handled according to defined criteria e.g. for the maintenance of the Church's buildings and fabric).

Overview to the 2022 Accounts

Before proceeding with the detailed section of the report, it is worth briefly commenting on the main events and activities of the past year.

Beginning with progress on the Trinity Centre, the building started being used from June 2022 with the refurbishment complete except for the fitting out of the Café. The cost of the refurbishment was £1,566,813. In terms of meeting that cost I'm pleased to say that the money raised from the church family (including pledges) so far is over £575,017, with a further £239,825 received from grant bodies. Proceeds from disposals have contributed another £398,794 which taken together total £1,208,636. The balance has been funded for the time being by private loans with repayments due within 5 years, however pledges for the Trinity Centre continue to come in towards raising that.

Finally – the Transforming Mission initiative has also progressed. The Pioneer team comprising Jamie Moore, Jonny Dant, Lesley Lawther, Heather Batho are now fully up and running with interns and others in supporting roles. The church is therefore now actively engaged in achieving the mission objectives. On a general note, although the early years of this initiative have been mainly funded by the Diocese in partnership with the Central Board of Finance of the Church of England, our contribution has been increasing each year - on the basis that church growth will aim to provide the funding required to support the mission in the longer term. (The accounts show that our contribution to the initiative in 2022 was £28,641 (from £14,674 in 2021) and will rise by 5% in the coming year to 25%)

Commentary on Unrestricted Funds

The headline result for our principal church activities was a surplus of £27,501 however after deducting out TM contribution (£28,641 – see above) that turns into a deficit of £1,139.

Income. (Please also refer to the expanded income statement in the notes and commentary section of the accounts)

Total income for Unrestricted Funds was £235,835 which is a significant improvement from 2021 (£177,653). Commenting on particular items, Planned Giving was £124,195 (actually down £4,488 from 2021). However, collections and contactless donations are showing recovery after the effects of Covid19 in the last two years (up £5,078 to £8,143). General one-off donations were significant at £40,491 (£1,044 in 2021). We have also benefitted from grants (towards increased energy bills) of £5,000 and a legacy of £5,000 (towards St Levan's, Porthpean). Total Voluntary giving by church members including tax recovered through Gift Aid came to £217,252 (up on 2021 by £58,220). Other income (including dividends, the car park and fees) came to £18,583 against £18,621 in the previous year.

Expenditure. Total expenditure on Unrestricted funds was £208,334 – an increase of £27,893 on 2021. Increases were across the board but the more significant were office costs £8,070, church utilities £4,140 and expenditure on mission and youth £5,222. Remarking on a few other specific items: - We paid our full MMF (£100,793) to the Diocese (£98,356 in £2021).

In terms of Missional support our TM contribution (shown below expenditure in the table (in Transfers) is mission orientated albeit more locally focussed and came to £28,641, In addition our MMF contribution significantly supports other poorer local churches in the deanery (by approximately £35,000). Also, our mission partner Katia Rocks in Brazil is also receiving help from our mission reserve fund £1,200 p.a. as does CAP (£1,800 p.a.).

Property Costs The freehold land and buildings comprise Trinity Centre (formerly the Hop & Vine) together with the Church Car Park located in St Austell. Valuation is based Open Market valuations, as reviewed within the last 3 years. The Revaluation Reserve gives the uplift in value from the Historic Cost.

During the year the Trinity Lodge was disposed of with net proceeds of £111,651 (From latest valuation not historic)

Restricted Funds

For Restricted Funds, income normally comes from specifically designated grants, appeals and legacies. The total income came to £441,069 in 2022 of which £270,842 was money received towards the Trinity Centre and £105,715 was funding received towards Transforming Mission by the Diocese. £28,524 was received into the Fabric Fund from a legacy.

CAP (Christians Against Poverty) has been introduced as a restricted fund as it is administered by our church under the authority of the PCC with

the funds raised from the local churches and other sponsors ring-fenced for use in local debt relief. The sums showing in the fund are principally one-off transfers of both income and expenditure for the period since 2019 when CAP has been operating out of the church. (Previously the income and expenditure was held in a reserve account on trust but the PCC with the approval of the St Austell Churches Together CAP Board have authorised for it to be incorporated within our Restricted Funds reporting.

Total expenditure on Restricted Funds was £132,699 with an additional £525,677 expenditure on the Trinity Centre refurbishment (included in the earlier expenditure total referred to above) £114,446 related to Transforming Mission (staffing and resourcing).

By way of note, other sources of finance were provided by private loans towards the Trinity Project (£438,000) and £25,000 from the Diocese to provide working capital for Transforming Mission.

Reserves Policy

Your PCC has agreed a Reserves policy (on the Free Reserves) of holding up to £50,000 as a Critical Reserve, and up to a further £50,000 as Discretionary Reserves (to maintain Children's & Youth work, seed fund initiatives, provide money for new or replacement office equipment and as general contingency).

At the year end the net current assets (Free Reserves) stood at £24,971 as against £24,771 at the end of 2021. Restricted Reserves which relate to the Church Fabric Fund and the Trinity Centre Fund) stood at £1,365,066. However, of this £125,000 is held as an internal investment loan to the General Fund which supported the initial purchase of the Trinity.

Investments Policy

Your PCC has approved an investment policy that enables program related investments where the risk has been assessed as acceptable and provided a prudent level of cash reserves are retained to cover anticipated expenditure as well as possible contingencies that may arise. A more detailed policy statement is available for inspection. This policy has allowed for the loan arrangement set in place as described in the Reserves section above.

2023 Action

As a general objective - your PCC will continue to aim to achieve equilibrium between its income and expenditure, and maintain adequate free reserves to ensure the smooth running of the church's financial affairs.

A focus in the coming months and year will be continuing fund raising efforts towards clearing the loans relating to the Trinity Centre and completing the fitting out of the café so that it can begin

operating. Also to continue developing the Trinity centre more fully as a community and mission hub. On other matters, we as a church are committed to paying in full the Diocese's MMF allocation (which in 2023 will be £65,696 which is a significant and welcome reduction from the last few years.

It remains only to be said that the continuing and generous support and commitment of the PCC and congregation will be essential in meeting the challenges and making the most of the exciting opportunities that lie ahead.

Richard Rashleigh

Treasurer

Safeguarding

Safeguarding continues, quite rightly, to be of utmost importance. Keeping everyone safe in all of our groups, clubs and gatherings is something we want to positively and actively promote here at St Austell Parish, especially for the more vulnerable amongst us.

We have all the necessary documentation available on our Website and around the buildings. All our volunteers are DBS checked by Hilary Dipper, our Lead Recruiter. We also ask all those that volunteer to do the required safeguarding training. The online training modules are hopefully easier for accessing and completing training. Having had a quick look on my computer I can see that 76 safeguarding courses have been completed in the last couple of years. That might be Basic Awareness, Foundations or Leadership, depending on each role. Some people may need to do more than one course so that doesn't mean 76 people have done safeguarding courses!

We continue to adhere to the Safer Recruitment process when recruiting volunteers as required. We will endeavour to make this process as simple as we can. At a national level, the safeguarding national team has developed and provided each parish with an online 'Safeguarding Dashboard'. This provides us with the means to check we have everything in place. I have the joy of watching the dashboard turn from Red through to Amber and eventually Green when I work through and update in a variety of areas!

Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility. So even if you are not serving/volunteering at church you can still access the training and become more aware and equipped when it comes to Safeguarding. Just get in touch with me!

Lesley

Churchwarden's Reports:

My final report as Church Warden for the Parish of St Austell. As you read this, be aware this has been a most atypical period as a Warden. I completed my 3 year term in 2.5 years - my first APCM was delayed by covid constraints. I never managed an in-person swearing in ceremony with the Archdeacon. I never attended an APCM in person for an election, and missed the last 2 totally.

The bulk of my time, particularly the last year, has been endeavouring to deliver the parts of the Trinity Project that our builders, architects and project managers failed to achieve. In this time I have addressed 55 Snagging Issues, 14 Maintenance Issues and 23 Enhancement Issues in the Trinity Centre. I have fixed 15 Maintenance Issues in HT Church itself. We still have some roof repairs on HT to address this summer. We decided not to pursue metal screens for the remaining windows due to costs and our increasing presence in the buildings opposite. I have been very blessed that my Co Warden, Sara, has carried me in prayer through some of the very low spots, and has addressed many of the documentary challenges that cross a Warden's desk.

Among the high spots must be getting the pavement raised to meet the door sill at the cafe front door, after 11 months of emails and meetings culminating in one at which we finally met the Highways Agency rep, who had been threatening us with court action due to unlicensed work, but changed his approach during the course of the meeting to agreeing that Highways should adopt it as their own project, removed the need for a licence, and worked with us to make some small adjustments and sign it off.

Receiving a grant to cover the next phase of fitting out to get the cafe up and running was another high point.

Holy Trinity itself has been blessed by the considerable improvements to its sound and video capabilities, and despite some teething troubles is largely working as planned, thanks mainly to Jamie's significant input. Of course, it is only as good as the folk using it, so if you might have some computer or sound skills, why not join the team?

Work at **Porthpean** to improve audio-visual technology, provide some basic kitchen facilities and to open up the rear garden is underway. **Pentewan** has been through a difficult year with the regular leadership of our Curate Michael

being taken up by other staff team members. But we have treated the woodworm, and are looking into the costs of addressing heating, some window damage, damp and fixing the large crack and associated masonry repairs. I have referenced before how God's plan is way ahead of our own plan, and surely much better. This season for me has been challenging, and relentless, but clearly it was meant to be. Nothing that has been mentioned, or any of the things I have omitted, would have happened without God's direction and the support of the wonderful staff team. I trust that whoever takes up the mantle will have a more traditional wardenship, but I have no intention to leave them high and dry! Thank you for your prayers and support.

Keith Palmer March 2023

Home Communion

As the pandemic of covid evolved into an endemic, steps were taken to renew visits of Home Communion to Penrice and Caprera, into which homes the visits had been previously made. Initially the two curates, the Revds Michael Molano and Carol Edleston visited with Alan Coode, Revd Carol Edleston gave a sermon on one of her Thursday services asking for people to help. Initially there were six volunteers, which together with the curates provided an excellent pool of volunteers. Both curates withdrew and the volunteers were reduced to three over time.

One of the disincentives is the constraint for taking the safeguarding course every three years. Considerable time must be spent preparing and attending the course which is repeated and some volunteers simply do not feel there is enough of an incentive to help. Their time can be better spent somewhere else in their calling.

Permission for the Parish of St. Austell to visit Penrice and Caprera again was renewed. One team visits Penrice on the first Thursday of the month and the other visits Caprera on the third Monday of the month. Residential Homes prefer that visits be conducted just after 2pm.

A services of lessons and carols were held at both Penrice and Caprera just before Christmas, which was well received.

Alan Coode, Co-ordinator

Mission Report

The Mission Group seeks to promote within the Church prayerful and financial support for the wider mission – both in this country and abroad.

We recognise that many of us are committed to our own charities in this regard. However we believe that as a Church it is right for us to work alongside and partner particular missions.

The Church's financial giving is mainly to Christians Against Poverty (CAP) and to Katia Rocks (our new mission partner.)

CAP is supported by the churches of St Austell. However the largest donor is St Austell Parish. The work is based in the Trinity Centre.

CAP has helped many people with debt problems. Some have become debt free. In the course of this work some have come to see the reality of Christian love and come through to a Christian faith. We can rejoice in all this.

Katia works under the auspices of the Church Mission Society (CMS). She is based in Florianopolis in Brazil. She was in the UK recently and she came (with her two children Joanna and Davi) on 5th February to introduce herself and to share news of what is happening in her life and through the life of her Church. All who heard and met her were excited by what she had to share.

The hope is that we can support the family financially (through CMS) and in prayer. There will be regular updates through the weekly news distribution. There may be opportunities to develop cross cultural links – perhaps by a trip to Brazil! We would love people to get behind Katia in prayer and to support her in her ministry.

Besides these 2 missions there are periodic opportunities to highlight other mission needs. On 4th June we hosted an

event at HT in support of the Persecuted Church. Robert de Berry and a team were on a cycle pilgrimage. They came and spoke powerfully of those who are persecuted for their faith. It was a challenging evening.

I would like to thank Caroline Allsup-Evans (our Media and Communications Manager) for what she has done through Church Suite and the website.

William Hazelton

Children and Youth

We are in a busy and growing season, still rebuilding after the pandemic.

We still have very small and at times stretched teams on a Sunday morning but for those of us that have the privilege of working in Trinity Youth, Trinity Kids or Trinity Tinies, it's been a huge blessing getting to know the children and young people better and spending time with them. They are a delight and come 'as they are' with their questions and wonderings about the world and we love listening, sharing and pointing them towards Jesus.

Rosie continues to plan and lead the youth on Sunday mornings and Mary Staples and Mike Hatton lead the children's group with a committed and wonderful small group of volunteers. Trinity Tinies (crèche) is available every other week at present but we hope to make that a weekly thing if we can get the volunteers. Angela has done a wonderful job getting to know these precious little ones and their parents along with those that help each week.

A huge thanks goes to them, plus Jane, Hilary, Debs, Mary Jane, Maria and Lara who help regularly on the rota. Plus thanks to Jonny and Jamie who have stepped in to help when needed!

Outside of Sundays we have our Soul Life youth club for 8-14s every other Wednesday, Woven teenage girls group on the alternate Wednesdays and Sundays @ the Loft for our 15-18 year olds. We also took our young people to SPREE for a weekend of camping hosted by Urban Saints and South West Youth Ministries. Rosie will give separate reports on these groups.

Our **community days** have been great fun this year, with an Easter Fun day with a bouncy castle and our Winter Wonderland event which this year saw Jonny dressed up as Olaf! These are great opportunities to engage with the local community and invite them along to other things we are doing more regularly.

As a result of conversations we had at Winter Wonderland, we saw two families we hadn't met before come along to the Tea Time community free meal we hosted in December. We've just hosted our second Tea Time free meal event and at both events we saw 40+ people come for some activities and a hot meal. We wanted to offer this to support struggling families as we are seeing at close hand the effects of the cost of living crisis.

Sunshine Toddler group continues to flourish and we are building good relationships with the families that come. We see approximately 30 children and their parents each week regularly now. There is much fun to be had, but the team are pretty tired by the end of the morning! Anyone fancy coming to help set up or put away the toys each week? It's quite a labour intensive morning but absolutely worth it. We've been able to listen to some of the struggles some of our families are coping with, signpost them where needed and pray for them when the opportunity arises. No one ever says no to prayer and it's such a wonderful way to share a glimpse of God's heart and love for them.

Now that life is generally becoming a bit freer for all, we've been invited into 3 schools to take assemblies or lessons. These are great opportunities to speak to large groups of children and the staff and also to give further information about our groups.

We are looking forward to starting **Kids Matter** in April, a parenting course that is designed for disadvantaged families who need support. Kids Matter's vision is for every child in need to be raised in a strong family, their resources are evidence informed and are designed to equip parents and carers with confidence, competence and community through their accessible and effective parenting programmes. Please pray for this as we invite parents and also for another crèche helper!

We are running a **holiday club** based on Superheroes (from the bible!) during the first week of the Easter holidays. We will need to recruit a team to help make this happen so please get in touch if you'd like to help! It's going to be lots of fun!

Interns

Rosie continues to flourish in her role here and is a very welcome addition to our staff team. She is in the middle of the first year of her degree having completed her gap year with SWYM and opting to stay on here with us (Hooray!). Please pray for Rosie as she studies and works hard in her placement here with us. She is a gift indeed.

We've also been gifted with Mike Hatton who has been working for us 1 day a week as we didn't get a second intern this year. He has been supporting in Sunshine, with Sunday morning planning and a variety of other things. Mike will be with us until the end of July.

We have a new Intern from SWYM joining us in September – Talea, from Germany. Talea is 18 and is very much looking forward to doing her gap year in the UK. She will be doing the Be Transformed gap year that SWYM offer and we are delighted that she will complete her placement alongside us here. Please pray for the right accommodation for Talea. If this is something you might be able to help with, please come and chat with me.

Thank you for your continued prayers for our children and young people.

Lesley Lawther

Bellringers' report 2023

The past year has been rather difficult for bellringing. Two of our young people have dropped out, one to university and another who has simply found other interests common to young girls in their early teens. A new learner, Julie has joined us and is making excellent and enthusiastic progress.

The changes in gatherings have removed our "slot" between services and we are now confined to ringing 8.30am to 9.00am. This is too early for one of our number who is suffering from broken sleep due to the pain of a delayed hip operation. Young people do not want to come to early service and then wait the two hours from 9.00am to 11.00am when the youth- oriented gathering starts. I am surprised we have not had any complaints about early bells disturbing the sleep of the local population.

We rarely now have more than four ringers, occasionally five, on Sunday mornings. When one member cannot attend due to their work as a police-person or I am away on a short break with my long-suffering wife the bells are unviable. Church members have been asking why they never hear the bells and I have to tell them it is because they come at 11am and the bells stopped 2 hours ago.

The vicar has agreed we should have a recruitment effort after the Parish Weekend. However, until we can be allocated a more audible time slot, I doubt if we will be able to recruit new members, especially from the congregation for the same reasons as above. Our dream of a new ringing floor that would solve many problems is once again delayed until the new PCC forms.

Rupert Adkins - Tower Captain

Pastoral Care

Over the last year the pastoral team has continued to meet and pray together and support others where needed. In January we were delighted to receive training from Sarah Welply, at Truro Diocese to better equip us in the areas of active listening, boundaries, unconscious bias and grief and loss. It was very interesting and will be helpful to us going forward.

A letter was sent out to the over 65s, before Christmas, some of whom it was recognised have not returned to church since the pandemic. As a result, there has been a soup and roll lunch event and an afternoon tea, both hosted by Jane and Hilary. These have been soup-er events (groan) to reconnect and engage with those folks we've not seen for a while.

As we look ahead to the future, pastoral care will come under the Shepherds and we are excited to work together to create pathways for pastoral care that supports our whole congregation and those we are building relationships with in the community. We look forward to growing the Shepherd's team but are grateful for those who have faithfully served and continue to serve on our pastoral team. A lot of work goes on unseen, by way of phone calls, visits and responses to calls for help. Thanks so much to our lovely pastoral team.

Seniors: (65 plus)

The group was conceived last Autumn when, through various conversations, we identified a need to formally welcome back/support the more senior members of our family. Hilary and I joined forces and sent a letter of welcome and support to this group, offering prayer, home communion or just a chat. The response was really encouraging so we went ahead with our first event: a soup and a roll (with cake of course) lunch in the new Trinity Centre. This was held in January and was attended by 35 people from our family, including two people from Porthpean.

Following this success we moved to the next phase which was to arrange an across the ages event. This took the shape of a cream tea (Cornish style!) which took place in church on February 15th. We must commend the young people who came for their great company and conversation. We encouraged those who attended to use the new website to post comments/prayers/requests for future events. We asked for suggestions for the name of the group which has still to be decided. Hilary and myself meet fortnightly to pray for the group. It is our intention to have regular events throughout the year.

Jane Wingrove & Hilary Dipper

Pioneer Report - Grain, Alpha, FiC, Man Made, etc. Precept

Grain

Over the past twelve months we have seen a growth in young adults engaging with Grain Community. We have run several worship nights, providing those in their 20s and 30s with a space to worship God together, and have a chance to have a go at preaching. I have begun to have conversations with other churches about how they might be involved with Grain Community, and Sarah Yardley has asked me to help head up an 18-30s camping space at Creation Fest. In addition, we have been asked as a community to support St Luke's Church with an upcoming worship gathering, which is an amazing opportunity to support our deanery through the On The Way vision. Please pray that God will help us as we begin to discover what evangelism looks like for Grain.

Alpha

In September 2022, we ran our first Alpha Course in the Trinity Centre. We saw around 20 guests come along, with some hearing the gospel for the first time. Multiple people gave their lives to Jesus for the first time, and had some amazing encounters with the Holy Spirit throughout. Paul and Bonnie Zaphiriou are currently running a post-Alpha small group, which several guests are now attending. In addition to this, one guest is a regular part of Grain Community. Please pray that God will give us wisdom for future Alpha Courses, and that we will find the right leaders/volunteers for these to continue to flourish.

Jonny

First Thing

First Thing is a fortnightly men's prayer, Bible study and fellowship group which started on 12 January this year. It is open to anyone who has a connection to the parish and who wishes to deepen their faith in Jesus and to share with one another how God is acting in their life.

First Thing meets in the Trinity Café every second and fourth Thursday from 8:00am to 9:15. We aim to explore how the First Thing in our lives, which is our relationship with Christ, nourishes our spirits and grows our discipleship. We also have our own WhatsApp Group.

We have started looking at Colossians as well as praying, chatting and reflecting at each meeting. There's coffee and tea, breakfast treats too, varying from sausage rolls to croissants and hot cross buns. Generally there may be as many as fifteen of us – but there is no limit on numbers.

Paul Zaphiriou

ManMade Report 2023

ManMade is a fortnightly meeting of men associated with St Austell Parish. It has moved from a cosy discussion in my home, where we also got to know each other better over a beer and a game of pool. From the beginning it was always expected to become a means of being church men doing church where other men gather, and so in the summer we relocated to the White Hart. It turned out that we had a ministry towards the end of the sessions. Having spent time chatting and occasionally including other folk near us, as our members drifted home and we started singing songs with Iain on his guitar, we pulled in attention from those left in the bar. This resulted in a few options to pray for folk, to point folk towards and to invite some on holiday to join us for shanty singing in Pentewan. But most of the folk we met were passing through, it is a hotel, and business men and holiday makers are the most likely folk to meet.

So after much discussion, in November we switched to the Queens Head. It is easy to stand in Holy Trinity and look through the glass doors at the pub, and wonder why those folk aren't in church. So we thought, they probably wonder why we are in church and never in the Queen's Head. The first night we nervously met up and met the bar lady. During the course of the evening we bumped into a Parish Councillor who knew Iain. We had a riotous time, and discovered he was also an interested party in the council grants for the Trinity centre. After a subsequent tour of the Centre he is definitely a man of favour, and we look forward to seeing him in the pub. And now they look forward to us turning up. So early days, but we are in the door. Not everyone comes every time, there is no agenda, there are always things blokes are happy to discuss with another bloke. If you are a bloke, come and join us.

Keith Palmer - March 2023

Precept Bible Study Groups

We have continued to run Bible study groups throughout the last 12 months. Due to minimal uptake from members of St. Austell Parish the majority of these have taken place online. We currently have one very small group meeting in person. Online groups have enabled people from other local churches, Churches Together Cornwall, the rest of the UK and abroad to attend. This has brought a richness and diversity to our discussions as we learn from our brothers and sisters in Christ whichever denomination they belong to.

God has blessed our groups with times of joy, excitement, laughter and healing as we have shared in God's word together, prayed and enjoyed fellowship with each other.

We have experienced a deepening relationship with God, a greater understanding of who we are in Jesus and have explored what God's word means for our lives. We have gained a deeper understanding of our faith and a greater confidence to share the gospel with others.

We will continue to offer Bible study groups in the year ahead.

If you would like to know more about our Bible study groups or would like to join us we would be delighted to connect with you.

Diana and Steve Adams.

Report from All Saints Church for APCM AGM as at 3rd March 2023

All Saints have held regular monthly services (typically the 3rd Sunday of every month). They have been well attended with numbers often more than 30 and sometimes more than 40 worshippers. Two of the services included Holy Communion. All have been followed by refreshments. We were particularly well supported by the curate Michael Molano who invested much time in the church, wider village events and its people. His sudden departure was upsetting to many of the congregation. However, we hope to build on the success of his mission. We were pleased to welcome Paul Zaphiriou and look forward to continued regular support from the Holy Trinity team. In terms of Giving, despite the economic downturn the All Saints supporters rallied to give more than previously and 'pay our way'. There were a number of new regular Gift Aid Donations through Parish Giving as well as some generous donations through the collection. Julie Lowry organised a most successful Choir Concert raising over £600 in one evening. Furthermore there have been regular donations on the card machine both from locals and the daily walkers who find a peaceful space (and tea and coffee if wished) available in the Church.

All Saints have previously undertaken a lot of self help but there are a number of fabric repairs and improvements which have been requested which include: wall repairs which are now causing a damp issue to a neighbouring property, the request when funds allow for an efficient and economic heating system to adequately heat the church and the possibility of an internet connection. The card machine currently has to be removed each day and taken to Julie's home for downloading to avoid losing donations. All have been notified to Reverend Howard Flint and we hope to progress the possible.

We look forward to continuing our worship in 2023 and beyond.

Carol Avery - Verger

News from St. Levan's

A brief glimpse of life here on the beautiful coast of St. Austell Bay. Our church building is perched above the bay in the village of Porthpean. It was built by the owners of Penrice House, the Graves-Sawle family, whose son and heir died on the battlefields of the first world war. It is now part of St. Austell Parish, and as such is an integral part of our Vision.

At the moment we have a nominal membership of just over forty folk, and each week about twenty of us gather here to worship. As is probably the case in many Anglican churches there is a solid core of a dozen of us plus a fluctuating number of folk who irregularly boost our numbers.

We are a close family and enjoy each other's company and are happy to step up to take an active part in our worship. We encourage all who come to join us to feel welcome and that we value all that they add to our fellowship. We have as our part of Trinity's Vision, plans to clear and develop the unused parcel of land at the rear of our church, watch this space!

We are also working towards providing ourselves with a real kitchen space so we can better cater for refreshments, not only for after our gatherings but so that our building can more efficiently serve our community and the many visitors our beautiful coastline attracts.

Alan Gilbert

PCC

The PCC have once again been busy over the last year with decisions needing to be made, therefore they have met over and above the required amount of times.

Katrina Hurst

Walking for Health

Every Tuesday at 2pm, come rain, come shine, a group of about 15 of us walk at a good pace for three miles or so. This has developed into a good friendship/support group, and most of us will go for a coffee together afterwards. As we have built relationships with those who come, it has enabled us to share our faith a bit, and to invite people to

various events. As a result, one person has started coming to church on Sunday mornings, and two others are currently taking part in our Alpha Course. We pray that there will be many positive spiritual outcomes as well as improved physical and mental health.

Heather Batho

Worship - March 2023

Over the past year I have spent time working on various aspects of the worship ministry at Holy Trinity as well as offering support to churches and events in the town, the parish and the diocese.

HOLY TRINITY

The worship team at Holy Trinity, which includes the sound and media teams, has grown in both number and skill over the last 12 months. They have all done a wonderful job serving our two Sunday morning gatherings and operating our new Audio Visual system (see below). We now have 3 regular worship leaders, a team of 4 on both the media PC and the sound desk, and the benefit of live drums twice a month. A significant part of my time last year was invested in the design and installation of a new Audio-Visual system. This has provided much improved quality and clarity and the simple wireless part of the system makes it easy for small and non-church events to take place without the need for technical support. This month has seen the early shoots of a Holy Trinity Youth Band. A few of the young people from our church family came to the first practice and I have heard back from parents that they all had a great time. I hope that they will develop skills over the coming months to have them involved musically on Sundays in the future.

ST AUSTELL PARISH

Our fortnightly Prayer & Worship gatherings (renamed Radiant) were restarted in the autumn and have continued to be a really rich time in God's presence. I believe these evenings are integral to us seeing God move powerfully in our own lives and in the life of our parish because they provide the space to seek His heart for us as individuals and collectively. I have also been working with Alan and Sara to develop the way sung worship is facilitated at St Levans, Porthpean on Sundays. They now have their own church laptop and have moved to software that allows them to have a stable and consistent approach for the music. The software will also allow them to present lyrics and visuals on two small screens (to be installed soon) that will offer many benefits on Sundays.

ST AUSTELL TOWN

I have also been leading worship at monthly Grain Community Worship Nights, which started in September. These have been a great opportunity for the young adult community (not just those that attend Holy Trinity) to get comfortable worshipping together and spend time listening to the Holy Spirit. I have also led the planning for this year's *Church in the Square* service, which will take place on Good Friday in Aylmer Square. This promises to be an improvement on the offering last year thanks to collaborative planning meetings with various church leaders from across the town.

THE DIOCESE

In December I was invited by Marion, the vicar of St Mewan and Mevagissey, to lead carols at an *Experience Christmas* service at St Peter's church, which was attended by all the children from Mevagissey Primary School. I was also part of the core team that organised the recent Diocesan Evangelical Fellowship Launch at Holy Trinity. I led the time of sung worship and organised the band of musicians who represented churches across the diocese.

Jamie



If you have joined us in the last year or so you may have heard of Connect groups, but may have no idea what they are.....

Connect groups started from the question we were asked coming out of lockdown, about 'what is in your hand?

In mine was a desire to meet with other women - to simply offer to God those parts of our lives that we often don't think God is that interested in because they are so 'everyday', and to see what he does, so that our faith deepens.

That might be an interest, a hobby, or a place in life that you find yourselves where you want to meet with others who are at the same point, such as grandparents, mums, working women – the list is endless!

God wants to speak to us through every part of our lives, not just those special times we give him like quiet times and church gatherings.

The question is – where do you connect? Where can you meet other women who will encourage and affirm you, where you can be open to what God is saying and where you can have some fun? Maybe even invite a friend? And where cake is always on the menu!?

Well, here are some suggestions:

Connect – Mums

This is a group for mums to meet together, where we can laugh, cry and do mum life together whilst building each other up in faith and hold each other accountable.

We're currently looking at a bible study for mums, aptly called 'Rest: Finding Stillness in the Midst of Busy'.

We also meet up outside of this group once a month for breakfasts or lunches.

If you are interested in knowing more about this group, please talk to **Sarah Hatton** (07554045014)

Connect – Walking

For the last 18 months the Connect Walking Group has been enjoying weekly walks together in the St Austell area. Although there are currently 11 of us in the group, there are around 5-6 of us on any walk. The walks are not strenuous, and we walk for around an hour and a quarter. Distance covered depends on the ability of the group on the day!

Our emphasis is on getting to know each other better and sharing our experiences while appreciating God's creation. Walking together encourages this. Every week we pray, either sitting at a bench on our walk, or afterwards in a café. We keep in regular contact with each other with prayer requests (and answers to prayer!) on the days between walks.

If you are interested in the Wednesday walks, please do get in contact.

Are you interested in the possibility of a walking group that covers a longer distance on a Saturday, maybe a couple of times a month? Let me know...

Di Palmer 07748 521830 Di@dknj.org.uk

Connect - Art

Since last year we have lost two people and gained two, so we are still a small group! However, with new people come new ideas. We have been introduced to new techniques and approaches. However, central to our fellowship is prayer and our responses to God's word and instructions on how to live our lives.

We will be planning one of our day's out soon to the museum in Truro and the fabric shop.

All in all, a blessed year.

Jane Wingrove (contact janewingrove2@gmail.com for further info)

Connect – Reading

On Wednesday evenings in the Trinity Centre, you will find a wonderfully diverse group of women enjoying tea and cake whilst pouring over our next chapter in the amazing book that is called 'Having a Mary heart in a Martha world' by Joanna Weaver. This book is all about finding intimacy with God in the busyness of life. You may feel, like we do, that you want to sit at Jesus' feet just like Mary, but the demands of your life just won't leave you alone! As we are exploring this familiar story of Martha and Mary, not forgetting Lazarus of course, we are finding new truths about what it means to accept Jesus' invitation to choose 'the better part', and how to navigate the world we live in where work and worship often collide.

Kay Flint

If you would like to be involved with any of the current groups, please just be in touch. If you have an idea for a group you would like to be part of, then please get in touch with me at kayf.1@hotmail.co.uk or come and have a chat after our Sunday gathering.

Trinity Project APCM 2023

The Hop and Vine conversion into the Trinity Centre was formally handed over to the church in May 2022. We installed our own IT system to get internet connectivity for all the offices, meeting rooms and cafe, and to establish a permanent high speed link into the church itself to support the remote management of the heating system, various remotely controlled switches, and of course the high definition video uploads for our live streaming.

We have made several additions to the rooms to support the youth and children's works. The building has been largely functional, although we have had repeated issues with the BT business router system, which is still a tad flaky. And the highly complex air-source heat pump and gas hybrid heating system has a tendency to shut itself down at the coldest nights. This is an ongoing challenge awaiting technical support input from the manufacturers.

At the hand over there were so many snagging issues that it has taken a considerable, focussed effort, including reluctantly paying the original project management team We Are Ease to return, to finish the list. As I write, I am awaiting material to finish the cafe door entrance to an acceptable standard to sustain the rigours of the expected heavy traffic. The only snagging remaining will be to do with decoration issues. But that isn't it. The cafe fitting out was never part of the building project. Partly because it helps to have the café manager on board when ordering all the general items, and partly because we hadn't the budget. We have been blessed with a large grant to cover the fitout, so we can start to look at the tables and chairs. We need a volunteer(s) to help install shelves into store cupboards, make good and secure the yard gate and generally make the café office ready for its new manager. And of course, the question you really want answered – the Café opening date. Honestly, hard to say. We have yet to set up the café business structure, its accounting system and the interactive point of sale, stock management and accountancy package. And recruit a café manager, deputy manager, and train them and all the volunteers necessary. Keith Palmer & Heather Batho March 2023

APEST 2022/3

The APEST course is based on some work by a theologian named Alan Hirsch, and focuses on the key truths of Ephesians chapter 4.

Paul's letter to the Ephesians outlines the foundational ministries of apostle, prophet, evangelist, Shepherd, and teacher in the life and community of the early church.

Alan Hirsch describes this as a "forgotten path". In simple terms our course takes the best of his work and applies to our context here in St Austell. Comprising four sessions of 90 minutes each, it seeks to take each one of us through an understanding of the five functions and how they can be applicable to our ministries here in the parish.

So far we have seen over 110 people attend the course from our church. It begins with an online questionnaire to ascertain each person's main 'function' (APES or T), and their secondary function, according to the model.

APEST is simply a tool for helping us grow in understanding and move in the Holy Spirit together.

What has been fascinating is the way that many people on the course have freshly understood why their heart sings for certain activities and ministries, and to some degree why they find people who are very different from them so challenging! For example, some of us are detail people, who need to know precise details and understand clearest how processes are going to work – whilst others of us have a bigger worldview and care much less about detail but rather are fascinated and inspired through strategy and opportunity and risk.

What we have learned which has been so beneficial is that we understand more clearly the need for all five functions in order to become a growing, caring, loving and reaching-out church.

Our plan is to continue to run APEST regularly, and a sixth course will run before the summer.

I'm really grateful to those who have facilitated on the course and I hope very much that anyone who is new to the church or is yet to attend will do so, and find themselves inspired and resourced to play their part in our fellowship.

Howard Flint

St Austell Parish - Thursday @ 11

Working with the Thursday@11 team and meeting together each week is a joy. Over the last year our team seems to be getting stronger and stronger. By 'team' I mean everyone who is involved in any way, with the gathering. I like to think everyone has a place, and the time seems to hold an identity of its own.

The gathering simply wouldn't be able to function without the sharing of 'up front' ministry including Jane Wingrove and Steve Adams and their willingness to preach (and lead) and to bring words that are such a blessing and a challenge to us all. Jan Varney and Rosemary Adkins are also leading on a regular basis and each take time to prayerfully prepare and to lead in a way that encourages each of us to deepen our relationship with God. We sensitively balance Alan Gilbert's ministry, as we are only too aware of the calls on his ministry as Associate Minister at St Levan's and his support for funeral work across the Deanery, but we thank him for his contributions to our weekly gathering. We have also been grateful for our visiting speakers, Howard (he isn't a visitor, but he is in demand!), Paul to name but two. We are deeply grateful to all who are prepared to give of their time and giftings to serve in the gathering.

Our wider team are equally wonderful, the faithfulness of Chris E as he will step into any role as required from preaching and leading to organising anything that needs organising! Carol P with the laundry, Mary with the brasses, Scott with the setting up, everyone who reads and contributes, and as for the rest of the team (which includes everyone); each person adds encouragement, a sense of love for the Lord and a deep connection with others. And on occasion when things aren't exactly how we would like them to be, there is a ready forgiveness True marks of a Christian family!

We have had some challenging sermon series this year including prayer, 'Love in Action', servant ministry and the parables of Jesus. After Easter we begin a 10 week exploration of 'Grace'. The format of our worship time is closely modelled on Pete Grieg's Lectio365. We usually try to celebrate Holy Communion on a fortnightly basis.

Looking forward, we would like to build on all we are doing as a parish, to give people the space to grow into everything God has called them to be. My prayer is that people feel they can know that as they take their early steps in whatever they are prompted (by the Holy Spirit) to do, that they will meet with acceptance and encouragement, and that together we will see God's kingdom advance.

Anyone who would like to join us is most welcome each Thursday (except Maundy Thursday) at 11am at Holy Trinity Church, St Austell.

Rev'd Carol Edleston

Electoral Roll

The Electoral Roll stood at 198 last year. Since then we have removed five names through death. Following Covid restrictions being removed we welcomed several new members to our church family, however, others are now attending other local churches.

The ER required an update due to the vacant period prior to the appointment of the new Electoral Roll Officer. Our Electoral Roll now stands at 164.

Curate's report for St Austell Parish APCM - March 2023

This is likely to be my final APCM curate's report as the training period is now reaching an end.

This year has been a year of consolidating all I have been learning over the previous two years. Baptisms, weddings and funerals have all been officiated. I have enjoyed working across the parish and in other churches; making new friends in Twywardreath and Golant.

I thrive on teamwork and so opportunities to serve in gatherings (including Thursday@11), prayer ministry, the PCC, as a member of the staff team, working with the rolling out of APEST, the monthly 'Chapter' meetings of vicars, Deanery and Diocesan synods and joining many others as we all worked together on the 'Vision' document, are a joy.

There has been some excellent training from the curacy development team (IME) on a range of topics. I have found the company of fellow curates to be enriching. I meet with Howard and this enables me to place all I am learning in context, which is really helpful.

Looking forward, the new APEST groups stand out with their potential to empower us all to serve and minister in new and exciting ways. I share the leadership of the Prophetic group with Chris and John Taylor. There is a real sense that our group will blossom as we grow together and seek God's heart for the next steps.

Thank you to everyone, including Howard and my lovely husband Chris, who have been so kind and supportive throughout my curacy tenure. The prospective role as a Self Supporting Minister gives me greater freedom to major on specific areas of ministry (rather than the far reaching expectations of incumbents), so I am prayerfully seeking what my new chapter will hold as I make the transition from general training.

Rev'd Carol Edleston

2022 APCM - Vicar's Report:

The Trinity Centre

A wonderful step forward in the life of our church was the completion and opening of Trinity. The café is yet to come - but I am incredibly indebted to Keith, Heather, William, Merisa and Richard for all their work and commitment. And of course a massive thank you to everyone who has given to the project financially. It has been 3 years of really hard work anointed by the grace and provision of our amazing God.



Connections

We have seen a real resurgence in our connections with both one another and our community. Connect groups based around interests and the inspiration of creative gifts by the Holy Spirit; the Walking group, and many other informal friendships and connections have blossomed. We have also been very involved in the St Austell Revitalisation Project, Churches Together and of course the hosting of CAP

(Christian's Against Poverty).



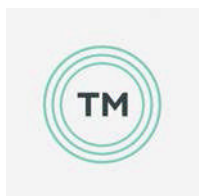


APEST

We began in June and have since then seen over 100 of our folks experience the course. For many it has been transformative in terms of their understanding of Ephesians 4 and how Jesus saw the church developing and growing. A big thank you to everyone who has assisted on the 5 courses so far - and to everyone who has come!

Vision

2022 saw us revisit the previous iteration from 2017. Much has been achieved, but we also realized the Holy Spirit is leading us into new areas and challenges. 60 people were involved in the evolving vision process - which was launched at the recent Away Weekend. It is wonderful so many of us had a voice in the process - and now we are poised to shape the church in a way that can deliver our goals.



TM

Has really become established in 2022, as we returned from lockdown fully, and began to have personal face to face connections. Jamie, Jonny, Lesley and Heather have worked incredibly hard to develop their areas and contribute to the forward momentum we have across the church. As you will have seen, there have been many new initiatives and events - and we have seen relationships with many beyond the church established and growing.



Finance

I'd like to offer a sincere thank you to everyone in our fellowship who give regularly towards our witnessing life. Our costs are high, and on 2022 our MMF call was met in full (£100,00) due to your generosity and understanding of the Scriptural imperative to tithe.

Thank you so much. A goodly section of that MMF call supports other parishes in our Deanery, and I am clear that is also part of our "mission giving".

ON THE WAY

Our Deanery plan is steadily progressing - and as Rural Dean I can confidently say that if the Bishops and RD's had their time again in this - we would do it differently!

The encouraging movement has been in our relationships with our neighbouring parishes, and I am extremely grateful to Alan Coode, Paul Zaphiouru, Carol Edleston, Hugh Symes-Thompson and many others who have supported the needs during 2 vacancies. I'd also like to extend my thanks to Mike Rowe, my counterpart as Lay Chair. (Think of Batman & Robin.....!!)



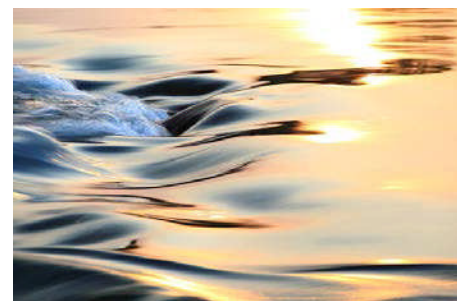
Comings & Goings

It's a fact in church life that people come (which we celebrate!) whilst others leave (which we feel keenly). On return from lockdown a number of people made choices to move to other churches.

This was almost entirely for good, practical reasons - and we bless them in their new season as they serve God elsewhere. The changes we have made to our Gatherings and to the fabric in HT have I believe, breathed new life into our worship and corporate life. I too feel the sadness of not seeing familiar and loved people, but when we leave a church well, we can always return with peace and joy for what has been. God bless the newcomers and those we have missed.

Deeper Prayer & Moving in the Spirit

During lockdown some of the team and I met each week to study, discuss and share together about prayer ministry and the movement of the Holy Spirit. We learned from the experiences of John Wimber and David Pytches and others. I had a real sense that the Lord was desiring to take us more deeply into prayer and prayer ministry.



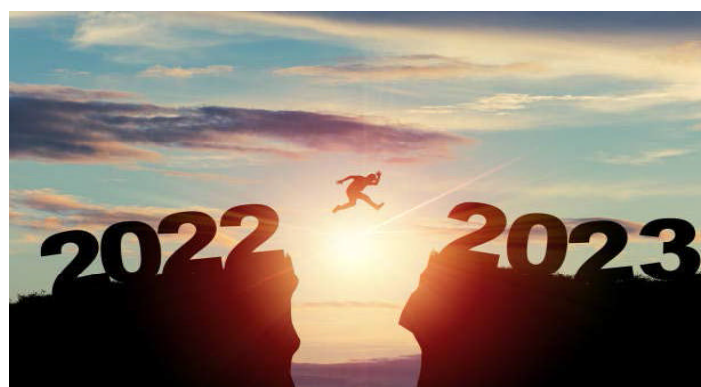
This is working out practically as the Prayer Team meets weekly early on a Wednesday morning to pray and listen to God. Grain, our young adults group seek to receive from the Holy Spirit, and move deeper in Him. And our Gatherings now have times of listening and receiving from God- through prophecy, words, pictures and on occasions, the gift of tongues (followed by interpretation). There is much more to come - but thank you for your courage in stepping out - the Lord delights in our hearts for songs in the Spirit!

And finally.....

My sincere thanks to Rachel for her patience and heartfelt commitment, and to the team for all their hard work, grace and humour.

Much more detail of our corporate life is contained elsewhere in this annual report.

But I'd like to close my reflection with a 'thank you' and a plea.



Kay and I are deeply grateful to you all for entrusting us with the leadership of this parish over the 6+ years we have been here. We are both in this together, and we have been deeply touched on the occasions when people have stopped us, looked us in the eye and assured us of their prayers. Thank you so much.

Kay is a quiet superwoman of faith who eschews the spotlight and dislikes being at the front on full view, and yet every week without fail for over 25 years has made that sacrifice - mainly for me, to support my ministry and our church. She is a woman of steely faith and a beautiful heart. You are our companions on the pilgrimage of following Jesus. We both thank you from our hearts.

I end with a plea - or Biblically, an exhortation - I pray you will do everything in your power to discover what makes your heart sing, sacrifice it to the Lord, roll up your sleeves, and play your part in making it a reality here in St Austell in the days to come. Amen.

Howard - Vicar of St Austell Feb. 2023

Transforming Mission; Q & A's

What is Transforming Mission? Transforming mission is a partnership between the diocese of Truro and the Church of England commissioners.

It is an initiative aimed at growth and mission.

Who pays for TM?

Funds are provided by the church commissioners and the DBF.

How is it meant to work?

1. St Austell Parish was identified as a place of potential growth.
2. A TM plan was created, outlining the staff required and the goals to be achieved.
3. Staff were recruited and goals were identified. Jamie (Worship pioneer); Lesley (Youth & Children's pioneer); Jonny (Young Adults Pioneer) and Heather (Operations) are the key staff under TM.
4. Now (post pandemic) goals have been revised and new goals under the diocesan plan are being refined and put into place.

Who decided on the deanery plan? Initially the Deanery clergy established a draft plan which was then shared with PCC's and other interested parties, and it was finally voted for at a deanery Synod in September 2021

Couldn't The DBF money have gone to cover clergy costs?

Yes they could.

1. But currently MMF payments are not being met, and in some places have not been met for some years - which indicates an ongoing decline in the potential sustainability of those parishes.
2. TM is seen as part of the answer to falling roles, the absence of children and the need to engage with the younger and missing generations, as well as continue to feed the older generations.
3. Why haven't I seen any TM work in my parish? Firstly, how far has your benefice or PCC or the leaders of the church sought to engage with the possibilities? Secondly, would you be prepared to carry out an audit of your ministries and opportunities?

What is needed going forward?

1. We would love to work with Deanery PCC's on parish or benefice visions and involve our TM staff in that process where appropriate. The TM team at St. Austell are keen to know what the needs are in other parishes, and to assist in the creation of vision and strategy where possible.
2. A number of the pilot initiatives are currently being run in the Deanery via the TM team could be pilot projects that are applicable to other places E.g. toddlers group/young adult group/young women's group/Alpha/APEST course/Grain community for young adults/ worship in a contemporary style, etc.etc

Please pray for the coming year - that we can see and take opportunities that emerge, as the Holy Spirit leads us.

Thank you!

Howard Flint 1/2/23

Deanery Synod Report 2022

(A deanery is a group of Anglican parishes grouped geographically.)

The main topic of planning and action during the last year has been the Deanery Plan "On The Way".

This is a plan for the deanery to become sustainable and fruitful:

- it provides for the equivalent of 6 full time clergy going forwards

- Spread over 3 areas, West, Central and East
- With the idea of these areas working together at all levels to reach the people of St Austell deanery with the Gospel of Jesus through engagement, prayer, activities and welcome.

Each parish or benefice has been encouraged to produce a local vision (as we have done in St Austell).

The major obstacles, and points for prayer currently have proven to be:

1. Resistance to change in the churches
2. Finance - and especially the reluctance of leaders to teach and preach about the need to financially support the vision and pay their way.
3. Misunderstanding of what OTW is aiming to do, and how the Diocese is structured and operates.
4. Synod not really knowing one another - and so trust is fragile
5. A need for more of us to open our lives to the movement of the Holy Spirit, and to allow Him to lead us into service.

Our deanery reps for the last 3 years have been Alan Gilbert, Heather Batho and Chris Edleston, who have been joined by Carol Edleston and Paul Zaphirou in their capacity as ordained people.

I am personally very grateful for all their prayerful and active support.

Onwards and upwards!

Howard - Rural Dean, St. Austell Deanery

TM Report

Our TM team consists of Jonny Dant (Pioneer 20s & 30s), Lesley Lawther (Youth and Children), Jamie Moore (Worship), Caroline Allsup-Evans (2 days pw Media and Comms), Rosie Blyth (SWYM student), Mike Hatton (1 day pw Youth and Children) and myself as Operations Manager. Our purpose is to be a resource to the church, both within the parish but also within the wider deanery.

As their individual reports indicate, we have all been going flat out over the past year, and this has led to many positive results in the growth, breadth and depth of our areas of work. We work well as a team together and share the same aspirations, but we have reached the point where the potential for further growth and development will not be achieved if we are unable to recruit more volunteers to serve on all our teams. This would be desperately sad as God has opened so many avenues for us, and there is such a need for the Gospel in our community.

Heather Batho

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St Austell Parish

Annual Report

for the year ending 31st December 2021



**St Austell Parish
Holy Trinity | St Levan's | All Saints**

**Annual Report and Accounts
of the
Parochial Church Council**

for the Year ending 31 December 2021

Incumbent:

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St Austell Parochial Church Council (PCC) 2021

Ex Officio
Howard Flint
Church Wardens
Sara Moulton
Keith Palmer
Diocesan Synod Representatives – 3 years from September 2018 (Ends 2021)
Michael Rowe
Diocesan Synod Representatives – 3 years from September 2021 (Ends 2024)
Carol Edleston (Clergy)
Chris Edleston (Laity)
St Austell Deanery Synod Representatives – 3 years from APCM 2020 (Ends 2023)
Alan Gilbert
Richard Rashleigh
Heather Batho
Currently two spaces
Elected Members - to serve until 2022
Elected Members to serve until 2023
Heather Batho
Ralph Curr
Elected Members to serve until 2024
Steve White
Clive Nichols
Deputy Churchwardens – to serve for 1 year
Alex Palmer
Rupert Adkins
All Saints Representative*
Ralph Curr
St Levan's Representative*
Sara Moulton
Non voting members
Michael Molano (Ex Officio)
PCC Secretary **
Katrina Hurst

* Selected by relevant church congregation

** PCC Secretary

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Transforming Mission

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Statement Of Financial Activities

for the Year ended 31st December 2021

	<u>Note</u>	<u>Unrestricted Funds</u>	<u>Restricted Funds</u>	<u>Endowment Funds</u>	<u>Total Funds 2021</u>	<u>Total Funds 2020</u>
		£	£	£	£	£
Incoming Resources						
Donations and Legacies	2(a)	159,032	334,287		493,319	397,008
Charitable Activities	2(b)	15,659	75,842		91,501	40,626
Other Trading Activities		205			205	
Investment Income	2(c)	2,757	1,194		3,951	4,236
Total Incoming Resources		177,653	411,323		588,976	441,870
Resources Used						
Church Activities	3(a)	195,115	140,573		335,688	216,840
Trinity Centre Refurbishment **	3(b)		1,015,524		1,015,524	26,751
Transforming Mission - Provisioning Exp - Equip. etc.**	3(b)	2,737			2,737	1,607
Total Resources Expended		197,852	1,156,097		1,353,949	245,198
Net Outgoing/Incoming Resources (Before Other Recognised Gains and Losses)		(20,199)	(744,774)		(764,973)	196,672
(Loss)/Gains on Investments ref. mkt value @ 31-12-2021	5(b)			13,534	13,534	6,060
Net Income/(Expenditure)		(20,199)	(744,774)	13,534	(751,439)	202,732
Transfers Between Funds		(144,283)	144,283			
Other Recognised Gains/(Losses)						
Capitalised Expenditure **	3(b)	2,737	1,015,524		1,018,261	28,358
Gains and Losses on Revaluation of Property						
Other Gains/(losses)		94,157			94,157	
Net Movement In Funds		(67,588)	415,033	13,534	360,979	231,090
Reserves - Balances B/Fwd At 1st January 2021		416,099	378,421	104,378	898,898	667,808
Reserves - Balances C/Fwd At 31st December 2021		348,511	793,454	117,912	1,259,877	898,898
Memo - Of Which The Revaluation Reserve is -		137,105			137,105	187,231

	<u>Note</u>	<u>2021</u> £	<u>2,020</u> £
Balance Sheet as at 31st December 2021			
Fixed Assets			
Tangible Fixed Assets	5(a)	1,511,015	553,853
Investment Assets	5(b)	117,912	104,378
		1,628,927	658,231
Current Assets			
Debtors	6	72,859	65,072
Cash At Bank & In-Hand		112,155	206,641
		185,014	271,713
Liabilities; Creditors; Amounts Falling Due Within 1 Year	7(a)	(124,064)	(31,046)
Net Current Assets		60,950	240,667
Creditors - Amounts falling Due Over 1 year	7(b)	(430,000)	
Net Assets		1,259,877	898,898
Funds			
Endowment	9	117,912	104,378
Restricted	8	793,454	378,421
Unrestricted	9	211,406	228,868
Revaluation Reserve	9	137,105	187,231
		1,259,877	898,898

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for the Year ended 31st December 2021

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2. Incoming Resources

	<u>Unrestricted Funds</u>	<u>Unrestricted Funds</u>	<u>Restricted Funds</u> Tr'form'g. Miss.	<u>Restricted Funds</u> (Tr. Centre)	<u>Restricted Funds</u> (Fabric & Other)	<u>Total Funds</u> <u>2021</u>	<u>Total Funds</u> <u>2020</u>
	<u>2020</u> <u>Comparative</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>
2(a) Voluntary Income							
Planned Giving - Covenant	129,842	128,683				128,683	129,842
Tax Recoverable	25,667	26,073		32,099		58,172	48,401
Collections	3,129	2,441				2,441	3,129
TM Funding - Parish Contr'n			14,674			14,674	3,045
Other Grants Received		167		96,309		96,476	1,975
Donations, Appeals Etc	3,512	1,668		191,205		192,873	165,146
Legacies	500						45,470
	162,650	159,032	14,674	319,613		493,319	397,008
2(b) Charitable Activities							
Missional Grants (Incl. TM Funding)			75,842			75,842	24,282
Fund Raising	24						24
Revenue from Sales of Books, Cards and Magazines etc.		205				205	
	24	205	75,842			76,047	24,306
Add:-							
Income From Other Qualifying Church Activities							
Rental incl Wayleaves	7,832	3,607				3,607	7,832
Income from Church Hall Site	7,458	8,088				8,088	7,458
Fees	1,030	3,964				3,964	1,030
	16,320	15,659				15,659	16,320
Total Income From Charitable Activities	16,344	15,864	75,842			91,706	40,626
2(c) Income From Investments							
Dividends	2,695	2,744				2,744	2,695
Interest	75	13			1,194	1,207	1,541
	2,770	2,757			1,194	3,951	4,236
Total Incoming Resources	181,764	177,653	90,516	319,613	1,194	588,976	441,870

3(a) Church Activities - Ordinary Expenditure

Missionary and Charitable Giving	4,465	20				20	4,465
Transforming Mission Parish Contribution	3,045	14,674				14,674	3,045
Ministry : Diocesan Quota	98,357	98,356				98,356	98,357
Clergy Costs	898	344				344	898
Parish Training & Mission Resources	1,153	1,155	206			1,361	1,617
Other Ministry Costs	553	703	182			885	553
Church :- Running & Maintenance	18,158	19,545			1,871	21,416	21,197
Upkeep Of Services	1,245	3,288				3,288	1,245
Depreciation of Equipment	5,053	2,759				2,759	5,053
Organist	745						745
Trinity Car Park	1,111	784				784	1,111
Children & Youth Expenditure	471	1,325				1,325	471
Church Fabric (Incl. Re-ordering)	200		1,593		34,245	35,838	774
Trinity Centre - Consultancy/Costs of Fund raising)				4,423		4,423	4,269
Staff Costs & Honorarium	19,546	29,292	87,873			117,165	46,777
Telephone & Broadband	1,338	1,083				1,083	1,338
Property Costs - Church Office	14,487	14,419				14,419	14,487
Property Costs - Trinity Centre	3,585			9,518		9,518	3,585
General Office Expenses	3,743	3,611	662			4,273	3,743
Miscellaneous	1,224	500				500	1,224
Loan Interest	1,466	1,195				1,195	1,466
Bank Charges	120	196				196	120
Other Property Costs	300	1,866				1,866	300
Total Ordinary (Operating) Expenditure	181,263	195,115	90,516	13,941	36,116	335,688	216,840
Net Surplus/Deficit on Ordinary Activities	501	(17,462)		305,672	(34,922)	253,288	225,030
Transfers Between Funds		(144,283)		144,283			

3(b) Other Expenditure/Fund Movements

Other Gains/(losses) - Sale of School Room, Porthpean		94,157				94,157	
Trinity Centre - Refurbishment Expenditure**				(1,015,524)		(1,015,524)	(26,751)
Trans. Mission - Provisioning Assets (e.g. I.T & Media Eq.)**							(1,607)
Capital Additions** (Trf to B'sheet)	28,358						28,358
Net Movement in Funds	28,859	(67,588)	-	(565,569)	(34,922)	(668,079)	225,030

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4. Staff Costs

	<u>Amount</u>
	<u>£</u>
(a) Wages & Salaries	108,542
Employers National Insurance	6,873
Employers Pension Contributions	1,779
Estimate Of Average No. Of Full Time Equivalent Employees	4.2

(b) Payments to PCC members

The Operations Manager is a member of the PCC and her election has been approved by the PCC on the basis that the best interests of the PCC are being so served.

The Operations Manager remuneration was £16,200 in the financial year.

5. Fixed Assets

	<u>2021</u>		<u>2020</u>	
	<u>Freehold</u>	<u>Equipment</u>	<u>Freehold</u>	<u>Equipment</u>
	<u>Property</u>		<u>Property</u>	
	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>
5(a) Tangible				
Actual Deemed/Cost at 1st January	547,209	20,683	520,458	20,314
Additions During The Year	1,015,524	4,398	26,751	1,607
Demolition/Disposals During The Year	(60,000)			(1,238)
Revaluations During The Year				
Balance At 1st December 2021	<u>1502733.00</u>	<u>25,081</u>	<u>547,209</u>	<u>20,683</u>
Depreciation At 1st January	-	14,040	-	10,226
Charge For Year		2,759		5,052
Adjustments Demolition/Disposals/Reval'n During The Year				(1,238)
Balance At 1st December 2021		<u>16,799</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>14,040</u>
Net Book Value At 31st December 2021	<u>£1,502,733</u>	<u>£8,282</u>	<u>£547,209</u>	<u>£6,645</u>
<i>Memo - Of Which Revaluation of Assets Accounts for -</i>	<u>£137,105</u>		<u>£187,231</u>	

The tangible assets consist of the freehold land, buildings and equipment. The freehold land and buildings comprise Trinity Lodge and the former church hall site and car park, the Trinity Centre (formerly Hop & Vine) located in St Austell. Valuation is based Open Market and these have been carried out within the last 3 years. The Revaluation Reserve gives the uplift in value from the Historic Cost. Equipment is depreciated at 25% reducing balance. Buildings are not depreciated based on assumptions of long life expectancy and high residual value.

5(b) Investments - Deposit and Investment Funds

	<u>2021</u>	<u>2,020</u>
	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>
Market Value 1st January	104,378	98,318
Unrealised investment (loss)/gain in year	13,534	6,060
Market value at 31st December 2021	<u>117,912</u>	<u>104,378</u>
Cost At 31st December 2021	<u>13,341</u>	<u>13,341</u>

6 Debtors

Income Tax recoverable	55,377	33,544
Transforming Mission Grants Receivable	13,678	25,747
Prepayments and Accrued Income	3,804	5,781
	<u>72,859</u>	<u>65,072</u>

7. Liabilities

7(a) Creditors ; Amounts falling due within one year

General Creditors, Accruals and Deferred income	28,142	15,172
Outside Giving - Funds held for Distribution	7,170	15,874
Trinity Centre Construction - Creditors	88,752	
Christians Against Poverty (CAP)	10,308	
	<u>124,064</u>	<u>31,046</u>

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7(b) Creditors - Amounts falling Due Over 1 year

Truro Diocese TM Loan (5 Year Term Repayment 2/12/26)	25,000
Private Loans (Church & Trinity Project) Repayment terms 3-5 years/variable	405,000
	<u>430,000</u>

Loans are interest free. Private loans include loans from members of th PCC (Heather Batho £100,000 and Richard Rashleigh £265,000)

8. Funds

Restricted Funds Movement

	<u>Total</u>	<u>Church Fabric</u>	<u>Transforming Mission</u>	<u>Trinity Centre</u>
Balance at 1st January 2021	378,421	180,104		198,317
Incoming Resources	411,323	1,194	90,516	319,613
	<u>789,744</u>	<u>181,298</u>	<u>90,516</u>	<u>517,930</u>
Resources Expended	(140,573)	(36,116)	(90,516)	(13,941)
Transfers To/From General Fund	144,283	-	-	144,283
Balance at 31st December 2021	<u>£793,454</u>	<u>£145,182</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>£648,272</u>

9 Analysis of net assets by Fund

	<u>Unrestricted</u>		<u><-----Restricted-----></u>				
	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Revaluation Reserve</u>	<u>Fabric Funds</u>	<u>Endowment Funds</u>	<u>Trinity Centre Redev.</u>	<u>Agency</u>	<u>Total Funds 2021</u>
	<u>£</u>		<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>
Fixed Assets - Tangible Investments	468,740 (125,000)		125,000	117,912	1,042,275		1,511,015 117,912
	<u>343,740</u>		<u>125,000</u>	<u>117,912</u>	<u>1,042,275</u>		<u>1,628,927</u>
Current Assets	59,983		20,182		79,749		159,914
Current Liabilities	(15,598)				(88,752)	(19,614)	(123,964)
Net Current Assets	<u>44,385</u>		<u>20,182</u>		<u>(9,003)</u>	<u>(19,614)</u>	<u>35,950</u>
Creditors - Amounts falling Due Over 1 year	(20,000)				(385,000)		(405,000)
Adj. Re Fixed Asset Revaluations (Trf to Separate Reserve)	(137,105)	137,105					
Fund Balance	<u>231,020</u>	<u>137,105</u>	<u>145,182</u>	<u>117,912</u>	<u>648,272</u>	<u>(19,614)</u>	<u>1,259,877</u>

10 Audit and Accountancy Fees

	<u>2021</u>	<u>2,020</u>
	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>
Independent Examiners Fee	500	350

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST AUSTELL

This report on the financial statements of the PCC for the year ended 31st December 2021, which are set out on Pages 1 to 4, is in respect of an examination carried out in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 ('the Regulations') and section 43 of the Charities Act 1993 ('the Act').

Respective Responsibilities of the PCC and the Examiner

As members of the PCC you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements. You consider that the audit requirements of the Regulations and section 43(2) of the Act do not apply. It is my responsibility to issue this report on those financial statements in accordance with the terms of the Regulations.

Basis of this report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity commission under section 43 (7)(b) of the Act and to be found in the Church Guidance 2006 edition, issued by the Finance Division of the Archbishops' Council. The examination includes a review of accounting records kept by the PCC and a comparison of the accounts with those records. It also includes considering any unusual items or disclosures in the financial statements and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the Accounts.

Independent examiner's statement.

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

1. Which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements
 - To keep accounting records in accordance with section 41 of the Act; and
 - to prepare financial statements, which accord with the accounting records and comply with the requirements of the Act and Regulations 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.



Tina Kelly

22nd March 2022

Cuckoo House, Marshall Road, Nanstallon, Bodmin, Cornwall. PL30 5LD

Finance Report for the year ended 31st Dec. 2021

The accounts of the PCC are best viewed in two separate parts, namely those activities associated with what are termed Unrestricted Funds (funds that can be spent on any expense, routine or otherwise, that the church incurs in the course of carrying out its work) and those associated with Restricted funds (where money is specifically given and handled according to defined criteria e.g. for the maintenance of the Church's buildings and fabric).

Overview to the 2021 Accounts

Before proceeding with the detailed section of the report, it is worth briefly commenting on the main events and activities of the past year. The effects of the Covid19 pandemic continued to influence income in particular affecting loose plate collections which before the pandemic annually raised about £17,000. This has dropped back to £2,441 this year, nevertheless because a good proportion of the church family support the church through planned giving the impact has been less severe than it might otherwise have been - enabling the church to fulfil once more its obligation to MMF as well as ensuring continued maintenance and care of the church building and the running of the church office. Turning to progress on the Trinity Centre, I'm pleased to say that the money raised from the church family (including pledges) so far is over £512,641. A great deal of work has been accomplished on the Centre to the point where the building should be ready for fitting out by spring 2022, with the main contractors having completed their work. Finally – the Transforming Mission initiative has also progressed. The pioneer team comprising Jonny Dant, Lesley Lawther and Heather Batho has been pleased to welcome Jamie Moore (as the worship minister). The church is therefore now actively engaged in the mission objectives. On a general note, although the early years of this initiative will be mainly funded by the Diocese in partnership with the Central Board of Finance of the Church of England, our contribution will be increasing each year - on the basis that church growth will aim to provide the funding required to support the mission in the longer term. (The accounts show that our contribution to the initiative in 2021 was £14,674 (from £3,045 (in 2020) and will rise by a further 5% in the coming year)

Commentary on Unrestricted Funds

The headline result for our principal church activities was a deficit of £17,462.

Income. (Please also refer to the expanded income statement in the notes and commentary section of the accounts)

Total income for Unrestricted Funds was £177,653. Commenting on particular items, I am pleased to report that Planned Giving £128,683 stayed almost at the same level as 2020. The detrimental effect of Covid19 on collections has already been commented on and has affected giving in the last 2 years. General donations have also dropped in the last two years but with the focus of donations being the Trinity Centre, that it is only to be expected. Total Voluntary giving by church members including tax recovered through Gift Aid came to £159,032 (down on 2020 by £3,618. Other income (including dividends, the car park and fees) came to £18,621 against £19,114 in the previous year.

Expenditure. Total expenditure on Unrestricted funds was £195,115 – an increase of £13,852 on 2020. Mostly due to extra staff costs of £9,746 and the increase in the parish's support for TM of £11,629, - that taken with reductions in Outside Giving and a reallocation of Trinity Centre rates, offset some of the effect of the increases.

Remarking on a few other specific items: - We paid our full MMF (£98,356) to the Diocese. Outside Giving provision has regrettably had to be reduced given the prevailing deficit but in mitigation our TM contribution is mission orientated albeit more locally focussed.

Property Costs The freehold land and buildings comprise Trinity Centre (formerly the Hop & Vine) Trinity Lodge together with the Church Car Park located in St Austell. Valuation is based Open Market valuations, as reviewed within the last 3 years. The Revaluation Reserve gives the uplift in value from the Historic Cost.

During the year the Church Hall (School-room) at Porthpean was disposed of with net proceeds of £94,157 (From latest valuation not historic)

Restricted Funds

For Restricted Funds, income normally comes from specifically designated grants, appeals and legacies. The total income came to £411,323 in 2021 of which £319,613 was money received towards the Trinity Centre and £90,516 was funding received towards Transforming Mission.

By way of note, other sources of finance were provided by private loans towards the Trinity Project (£385,000) and £25,000 from the Diocese to provide working capital for Transforming Mission. Total expenditure on Restricted Funds was £1,156,097. The vast majority of that expenditure - £1,029,465 was incurred on the Trinity Centre (Refurbishment + Utilities, Rates & Insurance). £90,516 related to Transforming Mission (staffing

and resourcing) and finally the re-ordering in the church - reconfiguring the arrangement of pews and opening up the church naïve - cost £35,135.

Reserves Policy

Your PCC has agreed a Reserves policy (on the Free Reserves) of holding up to £50,000 as a Critical Reserve, and up to a further £50,000 as Discretionary Reserves (to maintain Children's & Youth work, seed fund initiatives, provide money for new or replacement office equipment and as general contingency).

At the year end the net current assets (Free Reserves) stood at £24,772 as against £12,246 at the end of 2020. Restricted Reserves which relate to the Church Fabric Fund and the Trinity Centre Fund) stood at £793,453. However, of this £125,000 is held as an internal investment loan to the General Fund which supported the initial purchase of the Trinity Centre (reduced from £150,000, £25,000 having been repaid in 2021),

Investments Policy

Your PCC has approved an investment policy that enables program related investments where the risk has been assessed as acceptable and provided a prudent level of cash reserves are retained to cover anticipated expenditure as well as possible contingencies that may arise. A more detailed policy statement is available for inspection. This policy has allowed for the loan arrangement set in place as described in the Reserves section above.

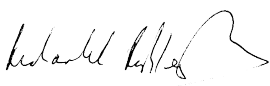
2022 Action

As a general objective - your PCC will continue to aim to achieve equilibrium between its income and expenditure, and maintain adequate free reserves to ensure the smooth running of the church's financial affairs.

A primary focus in the coming months and year will be fund raising towards completing and implementing the work required to turn the Trinity Centre into a Café, Offices and Community Hub and base from which the church staff & Pioneer Mission team will be able to successfully operate.

On other matters, we as a church are committed to paying in full the Diocese's MMF allocation (which in 2021 was £98,356). We aim to migrate the Parish Office to the Trinity Centre over the late spring/early summer.

It remains only to be said that the continuing and generous support and commitment of the PCC and congregation will be essential in meeting the challenges and making the most of the exciting opportunities that lie ahead.



Richard Rashleigh
Treasurer

Safeguarding

Safeguarding is hopefully a word that provides reassurance to people but it might make others groan as there is a connotation of form filling, training and more training!

However, Safeguarding is something we want to positively and actively promote here at St Austell Parish. We understand the importance of keeping everyone safe and putting the infrastructure in place to ensure that in all we do, we consider the safety and wellbeing of everyone, particularly the more vulnerable among us.

We have a safeguarding statement in place and accessible on our website and particular policies that relate to the safety and wellbeing of children and young people and vulnerable adults. All our volunteers are DBS checked by Hilary D, our Lead Recruiter. We also ask all those that volunteer to do the required safeguarding training. Since the pandemic, the training has moved from in person, to online. This is pretty handy as it means that we can all access the safeguarding training via a link and complete online modules from the comfort of our own homes and sofas!

The Safer Recruitment process has always been used when hiring new staff, however, it is now required for all volunteers. Please don't let this put you off serving at church! We will endeavour to make this process as simple as we can! It will involve us providing a job role/spec for each of our volunteer roles, a short application form and a personal chat with the particular ministry lead. We will take two references and guide you to the appropriate safeguarding training and get the DBS check done alongside all of this. Please bear with us as we work through these processes and get our paperwork etc all in place and ready to go. And I want to reiterate – please don't let the process put you off serving! We are all called to serve the Body of Christ in one way or another, but the world we live in means we need to enable this in a safe and well organised way!

At a national level, the safeguarding national team have developed and provided each parish with an online 'Safeguarding Dashboard'. This provides us with the means to check we have everything in place. I have the joy of watching the dashboard turn from Red through to Amber and eventually Green when I work through and update in a variety of areas!

Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility. So even if you are not serving/volunteering at church you can still access the training and become more aware and equipped when it comes to Safeguarding. Just get in touch with me!

Lesley

Church Warden's report for Holy Trinity

This last year has been another mixed bag of gradually returning to gathering for worship, and getting into the detail of the Trinity Centre building project.

It is apparent to all how effective the changes within Holy Trinity Church have been at providing an open and useful space, not just for congregational worship but also for larger community and church events. There were major changes to relocate the Sound System to the North Wall and implement the digital nature of the system to give us multiple locations from which the Sound Desk can be operated. The desire to be able to offer live streaming of our gatherings has had a major impact on this system change, and finances have meant that this is not complete. This also accounts for the frequent, though well masked, issues arising each time the system is switched on. This work continues.

In addition we have done some re-organisation of the outer vestry, clearing of gutters and replacing of roof tiles following the quinquennial advice, and repair of the broken stained glass window in the inner vestry. We are looking for a supplier to equip the few remaining lower church windows with the permitted metal screens.

The Trinity Centre project has been through tremendous upheavals, and was in danger of having to 'down tools' at the start of this year, but we have been blessed with generous loans and donations to keep the building work progressing. I have had previous experience of such a project, and this one is significantly more complex due to the refurbishing of two adjacent buildings with different floor levels. Nevertheless, we are only a few months from finishing the building work. We will then be turning our attention to issues of occupancy, cafe start-up and building management. We have excellent working relationships with our on-site project management contractors. Our core team of William Trinick, Richard Rashleigh, Heather Batho and myself have been able to keep on top of issues that require client input in a timely manner. There are still a few challenges, so keep praying please.

Over the course of the year I have been able to acquire many cafe items from the former Huddle Cafe in Falmouth, which are currently stored at home.

We have finally been able to have fibre broadband installed in the Trinity Centre, and I have recently installed a radio link across to HT to provide high quality WiFi for the Sound System, the Energy Management system (boiler) and as a pre-cursor to live streaming as mentioned earlier.

Incidental call-outs for break-ins at Trinity Lodge, Night crawlers on No 9's adjacent scaffold, various Trinity issues, Heating at HT (Holy Trinity Church) missing slates on HT roof, lads camping in the car-park and a few alarm trips have been relatively straightforward to address.

I am grateful to all who have pointed out things for my attention, and even more grateful to those who have then offered to address the issue.

I have been able to sell cast iron, wood, lead and slate from the work either side of Market Street, bringing in around £1000 towards the work. My next car ought to be that yellow 3 wheeler!

Keith Palmer - Churchwarden

Home Communion

There has been no activity in the Home Communion Group over the past year when the pandemic has limited activity, but as we go to the endemic phase activity is anticipated to pick up.

Alan Coode, Co-ordinator

Mission Report

The Mission Group currently comprises Howard Flint, Richard Rashleigh, Sara Moulton, Helen Furneaux, Rupert Adkins and I.

The Group is responsible for coordinating and promoting our vision for mission both at home and further afield. We also allocate mission funds to appropriate agencies.

Our main local mission is CAP (Christians Against Poverty) to which we pay £1,800 a year. CAP is doing a great work here in St Austell.

At a recent meeting the decision was taken to adopt Jimmy and Katia Rocks as link missionaries. They are with CMS (The Church Missionary Society) working in Brazil. A few years ago they started a bible study in their sitting room in Florianopolis, South Brazil. Working with the Vineyard Ministries there is now in the city a flourishing church – all ages with a range of activities reaching out, discipling new converts, training leaders, and serving the community. The Church is planting other churches. We see them as "a good fit" with our more local vision.

We are excited to partner them in their ministry. They plan to come to the UK later this year; we hope to meet them face to face.

On 7th June this year a group of cyclists led by Robert de Berry will be visiting St Austell. The Pilgrimage is raising the profile of the Persecuted Church and encouraging prayer and support for those working and ministering in such difficult situations. More details will be forthcoming shortly.

Please contact me if you would like to know more.

William Hazelton

Young people and Children

One thing our children and young people have had to learn in the last year is to be flexible, adaptable and resilient! It's been another year of uncertainty and not at all easy for our children and young people who have continued to be impacted by the restrictions of the last year. However, in the midst of the disruptions there have been many bright lights and things to give thanks for. Meeting in person again has been wonderful and we are enjoying connecting with our children and young people, rebuilding relationships and developing new ones. We have also really enjoyed hosting our community days as a church. These events; LightFest, on the 31st October and the two Christmas events; Winter Wonderland and the more reflective arts based day, with Christmas Choirs and crafts have all very much been 'Whole Church' events where many of us have come together to make these days as wonderful as they have been. It's been so great to engage with the local community in this way.

Sunday morning groups – Impact (youth) and Konnect (Primary school age)

Our groups have continued to run throughout the pandemic – albeit at times over Zoom. However, it has been great to be together in person more consistently since September. On a Sunday morning we've not known whether we will have no children, 1, or 8! We are still very much in a place of rebuilding. More recently we've loved having more children and young people around on a Sunday morning and we've been looking at a variety of subjects including apologetics, the Holy Spirit and gifts with our young people in Impact, and giving, Advent and parables in our younger Konnect group. We would love to offer a group for our youngest children not yet of school age, but we don't have the manpower for this as yet! I'm incredibly grateful to Mary and Caroline who are our two volunteers alongside Ben, Rosie and myself. But the lack of team means we are stretched and rarely get a week to be in the gathering with the rest of the congregation. This is a major prayer point!

Sunshine Toddler Group

We relaunched Sunshine in September after an 18 month (ish) break. With the flexibility of being able to move the pews, we were able to start with a new space, a new team and much excitement! We have so much fun on a Wednesday morning and it's wonderful to hear the church full of noise (and chaos and mess!) We have over 40 parents on our list and regularly see around 16-20 or so each week. It's a great opportunity to build relationships, show the love of God and see the world through much younger eyes! Sunshine is definitely a highlight of the week. Thanks go to our wonderful team; Sara M, Ellie D, Mary-Jane P, Jane L, Ben and Rosie.

Soul Life

Soul Life is another highlight in our calendars! We have a wonderful group of young people and we've begun building again since the days where we were meeting on Zoom or had to limit the group to 15. We now see anywhere between 18 and 25 young people and we have room for more! We have enjoyed a few theme nights lately which have included a Glow party, Christmas, Cheezy Valentines and Pancakes! We also, on occasion, are able to have some jamming going on in St Michael's chapel where our very talented youth (and even the less talented of us!) can pick up a guitar or try the drums and join in with the music-making! As with all things children and youth, without our volunteers it just wouldn't be possible and I'm so grateful to Richard P for his leading and faithfulness to our young people. We are also blessed to have James P and Hattie M join us when they can, and of course Ben and Rosie who have done a lot of planning and organising of Soul Life this term.

SWYM Interns

Ben and Rosie are a wonderful addition to our Staff Team this year. They are very busy and intrinsic in all we do in the realm of Children and Young People! From leading groups on a Sunday, planning and leading in Soul Life,

setting up toys, making crafts and telling stories with the toddlers, planning, praying, preparing, serving, laughing, endlessly moving pews for our various activities – they do it all wholeheartedly and with great enthusiasm! In addition to their placement with us, they have study and assignments to complete and attend their regular teaching week with the rest of the SWYM students at Leigh Abbey. They are a blessing in every way.

SPREE

SPREE is a weekend camp being held in June for all young people aged 8-17. It's just outside Exeter in Crediton and is run jointly by South West Youth Ministries and Urban Saints. We are very excited to take our young people away for this weekend and ask for your prayers as we get all the planning and organising done! If you feel you could donate to this weekend in some way to enable as many young people as possible to attend then that would be amazing. Please get in touch.

Future Groups

We have many hopes for the future... We hope to begin a new mum and baby group to complement Sunshine, where mums of tiny babies can come and connect with one another and spend time together. We would love to launch a youth club for upper primary school aged children. We are beginning to plan some work with local schools, and we would love to continue our community days which we did during the Christmas period. We are currently planning one for Easter Saturday. There are lots of ideas, dreams and hopes within us and we love to engage with the community as much as we can. But we do need team for these things to happen. Everything we do is to build God's Kingdom here in St Austell. We are excited as we anticipate moving into the Trinity Centre. Our children and youth will have their own designated rooms up on the top floor and it will be a joy to get in there, decorate and let them take ownership of their space. This new space will also afford us further opportunities to connect with the community and reach out into our town.

Lesley

Bellringers' Report 2022

The year 2021-2 has not been a very productive one. Hardly had we been allowed by Government and the Central Council for Church Bell Ringing (CCCBR) to resume bellringing than work began to alter the internal design of the church. We are eagerly anticipating the completion of Trinity Centre to free up the church for regular practice evenings. We are now ringing for Gatherings – the new term for "Services" but this depends on availability.

I am sure the future will be exciting and productive for everybody. However, we are still very short of ringers and desperately need to recruit more. Some members have work duties that can conflict with practice evenings and we all need an occasional holiday. To ring 8 bells all year round you need at least 12 ringers and preferably 16! Many of us are getting older and need to hand it over to younger people.

We can teach anybody from 9-70 years old as long as they can stand unaided and use their arms. Two of my grandchildren are progressing well and we would like to recruit more young people of either sex. 13-Year-old Peaches can now ring the 18.5cwt tenor bell so don't think there is anything women cannot do. In my experience many of the best bell ringers are women. You do not need to have any experience or musical ability, just a willingness to "have a go". You don't even need to be a member of any church but you will meet lots of new friends. Naturally I hope new recruits will also find a warm welcome in the body of the church.

Rupert Adkins
Tower Captain

Pastoral report

The Pastoral Team during 2021 was made up of the following:

Pam Abraham
Rosemary Adkins
Heather Batho
Howard Flint
Alan Gilbert
Ruth Higman (until Autumn 2021)
Katrina Hurst
Lesley Lawther
Michael Molano
Rachel Smith
Jan Varney

We have met regularly to review and address current pastoral needs, discuss pastoral policy including the overlap between welcome/pastoral/prayer ministry. Safeguarding and safer recruitment have also been on the agenda.

Because of the strange times we have all experienced during this past year, it has often been difficult to know exactly who makes up our current congregation. Many new people and families have joined us, but some have left to worship elsewhere, some have not yet felt safe enough to return, and some have simply lost contact. Pastoral care in these circumstances is tricky! But I am so grateful to the team for all their hard work in keeping in touch with people, and also to the many in the congregation who have simply looked out for each other. This is the culture we need to develop and establish going forward – the culture where we all have a vital part to play in caring for each other. The pastoral team are always there to plug the gaps, provide any extra support and prayer when needed. But caring for each other, and picking up the phone to talk to someone when we need help, support and prayer ourselves, are all signs of a loving and caring community.

Heather Batho
Pastoral Coordinator

Grain community (20s & 30s)

Over the past 12 months we have seen our young adults community called 'Grain' flourish. The heart of this group is to live wholeheartedly for Jesus and we've seen nine young adults do this by developing a deeper relationship with Christ at a weekly gathering. This time has been essential to form deep relationships and shape a community that has a shared vision to reach others for the sake of the gospel. There have been countless stories of the young people involved in this group find peace, hope and a greater sense of who they are designed to be in God. Looking ahead, we are hoping to launch a Young Adults Games Night soon for the community to begin to reach out to those who haven't yet found their hope in Christ.

Alpha

Towards the end of last year we ran an Alpha Course with six guests, with three of them praying the prayer of salvation for the first time and two recommitting their lives to Christ. It's been a real privilege to see these folks come into an authentic relationship with Christ and we hope to run another Alpha course later in the year.

Freedom In Christ

We have nearly reached the end of running Freedom In Christ and it has been quite foundational for some in understanding who they are in Christ. We've seen 18 guests involved with the course over the last couple of months and it has been very encouraging seeing the Holy Spirit reveal deeper truths in areas of people's lives where freedom hasn't been so evident.

Man Made

Over the last few months I have helped Mark Lawther to start a men's ministry group here at the church. Keith Palmer, our Church Warden, has kindly offered to host this group at his house. This has been growing steadily and regularly has about 10 guys gather together to learn about discipleship/mission. We are beginning to explore the idea of regularly meeting in a pub as we are now a more established community relationally and our hope is to discover more of what it means to be church wherever we are.

Other Pioneering projects

Over the last year I've also helped to set up and manage/provide training for ChurchSuite. This is helping us to streamline our church wide communication and processes as we grow in number as a body. I've also implemented a weekly update newsletter through Mailchimp to aid our communication efforts. Visually, I've been helping to improve our media design and sought to develop the website where needed.

Looking ahead...

My hope is that over the next 12 months I can begin to focus more of my time on pioneering work around the 20s & 30s, especially as my heart is primarily to reach those deemed the "lost and missing generations." My aspirations for this work to advance will be through the aforementioned 'Young Adults Games Night', but also to see Grain Community grow across Cornwall. I would love to see multiple Grain Communities pop up wherever there is a need for young adults to be discipled and I will continue to explore opportunities that tie in with the 'On The Way' process. If you would like to find out more about the vision for Grain Community or know some young adults that would like support in starting one near them, please go to www.graincommunity.co.uk to find out more.

Precept Team Report: April 2021 - March 2022

We have continued holding our Bible studies on Zoom throughout 2021/22.

With our Monday afternoon group we have studied:

Malachi (Level 5) March - April 2021

Lord I Want to Know You - a study on the names of God (Level 2) May - Sept 2021

Titus (Level 5) January - March 2022

We have held several Bible Study Discovery Sessions (Level 1) throughout 2021 including an Easter and a Christmas study. We have held a Lent study in 2022.

We are currently running a Level 1 course "Jesus Experiencing His Touch", a study on the gospel of Mark chapters 1-6, which is due to finish in April 2022.

We are planning to continue the Level 1 course studies of Mark's gospel - "Jesus, Listening for His Voice" (Chapters 7-13) and "Jesus, Understanding His Death and Resurrection (Chapters 14-16) throughout the rest of 2022.

Our Monday afternoon group will be studying Nehemiah (Level 5) towards the end of the year and another study yet to be decided.

We continue to attend our own Precept training through the Precept Bible Schools and Diana continues her Precept Trainer training through the Precept Leadership Academy.

We can offer studies to suit all ages and all levels. Please do get in touch with us if you would like to join us or if you would like to find out more about what we can offer.

St Levan's Porthpean Report

Gatherings have continued at St Levan's with numbers hovering between 15 and 20, a little higher than pre-Covid. Except for one or two who are ECV and still sheltering and with whom we are in regular contact, our previous members have all now returned and we have also retained those who joined us during Covid. As restrictions have eased, masks and hand sanitiser are now optional and each week fewer of us are masked. Communion is still being celebrated in one kind. The church is unlocked and lit in daylight hours and our visitors' book shows that people value the peace and stillness of the place.

Our building was mercifully undamaged by Storm Eunice except for the bins being blown about, but power in the village was cut off for days which raised concerns about a wedding due to be solemnised on Feb 23rd but thanks to Western Power, the lights came back on two days before while the bride-to-be was actually in the building delivering flowers. The loss of power did mean that we had to cancel one gathering on Feb 20th and our communication system was tested as we reached out to everyone who might be planning to attend. Only one email was overlooked, which meant two people arrived at a dark, cold, empty though unlocked church. The cancellation did mean that a group of us were able to switch to All Saints Pentewan for their second of the newly instigated monthly services and swell their numbers.

Our loyal fabric lead Jim Bushrod had insulated the gaps around the vestry door ahead of the storm and his efforts in cutting the roadside verges and lopping shrubby growth along the southern, hillside wall no doubt helped us come through undamaged.

Discussions with Jamie about music for our gatherings continue and it is now proposed that we inherit a refurbished currently unused parish laptop and join the parish subscription to a music service which will offer us a much wider and more flexible range of worship songs and accompaniments for our gatherings. We hope this will prove easier to use so that understudies can be trained up to operate it.

The St Levan's small group continues to meet in the church building once a week on Thursdays and has been a massive support to people through some turbulent and stressful times.

We have been approached by the Parish Council with an offer about clearing and seeding areas for wildflowers, and this will be discussed along with other issues when our overdue Church Council meeting takes place, which we hope will be in the w/c 07 March.

Sara Moulton

All Saints Church Pentewan Report

The last year has been very successful for All Saints, Pentewan. The church was opened for private prayer at Easter and decorated with primroses.

After lockdown ended, the Vicar agreed that the new curate, Michael Molano could conduct gatherings on a trial basis. It has been an outstanding success.

It started with a Harvest Festival in October with 47 in attendance That was followed by a celebration of the 200th anniversary of the church on 1st November 2021, There were 60 people for this, Rob Evans gave an excellent history of the church and all enjoyed a sumptuous tea on completion.

A similar number came to the lessons and carol service just before Christmas. Collections were over £100 that has gone to Holy Trinity to help with the costs of keeping the church open.

However, the real test came at the start of 2022 when it was agreed to hold a monthly morning gathering at 11 am. Michael has led all of these. He clearly enjoys coming to Pentewan and the village much appreciates his services. There have been an average of 33 at each service and that is well in excess of the 12 regular attenders that had been the original challenge. We very much look forward to the continuing success of this venture for Pentewan Church.

Ralph Curr

After much prayer I was very much encouraged by the trust placed in me by Rev'd Howard Flint, before leaving for his sabbatical, to work with Ralph and the Pentewan Committee to try to reopen All Saints' Church in the Autumn of 2021. I have also been very encouraged by the positive reaction and goodwill of Pentewan's villagers, and of those now regularly attending our monthly gatherings, giving, asking for prayer and making enquiries regarding baptisms, marriages and faith-related issues. I am also very pleased to hear of several villagers beginning to use the open church building daily for private prayer, during difficult times.

Our vision for All Saints' Pentewan is to firmly establish a committed, worshipping Community of believers there, who will then begin to explore gifts of lay ministry and leadership as God guides them, building upon the promising signs seen in those volunteering to read and contribute to the monthly gathering. Our vision is also to see the congregation move towards financial self-sufficiency regarding running costs, within 2022. Overall, it has been greatly encouraging to be a part of the work there. As we go forward please do pray for God to do even greater things by His Spirit, in hearts and lives, in the coming months.

Rev'd Michael Molano

PCC Report

The PCC have met for the required amount of times in the last year.

There have been a combination of Zoom and in person meetings. We would like to thank Keith Palmer, church warden, for stepping into the chair at the meetings and doing a sterling job in Howard's absence during his Sabbatical for three months, and the additional leave due to his operation.

Katrina - PCC Secretary

Walking for Health

Walking for Health is part of our outreach into the community, and many of our walkers are referred to us by St Austell Healthcare. We offer a walk of up to 90 minutes each Tuesday, leaving from Holy Trinity at 2pm, and we walk at a fairly good pace along the trail towards Wheal Martyn or sometimes do a circuit through Penrice Woods, Roseweek and back along Pentewan Road. We walk whatever the weather, and even when it is pouring with rain we have ten or a dozen people turn up all dressed in waterproofs and raring to go. Our normal average attendance is about eighteen/twenty. Occasionally we will have a shorter walk and enjoy a picnic together as we did just before Christmas, when we shared hot mulled apple juice and mince pies together at Menacuddle Well.

The group has developed into a really lovely community where people feel free to walk and talk, share their problems and joys and then have the opportunity for a coffee together afterwards if they would like to. Friendships have developed, people are encouraged and often prayed with in a very informal way as we walk. We all look forward to Tuesday afternoons.

Heather Batho

Worship

Jamie Moore started in his role of Pioneer Worship Minister in May 2021. During the first 3 months Jamie built relationally with the staff team and members of the worship team. He spent time understanding the history and landscape of the team from Jo Young and regathered many of the worship team on Zoom and in-person.

During the months of June and July Jamie coordinated the worship at weekly Outdoor Gatherings at Holy Trinity and took the lead in preparing the new space within Holy Trinity, including trialling different layouts to help promote congregational participation. He played an integral role in scoping the new format and style of Sunday morning gatherings at Holy Trinity and prepared the worship team for this in various ways, including the introduction of backing tracks to complement live musicians and the use of a small core list of songs. Both of these were designed to help develop confidence in the band and returning congregation.

He was also responsible for overseeing the removal of the permanent sound desk and creating a new more flexible/mobile sound and visuals setup. Additional cabling was installed under the floor to allow for this and additional speakers were added to provide better clarity on the wings of the Nave.

Jamie commissioned the design of an 11ft wooden cross wrapped in fairy lights to enhance corporate worship during services as well as to be a beacon to draw the unchurched into the building now the church is open every day. Festoon lighting was added to the central part of the Nave to add warmth and ambience to the worship environment.

Most of those serving on sound and visuals prior to the pandemic did not wish, or were unable, to return to their roles, which meant forming entirely new sound and visual teams. New ProPresenter software was installed to be able to combine video and motion backgrounds to further enhance the visual/worship experience during gatherings. Jamie also designed a modest setup to record Sunday morning gatherings to serve those who were unable to attend in person.

During October and November Jamie led weekly Prayer & Worship gatherings in Holy Trinity. These were informal, unstructured and very much Spirit-led. They were dedicated to being open and free-flowing times of prayer and worship with plenty of space to soak in His presence and listen to the Holy Spirit. These were consistently attended by 30-40 people from the church with many prophetic words and pictures shared. The feedback was they were much-needed and appreciated. As a result these gatherings were restarted fortnightly on a Sunday evening from January and are ongoing.

The first two months of 2022 have been focused on preparing the worship team for the Church Away Day and planning the programme for Easter. At the end of February Jamie led the worship alongside musicians from two other St Austell Churches at the first in-person Churches Together for over two years, which was very well attended and a real encouragement to all.

Here are some of the aspirations Jamie has for the next 12 months:

- Encourage the worship team and congregation into greater freedom (outward expressions) in times of worship during gatherings.
- Develop a culture of increased congregational participation and a confidence in Spirit-Led and individual worship and prayer.
- Continue to upskill and expand the team of musicians and singers to be able to move away from a reliance on backing tracks.
- Explore if there's appetite amongst the older teenagers who play instruments at Soullife, to form a band that he would mentor, with a view to leading worship on a Sunday evening/youth/ young adult gatherings.
- Find increasing ways to involve our children in worship on a Sunday morning.
- Explore starting a church-based community choir for church and non-church folk to build relationships. In time the choir could potentially offer concerts, which could be evangelistic opportunities, and/or form part of the worship band at gatherings.
- Begin to host live music events in the Trinity Cafe for the community, to engage young musicians in the town and provide organic outreach opportunities - a bridge between the Trinity Centre and Holy Trinity.

- Champion the new model of Churches Together in the town and regularly gather the worship leaders from across the St Austell churches to provide mutual support, prayer and encouragement.



If I were to ask you ‘How does God speak?’, I’m sure some of your answers would include: through the Bible, creation, other Christians, worship songs, Sunday gatherings, quiet times. All good answers. But what about in the rest of our lives when we are doing those ordinary, everyday things? Can God speak through those too?

In many ways, this is the essence of Connect groups – to simply offer to God those parts of our lives that we often don’t think he is that interested in because they are so ‘everyday’, and to see what he does.

The tag line for Connect groups is **‘To connect women, in order to grow in Christ’**, and the way we are doing that is around something that we love to do. We simply invite the Holy Spirit to meet us in those activities, hear what he has to say to us, and share it with each other, and in doing that we are seeing both our faith, and our relationships, deepen.

Connect groups are about encouragement, affirmation and acceptance, openness to the Holy Spirit, each other and to other people joining in, about being creative in the way we do things, and about having some fun! Who said that being a Christian had to be dull and boring!

Kay Flint

We currently have 3 Connect groups that take place each week:

Connect - Art

The Connect Art group has been meeting since October last year. We come together on a Monday morning at 10.30 and for two hours we use various ways through art to respond to biblical passages and prayer . The conversations are truly blessed and I believe that we are all discovering more about our faith. A day out is now planned with a trip to Truro Cathedral in the morning and a reflective afternoon at Epiphany House. The start of many maybe!

Jane Wingrove

Connect Walking Group

I recently discovered that the longest road walk in the world, 22,387km, is from Cape Town (South Africa) to Magadan (Russia). Apparently it would take 561 days of walking 8 hours a day to complete. You will be pleased to know that the Connect walking group is much less ambitious in its local weekly walks! The emphasis for us is in getting to know each other, sharing our spiritual journeys, and supporting each other in prayer. We also enjoy a cuppa at the end of the walk too! We are a mixed ability group but all enjoy being outside and walking so if you’re free on Wednesday afternoons for a couple of hours and are curious, please contact me.

Di Palmer

Connect – Reading

‘Diamonds are a girl’s best friend’- or so the saying goes. Well, since the Autumn, we have been digging for diamonds. Through Cathy Madavan’s honest, challenging and fun book ‘Digging for Diamonds – finding treasure

in the messiness of life,' we have been exploring some of those life-transforming treasures that God has already placed within us, around our identity, strength, character and purpose.

I think it would be fair to say we have been challenged, amazed, and at times moved, to realise just how valuable we are to God. Our challenge moving forward is 'to identify and take ownership of the resources that God has given each of us and dig deeper into them every day so that we can live the abundant lives God has asked us to live'.

We are just about to start our second book – 'The me I want to be- becoming God's best version of you', by John Ortberg. Through this book we are going to discover that there is a 'me' that we want to be, but that our life is God's project, not ours. The premise of the book is that our most important task in life is not what we do, but who we become.

I can guarantee that by the end of it we will know more about ourselves and about the God who has made us. I can also guarantee that there will be lots of cake, fun and laughter in the process, and even the sparkly play-doh might make another appearance!

Kay Flint

St Austell Parish - Thursday @ 11

This gathering was introduced in September 2021. There had been a Thursday gathering at 10:30am for many years. I was privileged to join the core group of 8-10 people as part of a rota of service leaders and preachers. There was an expectation that there would be a service of the word for three weeks each month and Holy Communion once each month. This gathering stopped because of the pandemic in March 2020.

The vision for the new gathering was different. We see the emphasis on reflection and the different forms of worship very much as a 'fresh expression'. The prayerful seeking of God's heart and a willingness to actively listen to, and give space for the Holy Spirit to minister is an essential part of our preparation and ministry. The fact that we attract a wide range of people who enjoy different worship styles is truly wonderful.

I have huge respect for the liturgical tradition and appreciate that, at its best, it is a treasure trove of valuable truths. However, the constant repetition of two orders of service over many years led me to question the opportunities for spiritual growth and to reflect on how well we were supporting the attenders to have a deeper and fuller experience of the commandments in Matthew 22:37-38.

The new gathering requires the service leader to spend time in prayer, seeking God's heart for the liturgy, which is fresh each week. Some use classic, stunning prayers from the past, base the liturgy entirely on scripture, use sections from Church of England or Celtic liturgy etc. but what has been revealed is often incredibly deep, beautiful and coherently follows a theme.

We have a well known hymn as an introduction and conclusion. These are carefully chosen for their relevance and the depth of meaning. The fact that they are well known means that most people with a basic knowledge of Christian worship feels they are in a safe, familiar place. We use contemporary reflective music in the middle of the gathering. Again, carefully chosen to reflect the theme. Those attending tend to sit in silence and reflect during this precious time. The use of such music also builds a bridge between our rich heritage of worship and the most beautiful contemporary songs. There have been themes for different seasons. We celebrated the church's year by having an Advent and Lent series, the series on the Beatitudes has been excellent.

We had a soup lunch, free of charge, after each gathering until the Omnicron virus hit. Due to the transmissibility of the virus and the relative vulnerability of some of our family, the soup lunch has been postponed. This has been a difficult decision as so much 'loving our neighbour as ourselves' flourished at these times. As we are now entering a new phase, I am carefully watching how many people wear masks and when it seems the majority feel safe, I would like to resume this special lunch.

The gathering attracts a wide demographic, there are more retired members than any other group, but we attract mothers with babies and young people. Feedback suggests mothers and babies appreciate the spiritual reflective style. We actively encourage ministry development. We have two young men in the 18-30s group who are honing their preaching skills, numerous others (of all ages) have led services or preached for the first time and we have an eager group on a readers' rota. I work hard to provide a structure which provides help and support for developing ministers, whilst giving them the much needed space to hear God for themselves and share what they hear.

We have a core group of about 40 people, but we averaged around 30 attenders each week over the last month as many have family commitments or other ties on their time. There is a lovely bond developing between us and a freshness to hear and contribute to all God is doing in us and through us at this time. I feel incredibly privileged to serve such a special, gentle and loving group.

Carol Edleston

Electoral Roll

The Electoral Roll stood at 203 last year. Since then we have removed 6 names through death, eight have moved out of the area and nine asked for their names to be removed. 18 have asked to join us through ChurchSuite.

Our Electoral Roll stands at 198.

St Austell Parish - Curate Report

The year to March 2022 has been an exceptionally diverse one, when I embarked on the ordination process I could have never conceived the range of circumstances that would result in so many experiences in such a short space of time.

Until late summer 2021 my experience of ministry was via the internet as we were still recording gatherings and there were few occasional offices, except funerals. The open air gatherings over the summer in the grounds of Holy Trinity church were a welcome return to 'in person' gatherings. It was a new way of worship for many; there was often a deep sense of the presence of the Holy Spirit.

In July I felt a deep burden for those who had been isolated for so long. Howard spoke on, "What do you have in your hand?" (YouTube) I was holding a coffee cup, and so the vision for a meeting each Friday at Par Garden Centre was hatched. At its height we had over 30 people at one time all chatting together over coffee... the walls of isolation were crumbling...thank goodness.

This group ended as the Thursday @ 11 gathering began. (Separate report).

The return to 'in person' gatherings was soon followed by Howard's Sabbatical and ill health leave. Howard had always been very supportive, and it was very easy to ask for help in new ventures etc. But I then found myself in a situation where I could not ask for support, I just had to get on with the task in hand. This has been a time of prolonged and accelerated spiritual growth. Prayer and communion with God is my lifeline as a minister. But I have never experienced such a sustained and unceasing call to minister, and my reliance on the Lord became my means of continuing through times when there didn't seem to be enough days in the week or hours in the day.

It has been a profound privilege to preside at Holy Communion, since my ordination to the priesthood in June 2021. The depth and magnitude of the intimacy and significance of this sacrament is so humbling, and each occasion is so precious. I have officiated at baptisms and funerals. Weddings are now on the horizon - I

unfortunately had to miss my first opportunity to independently officiate at a wedding in October 2021 as I was away in Canada.

I would like to thank all of you for your patience and support as I have embarked on new ventures. The encouragement I have received by so many individuals has made so much difference to my experience, and has revealed the love in so many hearts. Thank you so much! I would like to thank Lucy Larkin and the Diocesan team... again they have been an invaluable help. It has been a privilege to serve with the rest of the leadership team and I would like to thank them especially for the selfless service they provide whilst I needed to visit my family abroad. I don't think anyone noticed I wasn't there!! To Howard, who does so much behind the scenes to support, encourage and provide constructive advice - he spends so much time few can see, in dedication to the development ministry. Howard, thank you so much! And finally, to Chris, I am truly blessed to share my life and my ministry with such a special person.

Carol Edleston

TM (Transforming Mission) Update

During 2021 the TM Team comprised

Pioneer Minister – Jonny Dant

Youth, Children and Communities Minister – Lesley Lawther

Worship Pioneer Minister – Jamie Moore (from June 2021)

Media co-ordinator – Jen Dant (for 6 months until Nov 2021 - 8 hrs per week)

Operations Manager – Heather Batho (3 days per week)

We work together as a team as well as having our own areas of ministry. The Operations part has involved

- Leading and coordinating various short term projects e.g. re-ordering of the interior of Holy Trinity
- Along with Keith Palmer and William Trinick, being one of the client representatives on the development of Trinity Centre and Trinity Cafe
- Establishing links with town community groups and coordinating our involvement in community events e.g. History Day, Winter Wonderland
- Regular reporting to, and liaising with, the Diocese re TM plans, outcomes and measures
- Building links within the deanery and looking for opportunities to help in the implementation of the On The Way deanery plan

Please pray as we look to appoint a new part-time media coordinator, and shortly will be recruiting for paid and voluntary staff for Trinity Café.

Heather Batho

Vicar's Report APCM (2022)

Dear friends,

The experience of the past 2 years under the restrictions and limitations of COVID have been beyond our imaginations I think.

We have experienced the unique reality of being isolated, cut off from those we love and in some cases, losing precious family and friends without the chance to say goodbye and thank you.

I think it only right that I **acknowledge how difficult** it has been for us as individuals and as a church. As we return to regular gatherings, we can see that massive changes have occurred in our fellowship.

- Some folks have left and moved to other fellowships
- Others are still shielding or remain cautious and have yet to return to us

- Many new faces have arrived -some local and others from different parts of the country
- And each of us has been impacted. We have been changed significantly, and are not the same as pre-COVID days.

I think it is good to acknowledge these things and **recognise the impact** of the losses, isolation and long term adjustments that we have all undergone, in some form or other. Don't be surprised if you feel anxious or disengaged after the lockdown. You may feel grief or sadness or maybe even anger that the church has changed.

Add to the people changes, the physical ones that we have made to the **fabric of Holy Trinity**, and it is not surprising that we are all still adjusting to a new normal.

The **pews now being on wheels** have been a revelation. We have kept the essence of the church, but it is now a really flexible space and already we are seeing the rich benefits for things like Sunshine (Mums and tots) on Wednesdays and for staging events (for example the Winter Wonderland) which would have been unthinkable previously.

We have also seen the appointment of **new TM staff** during the pandemic, and I realise keenly that it has been incredibly hard for everyone to get to know Jamie, Jonny and Lesley, and our interns Rosie and Ben during lockdown. They too have been frustrated at not being able to get to know you!

Through all this, I'm immensely grateful to so many people who have, through the pandemic, sustained the life of our church. Heather has led the team bravely when I was away; Richard our treasurer has worked incredibly hard on all things financial -and throughout all that has been unfolding, the work in converting the old Hop and Vine pub into the **Trinity Centre** has steadily progressed to the point that handover is now in sight before too long. Immense credit goes to Keith (Churchwarden), Heather, and William Trinick (Project Manager) and their teams, in advancing this major undertaking. Thank you!

To all of you who have continued to give financially I offer my sincere thanks, as this has enabled us to not only fulfill our **MMF quota** for 2021, but also sustain some missional giving, as well as supporting important initiatives in the parish.

We have welcomed Michael Molano as Assistant Curate, along with Caroline and the children, and I am glad that we all understand that a Curate is not an "extra pair of hands", but an opportunity for us to love, shape and train an individual in order to bless the wider church. Michael has been tasked with the development of a new worshipping community at Pentewan. Meanwhile, Carol Edleston has been given oversight of the Thursday morning gathering, which is doing really well, as I write.

Recently we have seen Ian Gulland launched into his first incumbency; Dave Smith begin his ordination training to become a pioneer minister, and we pray that both Michael and Carol continue to grow and develop here. I believe that more **vocations** should be our aim in years to come. Alan and Sara continue to lead and enable the folks at Porthpean to consider seriously the call to witnessing to Jesus in Porthpean.

Transforming Mission is continuing to take shape alongside the **Deanery Plan**, which essentially is creating 3 groupings of churches across the deanery. We shall be joining Fowey, Golant and Tywardreath, with 2 Incumbent status priests responsible for oversight ministry across the area. Creating teams and local 'focal ministers will be key to the success of the plan. Jamie Moore continues to be a great addition to our team as TM Worship Pioneer, and we are so delighted to have him, Lara and the children with us. They are a real blessing.

I foresee that the season ahead of us will be focussed on recovering **what the church is truly called to be in Scripture** - which is a transforming presence in our community - both gathered and scattered. We have done the 'gathering' for centuries - now is the time to 'scatter' taking the Word and message of Jesus out, to see what

occurs! Everyone of us is needed, and the team's job is to equip each member of our church to be the person that God always intended.

Rachel Manicom Smith, and Hilary Dipper continue to serve faithfully in our team. I am so grateful to everyone who quietly helps out behind the scenes, nurtures relationships and gently loves others in our fellowship. As a visitor said to me recently - **“this church is Informal but reverent”**. I like that!

It is impossible to mention everything that I have the privilege to see happening in our fellowship - so please forgive me if I have not mentioned you or your area of service.

Finally, thank you for your prayers for myself, Kay and our family. It has been a challenging year for us too and I can confidently declare that I could not serve in ministry without the love, compassion and long-suffering of Kay on this adventure called life.

May God bless you all as we pray with gratitude for God's revolution so far in our patch.

Howard

Transforming Mission Update 2021

What is TM? (Taken from the application to Church Commissioners 2019)

‘Transforming Mission (TM) is our most significant initiative to stimulate church growth in the diocese. Our prayer and our planning is based upon the multiplication of the model for growth already being pioneered across Falmouth.

TM is a model for the renewal of Anglican church life across Cornwall, focusing particularly on the “missing generations”, young people and families. In May 2017, the diocese successfully bid for the first phase of TM, to develop a Cornish model of resourcing church based in All Saints, Falmouth, which could act as a model for further locations across Cornwall. The full rationale for TM can be found in the initial bid document, including the background of numerical decline and anticipated shortfalls in ordained stipendiary leadership.

Model

This bid is for further funds to enable us to apply and extend the model, now bearing fruit in Falmouth, in our next largest population and opportunity areas:

- St Austell
- Camborne
- Liskeard
- Truro

This covers
the major



urban centres, forming a dynamic and mutually supportive network of TM leaders and churches across Cornwall.'

Transforming Mission in Cornwall – Phase 2 -includes St. Austell

The proposal involves the establishment of **four** further TM resourcing churches, after Falmouth (Phase 1). These four locations, together with Falmouth, will form the nucleus of a TM Network across Cornwall.

We have chosen these locations because:

- they have substantial populations, not just in the central parish but in the surrounding parishes and wider deanery;
- they are all home to substantial new housing developments in the next 5 years;
- there are significant opportunities for growth and we discern the churches represent a broad spectrum in a variety of areas such as, churchmanship, urban/rural and current mission capacity (supported by information and statistics provided by the Strategy and Development Unit);
- they all have significant levels of deprivation;
- they all have substantial populations of children, young families, young people and (in all but one case) students;
- 3 of the locations (St Austell, Truro and Liskeard) are led by recently recruited incumbents who have experience in growing churches. They have the qualities of leadership, vision and strategy which are necessary to achieve the ambitious outcomes outlined in this bid;
- in one location (Camborne area) we have the unique opportunity to recruit 2 new incumbent status leaders to lead the exciting developments in that area;
- the incumbents and PCCs and other key people in the respective locations are excited by the proposals and express a sense of calling to be part of TM and possess vision and missional energy to work across parishes and deaneries;
- the relevant deaneries are supportive of the proposals and committed to the collaborative working which a TM resourcing church will require;
- They present good opportunities for planting further congregations which is a key element of the TM vision and strategy.

Objectives of TM

- To reach the 'missing generations'¹ and start them on a journey of discipleship;
- To plant new worshipping communities;
- To encourage ordained vocations;
- To train ministry lay leaders who can be deployed across boundaries and deaneries;

- To initiate social transformation projects;
- To ensure TM resourcing churches are sustainable by 2026

¹ By missing generations we are broadly referring to children, young families and young adults, in reality it includes 40 and 50yr olds.

Where are we in St Austell Deanery?

Appointments: So far we have made 3 out of the 5 planned appointments. These are:

- ❑ **Operations Manager:** (Appointed June 2020) to oversee the development and compliance of the project, and to be the main link between the Diocesan TM Board and the parish.
- ❑ **Pioneer Minister:** (Appointed August 2020) to initiate and grow work with young adults (20s /30s) and help establish new worshipping communities which worship in new expressions and in new venues.
- ❑ **Associate Minister** for Community & Discipleship (Appointed August 2020): (half funded by TM): to develop outreach initiatives among families and young people and to oversee the small group discipleship within the parish.
- ❑ **Worship Pioneer:** (Appointed June 2021) to lead the development of the parish worship team, with the aim of establishing new worshipping communities and growing a richer culture of whole life worship across the Deanery.

Trinity cafe:

In 2019 the PCC of St. Austell Parish were led by the Holy Spirit to purchase the defunct pub 'The Hop and Vine' opposite the church in the centre of town, in order to create a Church Centre. The intention is to bless and encourage our town, by offering a welcoming cafe and flexible meeting rooms for hire to social agencies, voluntary organisations and church groups.

Funding for a **Cafe Manager** is included in the TM plan. The 'Hop And Vine' pub has been renamed "Trinity Centre", and full stripping out has been completed by volunteers. After much work, a Cost Plan has been approved by the PCC, and the first phase of work will be starting in March 2021.

- Phase 1: £583k + VAT = £700k, which achieves
 - ❑ all remedial/structural work,
 - ❑ an open café and reception
 - ❑ floors 1 & 2 as a bare shell with first fix of plumbing
 - ❑ wiring etc but no more.
 - ❑ These figures include all professional costs.
- Phase 2 onwards - first & second floors, basements: £1,040,000

During autumn of 2020 the Parish held a Funding Opportunity and raised over £300,000. In addition, funding of £92,000 has been granted by the Townscape Heritage fund. Other sources are being approached, including local businesses.

Trinity Centre is separate from TMM, being a St Austell Parish initiative, but the team see it as an essential part of delivering the longer term objectives of TM.

What local TM Projects have started or are being planned so far?

Clearly, COVID19 has made advancing the TM Project very difficult, but after a period of furlough, all staff are now working.

The Grain Community is about to be launched. (Target March 2021)

Our vision is to draw young adults together to live out an authentic expression of what it means to love God in community.

Right at the heart of Grain Community is the tagline

‘LIVING WHOLESOME LIVES

This is because being an authentic follower of Christ requires our 'whole-being', not just part of our lives. We believe that God desires us to seek him wholeheartedly, not simply to be 'serviced' on a Sunday. Grain offers an opportunity for those in their 20s and 30s to form indigenous communities that passionately reach others to share their faith in Christ. Our desire is to establish new expressions of worship that reflect the flavour of the individuals involved.

- ❑ **Launch of a sports related detached youth work. (Target Easter 2021)** Entitled 'Kingdom Sports' and led by a placement intern, this project aims to engage young people with the Gospel through participation in sports.

- ❑ **Creation of A School of Ministry** is being envisaged. **(Target late 2021)** Available to all in our Deanery, and in time wider afield, and based in Trinity, our School of Ministry will have 5 'streams':

1. APEST - (Apostle/Prophet/ Evangelist/Shepherd/Teacher from Ephesians Chp.4) Aimed at the recovery of a 5 fold ministry in the church, with each major gifting (APEST) being taught.
2. Focal Ministry - based on the work of Bob Jackson. et al.
3. Pastoral & Evangelism - developing beyond the current local minister courses.
4. Clergy Leadership Programme.
5. Links to existing IME/CME courses being run in the Diocese.

- ❑ Christians Against Poverty (CAP) began in late 2020, and is currently funded by Churches Together in St. Austell (CTSA). St Austell Parish is the lead church, providing accommodation and a 'Champion' to support the work. It is a first example of how initiatives can bless the local community and change the culture of our town. In time, it will move into Trinity centre.
- ❑ **Exploration of Recruiting Interns for 2021/22.** We hope to establish a regular stream of Interns, who will work across the Deanery. As well as helping begin new initiatives, it is hoped these young people will support existing projects, making them sustainable and fruitful. They will in return receive training via the School of Ministry and through parish engagement.

Some background in our Deanery: As TM unfolds things of some significance and importance may be noted:

- ❑ **"On the Way"** is a journey upon which the Diocese has set out with the aim of ensuring our Christian witness is fruitful and sustainable. St. Austell deanery has been selected to travel in the company of facilitators in the first cohort of deaneries. This will be a consultation around many conversations - but we cannot continue as we currently are.
- ❑ **Vacancies:** we currently have two benefices in transition without an Incumbent. Fowey Parish with St. Sampson Golant, and Charlestown with Tywardreath & Par enter "On The Way" with our prayers and wholehearted desire to ensure they are resourced and included fully in our discussions.
- ❑ **MMF:** as a Deanery, our MMF contributions are significantly below the cost of our ministry:

as %	MMF paid	MMF Call	"Gap"	
St Austell	£333,755	£394,060	£(60,305)	-15%

These figures as at Dec. 2020 are somewhat distorted, due to cost savings due to the transitions mentioned above. To offer some context, our MMF

contribution was £35,609 less than at the same stage in 2019.

{We can fairly conclude that currently our contribution deficit would be running close to £90,000 in real terms if all current posts are filled}.

❑ **Hope!** The pandemic may well have brought much tragedy and difficulty for us all - but what is being sensed in many church fellowships is that we have also been presented with opportunities:

- to rethink how and why we do church as we have been doing
- to make good our promise to God to be light and salt to our communities
- to use the many new opportunities which have emerged from lockdown, such as online gatherings, Youtube channels, and other media
- to 'reintroduce' ourselves to our communities as people of hope, prayer and service
- to listen carefully to what the Holy Spirit is saying, and let Him lead us.

We would be grateful for your prayers, and very much look forward to seeing what God shares with us from his heart -so that we can joyfully share it with others.

Thank you, and God Bless you.

Parish of St. Austell
ANNUAL VESTRY MEETING

Monday, 28th March 2022 6.30pm Pasties 7:00pm the meeting
Holy Trinity Church

The meeting will start with a time of prayer. In accordance with The Churchwardens Measure 2001 all those on the Electoral Roll and all residents of the parish are entitled to join and to vote. Nominations need to be in writing with the statement by the nominee that he/she agrees and is not subject to disqualification. Churchwardens should be over 21, baptised, on the electoral roll and actual communicants.

AGENDA

1. Opening prayer.
2. Minutes of the Annual Vestry Meeting of the 17th May 2021
3. Election of Churchwardens
4. Election of Gathering Assistants

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Monday, 28th March 2022 at 7:00pm

AGENDA

1. Apologies, Introduction and Approval of Agenda.
2. Approval of the minutes of the Annual General Meeting of 17th May 2021.
3. Presentation of the Electoral Roll
4. Election of Electoral Roll Officers.
5. Report on the PCC's meetings.
6. Treasurer's Report. Election of Treasurer.
7. Appointment of Auditor. *(A full report is available in the Annual Report document previously circulated.)*
8. Church warden's report on goods and fabric of the building.
9. Report on the Deanery Synod.
10. There are no elections of Lay members to the Parochial Church Council this year.
11. Election of PCC Secretary.
12. Appointment of Chalice Bearers.

15. Open Question Time.

An opportunity to ask questions about any of the Reports, including the Vicar's report, previously published or about the direction and life of the church family.

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St Austell Parish

Annual Report

for the year ending 31st December 2020



St Austell Parish

Holy Trinity | St Levan's | All Saints

**Annual Report and Accounts
of the
Parochial Church Council**

for the Year ending 31 December 2020

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St Austell Parochial Church Council 2020

Ex Officio
Howard Flint
Church Wardens
Sara Moulton
Keith Palmer
Diocesan Synod Representatives – 3 years from September 2018 (Ends 2021)
Michael Rowe
St Austell Deanery Synod Representatives – 3 years from APCM 2020 (Ends 2023)
Alan Gilbert
Richard Rashleigh
Heather Batho
Chris Edleston
Elected members – to serve until 2021
Chris Edleston
Pam Abraham
Rosemary Adkins
Elected Members - to serve until 2022
Elected Members to serve until 2023
Carol Edleson
Heather Batho
Ralph Curr
Deputy Churchwardens – to serve for 1 year
Robin Evans
Alex Palmer
Rupert Adkins
All Saints Representative*
Ralph Curr
St Levan's Representative*
Sara Moulton
Non voting members
Katrina Hurst**

* Selected by relevant church congregation

** PCC Secretary

Parochial Church Council Of St Austell

Statement Of Financial Activities

for the Year ended 31st December 2020

	<u>Note</u>	<u>Unrestricted Funds</u>	<u>Restricted Funds</u>	<u>Endowment Funds</u>	<u>Total Funds 2020</u>	<u>Total Funds 2019</u>
		£	£	£	£	£
Incoming Resources						
Donations and Legacies	2(a)	162,650	234,358		397,008	195,546
Charitable Activities	2(b)	16,344	24,282		40,626	26,488
Other Trading Activities						
Investment Income	2(c)	2,770	1,466		4,236	4,145
Total Incoming Resources		181,764	260,106		441,870	226,179
Resources Used						
Church Activities	3(a)	181,263	35,577		216,840	226,960
Trinity Centre Refurbishment **	3(b)		26,751		26,751	52,554
Transforming Mission - Provisioning Exp - Equip. etc.**	3(b)		1,607		1,607	
Total Resources Expended		181,263	63,935		245,198	279,514
Net Outgoing/Incoming Resources (Before Other Recognised Gains and Losses)		501	196,171		196,672	(53,335)
(Loss)/Gains on Investments ref. mkt value @ 31-12-2020	5(b)			6,060	6,060	13,865
Net Income/(Expenditure)		501	196,171	6,060	202,732	(39,470)
Capitalised Expenditure **	3(b)	28,358			28,358	
Gains and Losses on Revaluation of Property						
Net Movement In Funds		28,859	196,171	6,060	231,090	(39,470)
Reserves - Balances B/Fwd At 1st January 2020		387,240	182,250	98,318	667,808	707,278
Reserves - Balances C/Fwd At 31st December 2020		416,099	378,421	104,378	898,898	667,808
Memo - Of Which The Revaluation Reserve is -		187,231			187,231	187,231

	<u>Note</u>	<u>2020 £</u>	<u>2019 £</u>
Balance Sheet as at 31st December 2020			
Fixed Assets			
Tangible Fixed Assets	5(a)	553,853	530,549
Investment Assets	5(b)	104,378	98,318
		658,231	628,867
Current Assets			
Debtors	6	65,072	17,520
Cash At Bank & In-Hand		206,641	51,265
		271,713	68,785
Liabilities; Creditors; Amounts Falling Due Within 1 Year	7	(31,046)	(29,844)
Net Current Assets		240,667	38,941
Net Assets		898,898	667,808
Funds			
Endowment	9	104,378	98,318
Restricted	8	378,421	182,250
Unrestricted	9	228,868	200,009
Revaluation Reserve	9	187,231	187,231
		898,898	667,808

Parochial Church Council Of St Austell
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for the Year ended 31st December 2020

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2. Incoming Resources

	<u>Unrestricted Funds</u>	<u>Unrestricted Funds</u>	<u>Restricted Funds</u> Tr'form'g. Miss.	<u>Restricted Funds</u> (Tr. Centre)	<u>Restricted Funds</u> (Fabric & Other)	<u>Total Funds</u> <u>2020</u>	<u>Total Funds</u> <u>2019</u>
	<u>2019 Comparative</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>
2(a) Voluntary Income							
Planned Giving - Covenant	130,013	129,842				129,842	130,013
Tax Recoverable	30,114	25,667		22,734		48,401	30,114
Collections	15,594	3,129				3,129	15,594
TM Funding - Parish Contr'n			3,045			3,045	
Other Grants Received					1,975	1,975	(25)
Donations, Appeals Etc	19,349	3,512		161,634		165,146	19,849
Legacies		500		44,970		45,470	
	195,071	162,650	3,045	229,338	1,975	397,008	195,546
2(b) Charitable Activities							
Missional Grants (Incl. TM Funding)			24,282			24,282	
Fund Raising		24				24	
Revenue from Sales of Books, Cards and Magazines etc.							
		24	24,282			24,306	
Add:-							
Income From Other Qualifying Church Activities							
Rental incl Wayleaves	7,199	7,832				7,832	7,199
Income from Church Hall Site	8,083	7,458				7,458	8,083
Fees	2,519	1,030				1,030	2,519
	17,801	16,320				16,320	17,801
Total Income From Charitable Activities	17,801	16,344	24,282			40,626	17,801
2(c) Income From Investments							
Dividends	2,768	2,695				2,695	2,768
Interest	225	75			1,466	1,541	1,378
	2,992	2,770			1,466	4,236	4,145

Total Incoming Resources

	215,864	181,764	27,327	229,338	3,441	441,870	217,492
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3(a) Church Activities - Ordinary Expenditure

Missionary and Charitable Giving	9,000	4,465				4,465	9,000
Ministry : Diocesan Quota	98,357	98,357				98,357	98,357
Clergy Costs	1,976	898				898	1,976
Parish Training & Mission	1,451	1,153	464			1,617	1,451
Other Ministry Costs	1,170	553				553	1,170
Church :- Running & Maintenance	22,439	18,158			3,039	21,197	22,439
Upkeep Of Services	2,197	1,245				1,245	2,197
Depreciation Of Buildings							
Depreciation of Equipment	5,080	5,053				5,053	5,080
Organist	599	745				745	599
Trinity Car Park	2,543	1,111				1,111	2,543
Children & Youth Expenditure	1,950	471				471	27,433
Church Fabric		200			574	774	9,787
Trinity Centre - Consultancy				4,269		4,269	
Trinity Square							4,261
Transforming Mission Parish Contribution		3,045				3,045	
Staff Costs & Honorarium	41,601	19,546	25,256		1,975	46,777	16,118
Telephone & Broadband	788	1,338				1,338	788
Property Costs - Church Office	15,232	14,487				14,487	15,232
Property Costs - Trinity Centre		3,585				3,585	
General Office Expenses	2,482	3,743				3,743	2,482
Miscellaneous	350	1,224				1,224	350
Loan Interest	1,153	1,466				1,466	1,153
Bank Charges	135	120				120	135
Other Property Costs	303	300				300	303

Total Ordinary (Operating) Expenditure

	208,807	181,263	25,720	4,269	5,588	216,840	222,856
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Net Surplus/Deficit on Ordinary Activities

	7,057	501	1,607	225,069	(2,147)	225,030	(5,363)
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3(b) Other Expenditure/Fund Movements

Trinity Centre - Refurbishment Expenditure**				(26,751)		(26,751)	
Trans. Mission - Provisioning Assets (e.g. I.T & Media Eq.)**			(1,607)			(1,607)	
Capital Additions** (Trf to B'sheet)		28,358				28,358	

Net Movement in Funds

	7,057	28,859	-	198,318	(2,147)	225,030	(5,363)
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Parochial Church Council Of St Austell

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4. Staff Costs

	<u>Amount</u>
	<u>£</u>
(a) Wages & Salaries	42,522
Employers National Insurance	2,094
Pension Contributions	569
Estimate Of Average No. Of Full Time Equivalent Employees	3.5

(b) Payments to PCC members

The Operations Manager is a member of the PCC and her election has been approved by the PCC on the basis that the best interests of the PCC are being so served.
The Operations Manager remuneration was £11,689 in the financial year.

5. Fixed Assets

	<u>2020</u>		<u>2019</u>	
5(a) Tangible	<u>Freehold</u>	<u>Equipment</u>	<u>Freehold</u>	<u>Equipment</u>
	<u>Property</u>		<u>Property</u>	
	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>
Actual Deemed/Cost at 1st January	520,458	20,316	310,000	11,290
Additions During The Year	26,751	1,607	210,458	9,026
Demolition/Disposals During The Year		(1,238)		
Revaluations During The Year				
Balance At 1st December 2020	547,209	20,685	520,458	20,316
Depreciation At 1st January	-	10,226	-	5,146
Charge For Year		5,052		5,080
Adjustments Demolition/Disposals/Reval'n During The Year		(1,238)		
Balance At 1st December 2020		14,040	-	10,226
Net Book Value At 31st December 2020	£547,209	£6,645	£520,458	£10,090
<i>Memo - Of Which Revaluation of Assets Accounts for -</i>	<i>£187,231</i>		<i>£187,231</i>	

The tangible assets consist of the freehold land, buildings and equipment. The freehold land and buildings comprise Trinity Lodge and the former church hall site and car park, the Trinity Centre (formerly Hop & Vine) located in St Austell together with the Church Hall, Porthpean. Valuation is based Open Market and these have been carried out within the last 3 years. The Revaluation Reserve gives the uplift in value from the Historic Cost. Equipment is depreciated at 25% straight line. Buildings are not depreciated based on assumptions of long life expectancy and high residual value.

5(b) Investments - Deposit and Investment Funds

	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>
	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>
Market Value 1st January	98,318	84,453
Unrealised investment (loss)/gain in year	6,060	13,865
Market value at 31st December 2020	104,378	98,318
Cost At 31st December 2020	13,341	13,341

6 Debtors

Income Tax recoverable	33,544	6,223
Transforming Mission Grants Receivable	25,747	
Prepayments and Accrued Income	5,781	2,306
	65,072	8,529

7. Liabilities

Creditors ; Amounts falling due within one year

Creditors, Accruals and Deferred income	15,172	11,752
Accrual For Outside Giving	15,874	17,733
	31,046	29,485

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8. Funds

The Restricted Funds is currently comprised only of the Church Fabric Fund as the Church Hall Facility Fund has been dissolved and monies transferred towards meeting the acquisition and development costs of the Trinity Centre (with the former approval of the donees).

Restricted Funds Movement

	<u>Total</u>	<u>Church Fabric</u>	<u>Transforming Mission</u>	<u>Trinity Centre</u>	<u>Other Restricted</u>
Balance at 1st January 2020	182,250	182,250			
Incoming Resources	260,105	1,466	27,327	229,337	1,975
	442,355	183,716	27,327	229,337	1,975
Resources Expended	(63,934)	(3,612)	(27,327)	(31,020)	(1,975)
Transfers To/From General Fund					
Balance at 31st December 2020	£378,421	£180,104	-	£198,317	-

The Fabric Fund comprises a restricted fund designated for the re-covering of the roof, and for internal re-ordering of Holy Trinity Church. The Endowment Funds comprise St. Levan's (Porthpean) Church Fund of £11,805 and the Treleven Fund £88,371 and various smaller funds. The Endowment Funds are represented by fixed investments.

9 Analysis of net assets by Fund

	<u>Unrestricted</u>		<u><-----Restricted-----></u>				
	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Revaluation Reserve</u>	<u>Fabric Funds</u>	<u>Endowment Funds</u>	<u>Trinity Centre Redev.</u>	<u>Agency</u>	<u>Total Funds 2020</u>
	<u>£</u>		<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>
Fixed Assets - Tangible Investments	553,853 (150,000)		150,000	104,378			553,853 104,378
	403,853		150,000	104,378			658,231
Current Assets	22,268		30,104		198,317	21,024	271,713
Current Liabilities	(10,022)					(21,024)	(31,046)
Net Current Assets	12,246		30,104		198,317		240,667
Adj. Re Fixed Asset Revaluations (Trf to Separate Reserve)	(187,231)	187,231					
Fund Balance	228,868	187,231	180,104	104,378	198,317		898,898

10 Audit and Accountancy Fees

	<u>2020 £</u>	<u>2019 £</u>
Independent Examiners Fee	350	350

Finance Report for the year ended 31st Dec. 2020

The accounts of the PCC are best viewed in two separate parts, namely those activities associated with what are termed Unrestricted Funds (funds that can be spent on any expense, routine or otherwise, that the church incurs in the course of carrying out its work) and those associated with Restricted funds (where money is specifically given and handled according to defined criteria e.g. for the maintenance of the Church's buildings and fabric).

Overview to the 2020 Accounts

Before proceeding with the detailed section of the report, it is worth briefly commenting on the main events and activities of the past year. It will come as no surprise that the effect of Covid19 and the subsequent lockdown has negatively affected income, nevertheless because a good proportion of the church family support the church through planned giving the impact has been less severe than it might otherwise have been - enabling the church to fulfil its obligation to MMF as well as ensuring continued maintenance and care of the church building and the running of the church office.

Turning to progress on the Trinity Centre, I'm pleased to say there was a very encouraging and generous response to the Trinity Centre Funding Opportunity with money raised from the church family (including pledges) of over £392,316. The refurbishment plans have also progressed with the stripping out having been completed and the commencement of phase 1 of the refurbishment program imminent.

Finally – the Transforming Mission initiative has also progressed with the recruitment of members the pioneer team (Jonny Dant and Lesley Lawther and Heather Batho). The church is therefore now in a good position to actively engage with the mission as Covid restrictions are lifted. On a general note, although the early years of this initiative will be mainly funded by the Diocese in partnership with the Central Board of Finance of the Church of England, our contribution will increase each year on the basis of church growth will provide funding to support the mission in the longer term

Commentary on Unrestricted Funds

The headline result for our principal church activities was a surplus of £501,.

Income. (Please also refer to the expanded income statement in the notes and commentary section of the accounts)

Total income for Unrestricted Funds was £181,764. Commenting on particular items, I am pleased to report that Planned Giving £129,842 stayed almost

at the same level as 2019 despite the pandemic. The biggest drop was in collections (by £12,465) which with a closed church is no surprise. General donations also dropped (from £19,349 to £3,512) but with the focus of donations being the Trinity Centre appeal, this again was to be expected. Total Voluntary giving by church members including tax recovered through Gift Aid came to £162,650 (down on 2019 by £32,421 for the reasons stated above). Other income (including dividends, the car park and fees) came to £19,114 against £20,793 in the previous year.

Expenditure. Total expenditure on Unrestricted funds was £181,263 – a reduction of £27,544 on 2019. Staff cost savings (no immediate replacement of Dave Smith) and savings on utility bills as a result of church closure being the principal reasons.

Remarking on a few other specific items: - We paid our MMF (£98,357) to the Diocese in full. Outside Giving provision has been reduced to £4,465 in view of the reduction in available income.

Property Costs The freehold land and buildings comprise Trinity Centre (formerly the Hop & Vine) Trinity Lodge together with the Church Car Park located in St Austell and the Church Hall, Porthpean. Valuation is based Open Market valuations, as reviewed within the last 3 years. The Revaluation Reserve gives the uplift in value from the Historic Cost.

Restricted Funds

For Restricted Funds, income normally comes from specifically designated grants, appeals and legacies. The total income came to £260,106 in 2020 of which £229,338 was money received towards the Trinity Centre and £27,327 was funding received towards Transforming Mission.

Total expenditure on Restricted Funds was £63,935. The major items of expenditure were £31,020 on the Trinity Centre (progressing plans, stripping out and rates and insurance) and £27,327 on Transforming Mission (staffing and initial resourcing costs).

Reserves Policy

Your PCC has agreed a Reserves policy (on the Free Reserves) of holding up to £50,000 as a Critical Reserve, and up to a further £50,000 as Discretionary Reserves (to maintain Children's & Youth work, seed fund initiatives, provide money for new or replacement office equipment and as general contingency).

At the year end the net current assets (Free Reserves) stood at £12,246 as against £6,690 at the end of 2019. Restricted Reserves which relate to the Church Fabric Fund and the Trinity Centre Fund) stood at £378,421. However, of this £150,000 is held as an internal investment loan to the General Fund

which supported the initial purchase of the Trinity Centre.

Investments Policy

Your PCC has approved an investment policy that enables program related investments where the risk has been assessed as acceptable and provided a prudent level of cash reserves are retained to cover anticipated expenditure as well as possible contingencies that may arise. A more detailed policy statement is available for inspection. This policy has allowed for the loan arrangement set in place as described in the Reserves section above.

2021 Action

As a general objective - your PCC will continue to aim to achieve equilibrium between its income and expenditure, and maintain adequate free reserves to ensure the smooth running of the church's financial affairs.

A primary focus in the coming months and years will be fund raising towards implementing the work required to turn the Trinity Centre into a Café and Community Hub and also a base from which the Pioneer Mission team will be able to successfully operate.

On other matters, we as a church are committed to paying in full the Diocese's MMF allocation (which in 2020 will be £98,357). We will also continue to operate the parish office from No.9 Trevarthian Road.

It remains only to be said that the continuing and generous support and commitment of the PCC and congregation will be essential in meeting the challenges and making the most of the exciting opportunities that lie ahead.

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST AUSTELL

This report on the financial statements of the PCC for the year ended 31st December 2020, which are set out on Pages 1 to 4, is in respect of an examination carried out in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 ('the Regulations') and section 43 of the Charities Act 1993 ('the Act').

Respective Responsibilities of the PCC and the Examiner

As members of the PCC you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements. You consider that the audit requirements of the Regulations and section 43(2) of the Act do not apply. It is my responsibility to issue this report on those financial statements in accordance with the terms of the Regulations.

Basis of this report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity commission under section 43 (7)(b) of the Act and to be found in the Church Guidance 2006 edition, issued by the Finance Division of the Archbishops' Council. The examination includes a review of accounting records kept by the PCC and a comparison of the accounts with those records. It also includes considering any unusual items or disclosures in the financial statements and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the Accounts.

Independent examiner's statement.

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

1. Which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements
 - To keep accounting records in accordance with section 41 of the Act; and
 - to prepare financial statements, which accord with the accounting records and comply with the requirements of the Act and Regulations 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.



Tina Kelly

9TH April 2021

Cuckoo House, Marshall Road, Nanstallon, Bodmin, Cornwall. PL30 5LD

Achievements and Performance 2020/21

The main focus of the PCC in 2020 has been around the development of Trinity Centre from the old Hop and Vine Pub. Fundraising was delayed by the pandemic, but sufficient funds were raised to start the refurbishment work in March 2021, following the strip out which was completed mainly by volunteers.

We are awaiting the imminent granting of a faculty to remove most of the pine pews in Holy Trinity and to mount the older, historic ones on castors. This will make the nave into a completely flexible space for worship in the round, as well as providing a good venue for our youth groups, toddler group, exhibitions, concerts etc.

Faculty application/HT internal reorganisation

Our faculty application was accepted by the DAC, and we were able to display the 28 day notice on 22nd March. We can remove it and send it off to the Registrar on 20th April. Assuming that there are no further delays caused by any major objections, work will begin very quickly with a view to it being completed by the end of June.

The whole idea of making the seating flexible is so that we can make best use of the building for a wide variety of events. Sunshine, and all youth groups will benefit greatly from having a large, open space without having to navigate round fixed pews. Keith has been working with Rich Baldwin-Lee on relocating the sound desk, and also with Lesley about new storage for the Sunshine equipment. We are purchasing some large moveable storage trolleys for the equipment and this will enable it to be easily moved from the outer vestry into the church when needed. The aim is to clear the church itself of all extraneous items and to keep it as tidy as possible.

Whilst the wooden floorboards are up, we will be taking the opportunity to upgrade the electrics to the kitchen and along the south wall.

Once the work on pews etc. has been completed, we will arrange a massive spring clean of the building using volunteers, prior to a joyful re-opening for worship.

Transforming Mission

It has been a challenging year for TM. Each of the five TM projects in the diocese has been asked to report on the ways COVID 19 has impacted their vision, finances, deployment of staff etc. We have been fortunate in that we have not needed to furlough any staff, and in fact we have used the time since their recruitment to build up the team, develop the vision and lay good foundations for the future.

Jonny has been invaluable with his input to recording and filming for our online gatherings, and he has now been able to launch the Grain community for 20s and 30s. Lesley has overseen all our work with children and young people, and built up valuable contacts with their families. She has also been working on new strategies for small groups. My own work covers a wide variety of areas, but is broadly about connections within the parish, deanery and diocese, and overall strategy, and there is a lot going on!

We are delighted to have appointed a Worship Pioneer who will begin in May, and also a one day a week Media Co-ordinator, who will help develop our online presence. Dan, who has been on a placement with us this year, will be leaving, and we are hoping to have four new SWYM interns to start in September. Two will work alongside Lesley specialising in Youth and Children's ministry, one will be particularly focussed on 20s and 30s with Jonny, and one will be alongside our new worship leader. TM will cover most of the funding for these interns, but we will be responsible for their food and accommodation, so we will be looking for host families to help in this respect.

The main financial impact of COVID for us is that the whole project will now be extended by a year until 2026. There will be no extra money available overall, but because we have not spent all of our projected budget so far, we are able to extend the time frame within which it will be available, and this is very encouraging.

Heather Batho

Safeguarding

I am very grateful to Hilary Dipper for keeping the DBS records up to date. Once all the lockdown restrictions are lifted and we return to a new kind of normal, there will be the need for new teams to be formed in most areas, and it is essential that all those joining have their checks done before starting. Safeguarding training has continued online, but hopefully this will change later this year.

I am stepping down from the safeguarding role and Lesley Lawther is taking over as Lead Safeguarding Officer, with Hilary Dipper remaining as Lead Recruiter.

Heather Batho

Church Warden's report

Normally this would be an annual report, but in these strange times I have been in post for just 6 months. In that time I have never attended a service in church or been able to engage with congregation, staff or members of the public other than in fleeting socially distanced ways or over Zoom. My thanks to Iain Walker for what was probably the shortest hand-over ever, with a quick walk round the buildings trying various keys - I have endeavoured to release him fully for his new roles. And thanks to Howard and the team for your support.

There is a lot going on at Holy Trinity despite the apparent shutdown. I have been drawn deep into the design aspects of The Trinity Centre, with regular meetings, documents to review and contractors to negotiate with. Inevitably with such a complicated building there are aspects which have been very challenging, and there have been compromises to reluctantly accept to stay within a realistic budget. Working with William Trinick and Heather Batho has been very enjoyable when I consider past experiences, so thank you both. I have been hands-on a little, mainly in terms of addressing a series of break-ins which also resulted in some flooding from a broken water inlet. Breaking into a locked store room provided some light relief. My experience has always been that it is only when the congregation 'catches the bug' (if that isn't too painful an analogy) that such visionary projects switch from being building works into a real expression of our love for God, for each other and for our community. It's not just bricks and mortar, but a whole culture, and can produce amazing results. I am sure this project will be covered in more detail, but am more than happy to talk about it.

Back across the road I have picked up a few activities from the last quinquennial inspection. The main concerns seemed to be related to the roof, and whilst we have had some small corrective works done we are working towards an inspection of the roof timbers and replacing light bulbs.

The faculty to revitalise the interior of the body of the church building is close to approval. I have been working with the PA consultants to take the new PA system the next step on its digital pathway, enabling the mixing desk to be separated from the audio cabling. This will free up the nave when the pews are rolled back, making it a much more open area.

Lesley Lawther and I have also addressed the needs of the Sunshine group, whose play equipment has long lain under sheets in the north aisle. This will move into mobile storage replacing the vestry wardrobes, and when in use in the church will offer a more open space in the vestry itself.

In a small way I have been supporting Sara Moulton with the intricacies of doing the right thing, and being seen to do the right thing, as viewed by the Charity Commissioners, the Diocese and the community over the sale of the Porthpean Schoolroom. It is no small thing to navigate the paper trail correctly, and of course very unforgiving if the slightest error should be made, so we have much for which to thank Sara, and God. And all of you who have been praying.

Pentewan church has issues that remain to be resolved, and without face-to-face opportunities has yet to move forward.

I have worked on the church roof, the church tower roof, and now the soon-to-be Trinity Centre roof. So for a newby, I think I could be said to be getting on top of things.

*Keith Palmer
(April 2021)*

Home Communion

No activity took place over the year since the last APCM. It is hoped that the team of ten members (from those given permission to assist Howard in the administration of Holy Communion) will soon be able to bring services of Home Communion to those who are either in residential homes or are unable to come to church to enjoy Holy Communion.

Permission to the Parish of St. Austell to visit Penrice, Caprera and Woodland again will be renewed.

We plan to hold services of lessons and carols at residential homes at Christmas, which have been well received in the past, with members of St. Levan congregation and the music ministry of Holy Trinity.

One member of the team contracted Covid and continues to nurture her health.

Alan Coode, Co-ordinator

Mission Report

A Mission Support Group has recently been formed for the first time for many years; it has met once and plans to meet every 2 or 3 months. Its purposes include:

- Determining priorities for mission and which mission partners or mission organisations to support as a Church

- Allocating money given to missions
- Raising the profile of mission in this country and abroad

Since Grace and Festo returned to the UK, we have no overseas link mission partner. The Group is exploring who the next such partner or partners should be.

We hope to make specific proposals to the PCC on all these issues, and then to re-launch mission support through the Parish later this year.

William Hazelton

Children's, Youth and Families report

Konnnect Minis and Konnect Maxis

Usually these are two separate groups split into Key Stage 1 and 2 as per school groupings. After the church was closed due to the pandemic in March 2020, the children's team stayed in touch via a regular newsletter and emails/messages. In June 2020 we began to meet via Zoom. We decided that one group would be easier to run than two and since then we have been running a combined group of 4-11 year olds. We have been learning as we have gone along. As you will all relate to, Zoom takes a bit of getting used to and we have had some technical hiccups along the way of course, but as the months have gone on, we've all become more confident and the children have engaged more and more over the months and are probably more expert at it than us!

We've explored the fruits of the spirit, looked at Advent, delved into our bibles to see how it's made up then more recently we've done a series entitled 'A closer look...' and looked at the events leading up to Easter. We have made all sorts of crafts live online together, sung songs and danced, watched bible stories and even made pancake batter ready to cook once the Zoom finished!

A highlight was filming the nativity. This involved a lot of hard work and commitment from both our families and our video editing team! We loved the end result and are so grateful to everyone for their part in it!

Zoom, even with its' limitations, has been a gift to us and enabled us to connect and continue to learn about Jesus. At a time when social contact has been limited, it's been great to meet up regularly and spend time together.

I am so grateful to our children's team who have been committed, creative and completely wonderful over the last year! So a massive shout out to Mary S, Hannah C, Kate P, Debs S, Angela A and Lynne K. All have shared the planning and leading and Lynne has also planned an entire series for us on more than one occasion which has been a real gift! We do look forward to the time that we can gather once more in person but we are very thankful for all we have managed to do in this last year, apart but together.

Impact – Sunday morning Youth.

I began volunteering with Impact, in January 2020, and once the lockdown started and we had gotten our heads around using Zoom, this became our way of connecting. We have done a variety of things over the last year; we have used the Energize resources to look at a series called Act Justly, looking at environmental issues from a Christian perspective, we have looked at Prayer and sometimes we have just caught up with how everyone is doing and prayed for each other. We baked cookies over Zoom (that was messy and required far more parental involvement than we imagined!)

and then had a competition for how well they were decorated (well done, Joshua Smith!) We have also found a wide ranging selection of games that can be played over Zoom, from scavenger hunts to games using the whiteboard feature. For our young people, the most important thing has been connection. It's been very difficult for many of them, not being able to be in school for much of the last year and having to stay at home when they are at a stage of life that craves the opportunity to be out and about, spending time with their friends and being independent. Connecting over Zoom this way has provided a means of seeing friends, having a bit of fun together and hopefully encouraging each other in faith. It's been great to have Dan Lawther join Impact as part of his SWYM placement over the last year.

Soul Life Youth Club

When I began my role, Soul Life had been meeting online with Richard Palmer hosting quizzes and taskmaster evenings. He provided the much needed continuity during those first few months of lockdown and since then! From September to December 2020, due to a change in government guidelines, Soul Life was able to gather in person, albeit in a bubble of 15, with strict Covid measures in place. A highlight for me was having a 'summer party' in freezing November, with summer shorts, a Hawaiian photo booth, giant beach balls and our version of beach volleyball. And Ice cream!! I'm very thankful for Richard and his leading of Soul Life over the months and for the input and help of our team James P and Dan L.

Richard writes: For the last 12 months Soul Life Youth Group has largely existed in the digital space. From March to September and then again from January until Easter 2021 we met via Zoom, mainly for Family Quizzes and Soul Life Does Taskmaster. The quizzes have featured a wide range of subjects, been great fun, featured friendly and good-natured competition, and included the occasional controversial decision by the Quiz Master!

September to December was a high point of the year, as COVID rules allowed us to bring 15 of the Soul Life Family together to meet on a few occasions. Even with the smaller number – pre-COVID Soul Life meetings were frequently attended by between 25 and 30 – it was wonderful to see Soul Life back in the church and enjoying one another's company. We're looking forward to being able to meet again soon, hopefully after Easter subject to the Governments Lockdown Roadmap.

Part of Soul Life's strength and vitality has been the mix of church and non-church members. A challenge for the future is how we reconnect with the young people who we've not seen or heard from since March / April last year, who have mostly been from the unchurched families.

Sunshine Toddler Group

Sunshine stopped as soon as lockdown began in March 2020 and has been unable to meet since. I am so aware of the impact of the lockdown and the effects of a year of not being able to socialise with friends and family on new parents. There have been high levels of isolation and many situations where new babies have hardly seen another face since they arrived in this world! This leaves us with an incredible opportunity to serve new parents and families.

I'm very excited about relaunching Sunshine when we are able to. It will be, after this amount of time, a brand new group. With the changes about to be made in the church building, this will afford us a fantastic new space to enjoy. We are in the process of having a good sort out of equipment and toys in order to provide a Covid safe environment and look forward to starting again when we can. It's a great opportunity for us to build new relationships into the community and provide a warm and welcoming space for parents and little ones to come and play. Please pray for a new Sunshine team

of volunteers; people who are passionate and excited about connecting with new parents and would love to serve this very important ministry.

Lesley Lawther
Associate Minister for Communities and Discipleship

Community

Prayer – In August 2020 I was asked by Howard to organise a prayer walk across the town with CTSA (Churches Together St Austell). This event was attended by over 80 people from several churches, praying in pairs in and around the town. It was a great show of unity and of a shared heart to pray for our town and for Jesus' light to shine in what felt like a dark time.

In spite of the various restrictions across the last year, we took every opportunity to engage with families in the town. At Halloween, we partnered with St Austell Baptist church as part of Churches Together St Austell and handed out 200 Light bags full of crafts and activities, demonstrating that Jesus is the Light of the world. I'm thankful for the team that came together to put all 200 bags together which was no mean feat! It was great to use the church building, with Covid safety measures in place and make the bags which were then handed out by volunteers over half term week at the end of October. We had some lovely conversations and families were delighted to take bags for their children.

At Christmas, on a slightly smaller scale, Heather and I put together 100 Christingle bags with all the 'bits' needed to make your own Christingle – just add an orange! These were also given out to families in the town centre in the run up to Christmas with a note inside to watch our accompanying video on our YouTube channel, showing how to put the Christingle together and sharing the gospel message. We know how much families love coming to our Christingle service, so this was a small attempt to offer something in its place while the church was closed.

Unfortunately, due to the most recent lockdown and closure of non-essential shops, we haven't been able to continue with our Easter plans which would have included an Easter trail around the town with a chocolatey prize!

Lesley Lawther
Associate Minister for Communities and Discipleship

Small Groups

Our small groups have continued to meet as best they can during these trying times. Some have embraced Zoom and continued to meet regularly and others haven't been able to access Zoom for a variety of reasons. We know that our small groups are the lifeblood of our church and that it's been a challenging year when not all groups have been able to meet. Groups, where they have been able, have followed the teaching series and we were able to run an additional two groups for our most recent series 'Fruitfulness on the Frontline'. We know that as things begin to open up and we can begin to gather more normally that our small groups can start to regroup, reconnect and rebuild. Our vision is that our small groups will be places of life, of building up one another in the faith but also being effective on our frontlines, in our local communities and in all our relationships and interactions. Fruitfulness on the frontline demonstrated how effective we can be in the simplest of ways and we know that the world needs to hear a story of hope and about a life that can be had in all its fullness. Finally a big thanks to Richard and Ruth Higman! I'm very grateful to them both and the bit of time I've had to spend with them. They have faithfully held and supported our small groups over the last few years.

As you can see from the above, there is much to give thanks for and much to pray for! It's going to be an interesting journey out of lockdown and requires much thought and prayer as to how we proceed. Please do pray for our children and young people, and also the families we have come into contact with over this year. We know there will be many opportunities to engage and build new relationships but we know we need to do this safely and carefully.

One of my favourite verses is Matthew 28:18-20 which is the great commission. This is our task; to go and make disciples. And God promises to be with us in this task. It gives me confidence and assurance as we look to all that's ahead for us as a church.

Lesley Lawther
Associate Minister for Communities and Discipleship

Bellringer's Report 2020

The last year has been a frustrating time, as it has for most people. We stopped all ringing just before the first lockdown as the steadily increasing toll of the Covid 19 virus was becoming apparent. As ringers are necessarily close together and we cannot manage the 2m separation needed to keep everybody safe, I felt it was appropriate to cease ringing. This was closely followed by the National Lockdown! What is even more frustrating is that we have had 3 people enquire about learning to ring but have had no chance of starting to teach them!

During the interval between the first two lockdowns, we would have been only allowed to ring for 15 minutes before a service with no practice or teaching. As the decision had been taken not to open the church for services, we were therefore denied any ringing. Likewise, the Christmas break never really materialised.

We are now looking forward to starting again around mid-May but that will probably not materialise due to a planned closure of the church for fabric work to be done. I have had no definite instructions about this from the clergy. In any case, quite how we will manage if there is to be a one-way system has not yet been discussed. We continue to hope for a new ringing floor that will solve many of these problems. However, after talking to representatives of Truro Diocesan Guild of Ringers, it appears we will need to ensure adequate forced ventilation, and at least the rope guides will need to be relocated upwards with new lighting etc. It will not be as simple as it seems!

Despite all that, the bells and ropes have been refurbished and when we are allowed, we hope to resume with enthusiasm.

Rupert Adkins
Tower Captain

Pastoral Care at Holy Trinity

The pastoral team has continued to meet monthly, and we are all in close contact with each other in between meetings as we liaise over requests for help and prayer. The team consists of Rosemary Adkins, Ruth Higman, Pam Abraham, Lesley Lawther, Jan Varney, Heather Batho, Alan Gilbert, Rachel Manicom--Smith, Howard Flint, and Katrina Hurst, who has just recently joined us. I am very grateful to all those who have regularly kept in touch with those who

have been isolated, or who have needed shopping done, prescriptions collected, transport for hospital appointments etc. etc.

Walking for Health

I am very pleased to say that our Walking for Health walks will resume on April 13th. We have had a regular band of walkers, many of whom have been referred to us, and I know that they are all really looking forward to meeting up again. This is one of our frontlines, and it is such an easy and natural way of making connections. Do think about coming along and bringing a friend or neighbour: I would like to stress that it is not a walking group for Christians, but a frontline opportunity!

Heather Batho

Pioneer Report

Young Adults

Over the last few months we've been really encouraged to start Grain Community; a new initiative aiming to empower churches and individuals to start indigenous, geographically-based gatherings of young adults. Although the pandemic has been challenging, it's been a great opportunity to discover how we begin to form a group in St Austell. So far we have run an online young adults games night and several small group gatherings. We've started meeting fortnightly to explore teaching around what it means to authentically follow the ways of Jesus in community and we are regularly seeing around 8 young adults attending this group. It's been a real privilege to see young adults from different villages, denominations, and some who are only just beginning to explore what faith means to them, gather together for Christ.

We have recently started to go through Alpha with one young adult over Zoom, and are in conversation with another young person who is interested in Baptism and finding out more about faith. God has already been paving the way for a young adult community to form even whilst in another lockdown.

As the lockdown ends we are excited to be able to run local young adults games nights in person, along with book clubs and other ideas that the community begins to dream up. In time, we will also begin to produce regular online content, such as devotionals, teaching and various other forms of creative media in order to resource our small groups.

Jonny Dant

Precept Inductive Bible Study Group

These courses were introduced to St. Austell Parish in September 2019 following prayer, God's leading and the support of Howard and the Staff Team.

The purpose of these courses is to introduce people to the Precept Method of Inductive Bible Study which empowers them to discover God's truth for themselves. The courses encourage people to

search for God's heart through His Word, to apply this to their lives and to share what they find with others.

In 2019/20, using materials from Precept Ministries UK, we ran 10 Taster Sessions both for groups and individuals with a total attendance of 39 people both from Holy Trinity and from other churches in St. Austell.

Following on from these sessions we provided an 8 week study on 2 Timothy and a 6 week study on Ruth. These groups were held on Monday afternoons in the Parish Office. These groups had an attendance of 5 people and 9 people respectively.

From March 2020 following lockdown and restrictions on group meetings we took our studies online using the Zoom platform.

Our Monday group of 8 continued and so far has studied the books of Judges, Acts, 1John and are currently studying Malachi.

We have run an evening 6 week, no-homework study, entitled "How Do You Know God is Your Father?" for which we had an attendance of 13 people.

We have also run a couple of Mini Bible Studies in an evening and "The Easter Story" for which we had an attendance of 9.

All our courses have been attended by people from various denominations in the St. Austell area and beyond and will always remain open to all who want to know God deeply and live in the light of what they find.

At the beginning of 2021 Steve Adams joined the team as another leader and we are delighted to have him working alongside.

During the lockdown period Val and Diana have completed their course of Precept Bible Schools plus some further leader training and are now acknowledged by Precept UK as Precept leaders. Steve has attended his first Precept Bible School and is hoping to complete more in the future.

Our plans for the coming year include:

- Continuing our Monday study group with plans to study Nehemiah and Hebrews
- Further 6 week, no homework studies
- A monthly Mini Bible Study
- Steve is considering running a Men's Bible Study

As we move out of lockdown we still plan to use Zoom as our platform in the short term but will need to look for suitable venues where we can meet in person once it is safe to do so.

We would like to thank Howard, Carol Edelston, the staff team and the PCC for their continuing support and financial assistance with our training.

We hope and pray that God will continue to use us for His glory in the weeks and months ahead.

Diana, Val and Steve
March 2021

PCC Report

The PCC have met for the requisite number of times.

Katrina

All Saints Church Pentewan

It has been a difficult year for the village of Pentewan. Like everywhere else, Covid has dominated life. There have been 6 confirmed cases but fortunately no deaths. Most of the working population are self employed or casual, so family incomes are reduced. However, as the population is predominantly over 50, the majority have now received at least one immunisation!

The church has been open during the summer for private prayer and reflection until closing again in November. It was, however, decorated for Christmas and now has facilities for making tea and coffee. There has been a lot of interest in its future use from both villagers and visitors.

The future remains very uncertain. We are hopeful that we will be permitted to open for private prayer once lockdown eases. The Church will celebrate its 200th anniversary this year and commemorations are already being planned.

Ralph Curr is an elected member of the PCC, and has the following comments to make.

Parochial Church Councils are a statutory body of the Anglican Church. They formed out of the original vestry committee and were created in 1921 to enable laity representation in the running of Parishes. They are required to meet a minimum of 4 times a year. Only those on the electoral role can stand and the electoral role officer must be a member.

My view is that the PCC are the trustees of the Parish under the chairmanship of the priest in charge. They are, therefore, responsible for financial issues including recruiting and employment of paid staff as well as disposal and purchase of Church property.

They should help the incumbent with pastoral, evangelical and social issues by taking joint responsibility.

Ralph Curr - Secretary
March 2021

St Levan's Church Warden's Report

Until the third lockdown, St Levan's was open daily with Covid precautions in place. On Remembrance Sunday, Alan and Sara recorded a wreath laying service which was later uploaded and a simple reading, prayer and wreath laying ceremony was held outside with some of the congregation and villagers participating at a Covid-safe distance. Jim Bushrod rang our single bell at 11am and bravely continued even when the rope gave way. He has since arranged for and installed a replacement rope courtesy of his daughter who is a bellringer in Bristol and sourced a spare length of the right sort of rope. Plans to install a memorial plaque on the gatepost bearing the names and dates of the village's war dead are going ahead in the village and have been approved by the diocese.

On Low Sunday, Dec 27th, a hybrid Eucharist was held over Zoom with six in the congregation and many more joining remotely. Recorded music accompanied the service, which was led by Alan Gilbert, Andrew Wade presiding. A similar arrangement took place for a Good Friday contemplative service and the Zoom programme recorded the event but sadly the sound quality was not good enough for uploading.

Plans to refurbish and update the facilities at St Levans to make it a community resource for congregation and community are in place and awaiting funding from the sale of the schoolroom.

The Schoolroom at Higher Porthpean went on the market with Lewis & Co on Feb 23rd and an offer has been accepted. Our surveyor looked at our marketing of the property and has given the opinion, required by the Charity Commission, that this has been carried out effectively.

Meanwhile, an application for Asset of Community Value status for the Schoolroom was made to Cornwall Council by a Porthpean resident. This, if granted, would mean a six-month moratorium on any sale to allow the community to raise funds for a bid. The application was received on March 3rd and there is an eight-week deadline, meaning the decision is due by April 28th.

The ACV status, if granted, would attach to the property and, if the sale has completed, come into play if the new owner decided to sell within five years. If the ACV status is granted before completion, we are potentially set back by the six-month moratorium, though we are ready to appeal the status with the council if the PCC wishes this.

We needed to ask the Charity Commission to give us permission to sell to a connected buyer. While we could not proceed with this request until an offer was made and accepted, our solicitors were primed and ready with all the necessary information. All the evidence had been assembled to support our case and our expert is confident permission will be granted, but the response time is an inflexible 30 day minimum which will carry us beyond the ACV decision deadline. If ACV status is not granted, of course the time pressure disappears.

Triggered by our acceptance of the offer, the Land Registry has registered the Schoolroom plot and the church plot too, both having been previously unregistered.

The Porthpean home group continues to flourish and is almost large enough now to consider dividing. We grew skilled at Zoom but are looking forward to meeting in person. On Good Friday, eight of us, including two couples, were able to gather in a socially distanced way in church for a simple series of readings from Matthew 27 and some recorded music. We Zoomed live and a few people joined us, and the event was also recorded but sadly it seems the quality of the recording is not good enough to be uploaded for sharing as we had hoped. We clearly have more to learn, but all the feedback was very positive.

In late January, we lost our brother and fellow-worshipper Howard Rosevear who had been ill for some time and unable to join us in person even before lockdown the previous year. The congregation and village turned out to show their respects as the cortege left the house and travelled to Holy Trinity for a Covid-compliant funeral, officiated by Howard Flint and supported by Alan Gilbert. Under other circumstances, the church would have been packed and Howard is much missed. At his passing and for the late Duke of Edinburgh, flowers were displayed on the grassy mound in front of the gatepost, a lockdown innovation that is rapidly becoming a St Levan's tradition.

Sara Moulton
April 2021

Vicar's Report

Dear friends,

I wonder if you have a "life verse" from the Bible? My life first is from John 10.10; "the thief comes only to kill, steal and destroy. I have come that they may have life, in all its fullness".

What a year of life the last year has been! In fact we have learned how to "do" life in a completely different way. There will be many new aspects to life that we have discovered (or rediscovered). But we have also had many losses in the last year, and it feels to me that our APCM this year is like a marker along the road which signals new life, new hope, and new opportunities, but which also owns tinges of sadness about the barrenness in some areas of our life that we have experienced.

I'm immensely grateful to so many people who have through the pandemic sustained the life of our church. To all of you who have continued to give financially I offer my sincere thanks, as this has enabled us to not only fulfil our MMF quota, but also sustain much of our mission all giving, as well as supporting important initiatives in the parish.

Work to transform the old Hop and Vine pub into the 'Trinity Centre' has gone on unabated and I'm so grateful to William Trinick our project manager, and to Keith Palmer and Heather Batho who have led the project brilliantly from the church side of the fence.

Lesley Lawther and Jonny Dant have worked through the pandemic so that our children and young people have been engaged in their faith, and so that we will be ready to launch revised and new initiatives once lockdown is released. Both are wonderful additions to our team. In addition I am delighted to confirm that Jamie Moore has been appointed to the role of Worship Pioneer under the TM initiative. He will join us with his family, in mid May.

We have seen the Reverend Ian Gulland launched into his first incumbency in Padstow, and I am tremendously grateful for the love that our church has shown to Ian, Vicki and their wonderful boys. I think they will have a really impactful future in God's hands..

It has been great to welcome Carol Edleston onto the team as SSM curate, for Carol brings a wide range of experience and there are many opportunities in the deanery that she can contribute to. We also look forward with anticipation to the arrival of Michael Molano as Assistant Curate in June.

A great deal of work has also been going on behind the scenes in Holy Trinity Church which Heather has led. And in St. Levan's Porthpean, I am deeply indebted to the work of Sara Moulton as both churchwarden and lead person in the long running challenge of preparing and then disposing of the old Porthpean school room. The Porthpean committee along with Alan Gilbert have great plans for adding a kitchen to the church and creating an outdoor facility for retreats, and youth space which can be used by young people and other groups.

Richard Rashleigh has again given unceasingly as Treasurer, and his work has included ensuring our accounts are now in the cloud (as he told me In case he ends up under a bus!!), and overseeing a rapid and broad expansion of our accounts now taking in a major building project and with a growing number of staff on the payroll.

I would especially like to mention the tireless work of Richard Palmer, Jonny Dant and Carol Edleston who, with no notice whatsoever, were thrown into the immense challenge of rendering, preparing and uploading our weekly gatherings – not to mention the editing of our online offerings! These

folks have made it possible for us to keep in contact with you online for the 16 months since the pandemic first hit. On your behalf, an immense vote of thanks goes to them.

Looking ahead to all the life that God wishes to pour out upon us - I am excited by what lies ahead of us. A shortlist sometimes helps as an aide memoire;

- we still need to raise a significant amount of finance for The Trinity Project
- we are excited to redesign our worship gatherings to allow more freedom in the Holy Spirit
- we are really excited by the possibilities offered at Porthpean for a community hub for the village
- Jonny and Jenn Dant along with Daniel Lawther and Emily Hill have launched the new Grain Community, which is aimed at befriending and bringing to faith young adults not currently involved in church
- we are hoping to recruit several interns in the coming year
- we see really encouraging signs of closer working together between churches of all denominations in the town, as well as the council and other charitable bodies.
- Transforming Mission is continuing to take shape as we complete our recruitment, allied to the release from lockdown which we truly believe will allow an immense amount of energy to be directed towards building connections with our community and opening up the church in every way, so that there are many entry points for those currently not walking with Jesus.
- the ‘On The Way’ project has begun; and although this will entail difficult conversations in many parishes, I am really hopeful that it will result in a fruitful and sustainable deanery and ultimately diocese.

We have welcomed new faces, and said farewell to others, but as we regather post lockdown, I am convinced that we shall see a new vibrancy and life in our fellowship.

I am personally immensely grateful to the PCC for their courageousness in deciding the step into the unknown over the Trinity Project. They are a privilege to work alongside.

Rachel Manicom Smith, our administrator and my PA is a joy to have serving in our team, alongside Hilary Dipper who is faithfulness personified. Thank you both.

It is impossible to mention everything that I have the privilege to see happening in our fellowship - so please forgive me if I have not mentioned you or your area of service.

It has been immensely humbling and a privilege indeed to walk alongside you all this past year, and I am enormously grateful to everyone who has chosen to throw themselves into caring for their small group and close neighbours. The pastoral team (Heather Batho, Ruth Higman, Jan Varney, Rosemary Adkins, Pam Abraham, Alan Gilbert & Lesley Lawther), have been unstinting in their calling, phoning, and caring, especially for the single and isolated folks in our fellowship. It has been a wonderful reflection of the love and care of the Great Shepherd, Jesus Christ....

My final note of gratitude is to Kay - who is, and continues to be, my greatest love and most faithful companion on this adventure here in Cornwall.

May God bless you all and St Austell with fullness of life in 2021/22!

Howard

Electoral Roll update for the APCM

We do not have an Electoral Roll officer.

Associate Curate's (deacon) Report

It is now six months since my ordination to the diaconate, which for those who are not 'au fait' with the Church of England offices, means I am currently a deacon. This office remains with me, as it does every priest in the C of E (including the Archbishop of Canterbury), throughout their lives. If Bishop Philip gives his permission, I will be ordained to the priesthood on 26th June 2021. The roles are different as the deacon role is very much one of service, whilst the priest officiates at weddings and presides over Holy Communion, for example.

So as you can imagine, the last six months has had its issues as serving in person has been really difficult; given the fact that I wasn't allowed to meet others! But nevertheless under the supervision of Howard, to whom I am very grateful, I have been kept busy and I feel I have learned a great deal. It has been a rich time spiritually as I have every opportunity to 'retreat' and to give time to study and contemplation. After the pressures of essays and deadlines during training, this development has been both welcome and incredibly necessary.

The online opportunities through YouTube (both in Contemporary and Traditional gatherings) and the audio recordings for Advent, Lent and Holy Week have also been invaluable. In 'normal' parish life it is quite difficult to reflect objectively on leading worship, preaching etc. And we are highly reliant on the feedback from others. The opportunity to critically reflect on our work on video, and the ability to re-record has been enormously helpful. Although, I can't wait for this pandemic to be over, and to be with real people instead of an iPad!!

I've committed to a great deal of online learning both at Truro Diocese level and on a national leadership course. I've tried to train in a wide spectrum of areas; I'm hoping that with this large bank of training behind me, I can actually get on with ministry when we can finally see each other again.

Howard has been an enormous help and a fount of wisdom, especially as I enter new areas of ministry. The range of funerals has been particularly wide. From cremations and burials to scattering ashes at sea. I am now considered to have a level of competence that means I can preside at funerals, and support families etc. without supervision. When such life events are seen as an opportunity to journey with families through very 'choppy waters', funerals become a precious time supporting and ministering; it is incredibly worthwhile. I've also been involved in weddings, again learning a great deal, and it has been heartening to see couples determined to go ahead even though the COVID restrictions have impacted the arrangements.

I would like to thank you all for your support. The number of emails, kind comments and encouragements at a time when we are usually 'socially distanced' has been an absolute 'Godsend', in every sense of the word. Encouraging and building each other up, combined with our faith in the 'all sufficient one' means that even the darkest times have a unique beauty; I think when we come out the other side we will be all the richer for what we have experienced. Thank you for your love and support.

Carol Associate curate (Deacon)
April 2021

Deanery Synod

The pandemic does not appear to have dampened the attendance at synod meetings. We have recently met on Zoom which in some ways has been more accessible as members do not need to venture out on dark winter evenings. It has been a pleasure to be involved in Zoom 'breakout rooms' and to meet people I have never met before.

We are very fortunate as we have some very dedicated members, particularly in the Standing Committee; they bring a wealth of experience and expertise and we are especially grateful for the way they unselfishly give of their time to this important work.

The synod is facing a time of considerable change. As the Diocese faces an unprecedented shortfall between funds received and expenditure, the sum now stands at a £2 million annual working deficit. Whilst there are reserves that fill the immediate requirements the bishops have made it very clear that each deanery must be both 'fruitful and sustainable' and that they wish to see plans of how St Austell Deanery intends to meet this challenge, in a few months time.

To meet this planning requirement the deanery is now heavily involved in the bishops' 'On the way' initiative. We have two advisors who both have considerable expertise in areas like 'change management'. Ian Alford and Rev'd Elizabeth Wild have been universally welcomed by the 'On the way' team, their contribution to the process has been incredibly helpful. We meet with them as a clergy team and include the rest of the standing committee at least on a fortnightly basis. The advisors have met with us individually on two occasions and also with a wide spectrum of people across the deanery. We also have the findings of the questionnaire Howard sent out a few weeks ago.

As the team now looks over all the information and thoughts harvested throughout the process so far, we are now coming towards producing a plan which will be agreed by the team and sent out to all parishes, hopefully W/B 21st June 2021. There will then be a time of consultation before the finalised plan is sent to Bishops Philip and Hugh.

Carol Associate Curate

Transforming Mission Update Feb.2021

What is TM? (Taken from the application to Church Commissioners 2019)

'Transforming Mission (TM) is our most significant initiative to stimulate church growth in the diocese. Our prayer and our planning is based upon the multiplication of the model for growth already being pioneered across Falmouth.

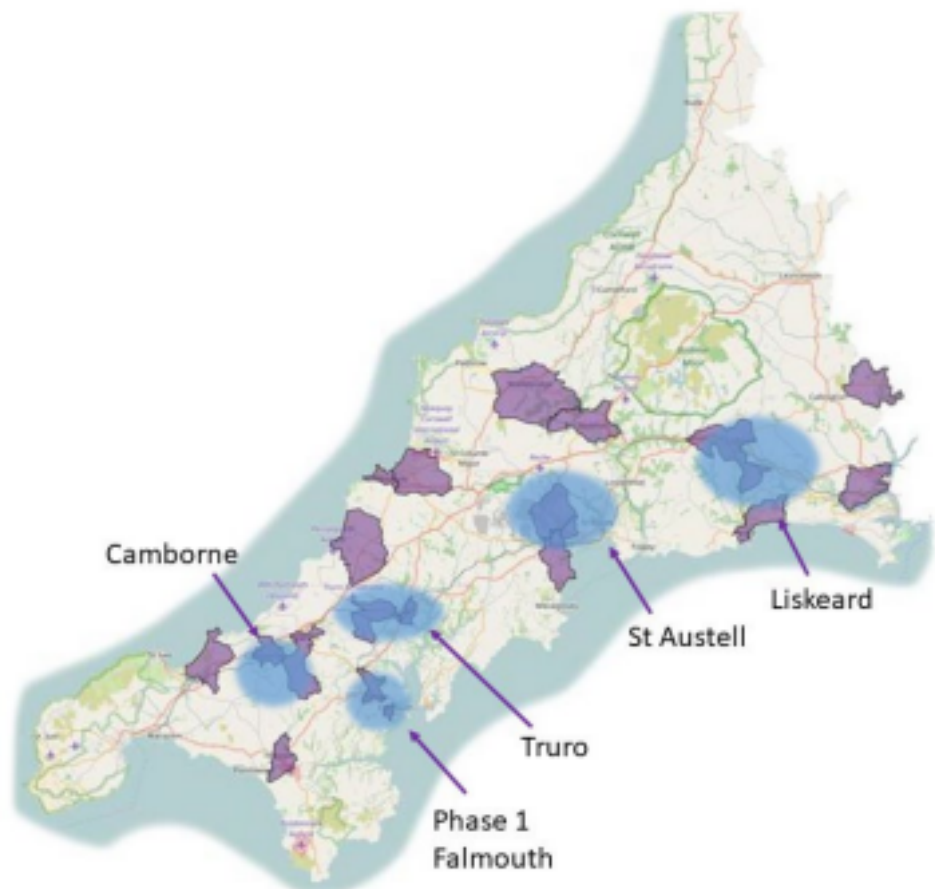
TM is a model for the renewal of Anglican church life across Cornwall, focusing particularly on the "missing generations", young people and families. In May 2017, the diocese successfully bid for the first phase of TM, to develop a Cornish model of resourcing church based in All Saints, Falmouth, which could act as a model for further locations across Cornwall. The full rationale for TM can be found in the initial bid document, including the background of numerical decline and anticipated shortfalls in ordained stipendiary leadership.

Model

This bid is for further funds to enable us to apply and extend the model, now bearing fruit in Falmouth, in our next largest population and opportunity areas:

- St Austell
- Camborne
- Liskeard
- Truro

This covers the major urban centres, forming a dynamic and mutually supportive network of TM leaders and churches across Cornwall.'



Transforming Mission in Cornwall – Phase 2 -includes St. Austell

The proposal involves the establishment of **four** further TM resourcing churches, after Falmouth (Phase 1). These four locations, together with Falmouth, will form the nucleus of a TM Network across Cornwall.

We have chosen these locations because:

- they have substantial populations, not just in the central parish but in the surrounding parishes and wider deanery;
- they are all home to substantial new housing developments in the next 5 years;
- there are significant opportunities for growth and we discern the churches represent a broad spectrum in a variety of areas such as, churchmanship, urban/rural and current mission capacity (supported by information and statistics provided by the Strategy and Development Unit);
- they all have significant levels of deprivation;
- they all have substantial populations of children, young families, young people and (in all but one case) students;
- 3 of the locations (St Austell, Truro and Liskeard) are led by recently recruited incumbents who have experience in growing churches. They have the qualities of leadership, vision and strategy which are necessary to achieve the ambitious outcomes outlined in this bid;
- in one location (Camborne area) we have the unique opportunity to recruit 2 new incumbent status leaders to lead the exciting developments in that area;
- the incumbents and PCCs and other key people in the respective locations are excited by the proposals and express a sense of calling to be part of TM and possess vision and missional energy to work across parishes and deaneries;
- the relevant deaneries are supportive of the proposals and committed to the collaborative working which a TM resourcing church will require;
- They present good opportunities for planting further congregations which is a key element of the TM vision and strategy.

Objectives of TM

- To reach the 'missing generations'¹ and start them on a journey of discipleship;
- To plant new worshipping communities;
- To encourage ordained vocations;

¹By missing generations we are broadly referring to children, young families and young adults, in reality it includes 40 and 50yr olds.

- To train ministry lay leaders who can be deployed across boundaries and deaneries;
- To initiate social transformation projects;
- To ensure TM resourcing churches are sustainable by 2026

Where are we in St Austell Deanery?

Appointments: So far we have made 3 out of the 5 planned appointments. These are:

- ❑ **Operations Manager:** (Appointed June 2020) to oversee the development and compliance of the project, and to be the main link between the Diocesan TM Board and the parish.
- ❑ **Pioneer Minister:** (Appointed August 2020) to initiate and grow work with young adults (20's/30's) and help establish new worshipping communities which worship in new expressions and in new venues.
- ❑ **Associate Minister** for Community & Discipleship (Appointed August 2020): (half funded by TM): to develop outreach initiatives among families and young people and to oversee the small group discipleship within the parish.
- ❑ We have yet to appoint a **Worship Pioneer:** who will lead the development of the parish worship team, with the aim of establishing new worshipping communities and growing a richer culture of whole life worship across the Deanery.

Trinity cafe:

In 2019 the PCC of St. Austell Parish were led by the Holy Spirit to purchase the defunct pub 'The Hop and Vine' opposite the church in the centre of town, in order to create a Church Centre. The intention is to bless and encourage our town, by offering a welcoming cafe and flexible meeting rooms for hire to social agencies, voluntary organisations and church groups.

Funding for a **Cafe Manager** is included in the TM plan. The 'Hop And Vine' pub has been renamed "Trinity Centre", and full stripping out has been completed by volunteers. After much work, a Cost Plan has been approved by the PCC, and the first phase of work will be starting in March 2021.

- Phase 1: £583k + VAT = £700k, which achieves
 - ❑ all remedial/structural work,
 - ❑ an open café and reception
 - ❑ floors 1 & 2 as a bare shell with first fix of plumbing
 - ❑ wiring etc but no more.
 - ❑ These figures include all professional costs.

- Phase 2 onwards - first & second floors, basements: £1,040,000

During autumn of 2020 the Parish held a Funding Opportunity and raised over £300,000. In addition, funding of £92,000 has been granted by the Townscape Heritage fund. Other sources are being approached, including local businesses.

Trinity Centre is separate from TMM, being a St Austell Parish initiative, but the team see it as an essential part of delivering the longer term objectives of TM.

What local TM Projects have started or are being planned so far?

Clearly, COVID19 has made advancing the TM Project very difficult, but after a period of furlough, all staff are now working.

- ❑ **The Grain Community** is about to be launched. (Target March 2021)
Our vision is to draw young adults together to live out an authentic expression of what it means to love God in community.

Right at the heart of Grain Community is the tagline:

Living
Whole
some

This is because being an authentic follower of Christ requires our 'whole-being', not just part of our lives.

We believe that God desires us to seek him wholeheartedly, not simply to be 'serviced' on a Sunday.

Grain offers an opportunity for those in their 20's and 30's to form indigenous communities that passionately reach others to share their faith in Christ. Our desire is to establish new expressions of worship that reflect the flavour of the individuals involved.

- ❑ **Launch of a sports related detached youth work. (Target Easter 2021)**
Entitled 'Kingdom Sports' and led by a placement intern, this project aims to engage young people with the Gospel through participation in sports.

- ❑ **Creation of A School of Ministry** is being envisaged. (Target late 2021)
Available to all in our Deanery, and in time wider afield, and based in Trinity, our School of Ministry will have 5 'streams':
 1. APEST - (Apostle/Prophet/ Evangelist/Shepherd/Teacher from Ephesians Chp.4) Aimed at the recovery of a 5 fold ministry in the church, with each major gifting (APEST) being taught.
 2. Focal Ministry - based on the work of Bob Jackson. et al.
 3. Pastoral & Evangelism - developing beyond the current local minister courses.
 4. Clergy Leadership Programme.
 5. Links to existing IME/CME courses being run in the Diocese.

- ❑ **Christians Against Poverty (CAP)** began in late 2020, and is currently funded by Churches Together in St. Austell (CTSA). St Austell Parish is the lead church, providing accommodation and a 'Champion' to support the work. It is a first example of how initiatives can bless the local community and change the culture of our town. In time, it will move into Trinity centre.

- ❑ **Exploration of Recruiting Interns for 2021/22.** We hope to establish a regular stream of Interns, who will work across the Deanery. As well as helping begin new initiatives, it is hoped these young people will support existing projects, making them sustainable and fruitful. They will in return receive training via the School of Ministry and through parish engagement.

Some background in our Deanery: As TM unfolds things of some significance and importance may be noted:

- ❑ **"On the Way"** is a journey upon which the Diocese has set out with the aim of ensuring our Christian witness is fruitful and sustainable. St. Austell deanery has been selected to travel in the company of facilitators in the first cohort of deaneries. This will be a consultation around many conversations - but we cannot continue as we currently are.

❑ **Vacancies:** we currently have two benefices in transition without an Incumbent. Fowey Parish with St. Sampson Golant, and Charlestown with Tywardreath & Par enter “On The Way” with our prayers and wholehearted desire to ensure they are resourced and included fully in our discussions.

❑ **MMF:** as a Deanery, our MMF contributions are significantly below the cost of our ministry:

%	MMF paid	MMF Call	“Gap”	as
St Austell	£333,755	£394,060	£(60,305)	-15%

These figures as at Dec. 2020 are somewhat distorted, due to cost savings due to the transitions mentioned above. To offer some context, our MMF contribution was £35,609 less than at the same stage in 2019.

{We can fairly conclude that currently our contribution deficit would be running close to £90,000 in real terms if all current posts are filled}.

❑ **Hope!** The pandemic may well have brought much tragedy and difficulty for us all - but what is being sensed in many church fellowships is that we have also been presented with opportunities:

- to rethink how and why we do church as we have been doing
- to make good our promise to God to be light and salt to our communities
- to use the many new opportunities which have emerged from lockdown, such as online gatherings, Youtube channels, and other media
- to ‘reintroduce’ ourselves to our communities as people of hope, prayer and service
- to listen carefully to what the Holy Spirit is saying, and let Him lead us.

We would be grateful for your prayers, and very much look forward to seeing what God shares with us from his heart -so that we can joyfully share it with others.

Thank you, and God Bless you.

Howard

