

APCM 2024 Parish of Clutton With Cameley - Reports

Rector's Report 2023-24

Firstly, I would like to say how lovely it is to be a part of the church family here in Clutton, Cameley, and Temple Cloud. These past few months have meant a lot of change and getting used to new ways of doing things and you all have been so wonderfully tolerant of any teething problems throughout and have made me feel very welcome here - thank you! In the following section, you will find out where I think we as a church need to be heading over the coming year. However, nothing is set in stone. I would love to hear from you all, as the members of this church, your ideas and your passions and together work out how we might be able to use them to grow God's kingdom here.

Looking forward

Our church has a long history rooted in this community. For generations, this church has been a place of worship, fellowship, and service, with faithful believers coming together to glorify God and minister to their neighbours. As we look to the future, I feel we are being called to build upon this strong foundation, renewing our commitment to loving our village and sharing the transformative message of the gospel.

At the heart of this vision is a focus on families and young people. We recognise that the needs of our community are ever-evolving, and that to remain relevant and impactful, we must intentionally engage the next generation. This means creating meaningful ministries that speak to the real-life challenges facing parents, children, and youth.

The Bible presents a powerful image of the church community as a family: we are 'sons and daughters' of God our Father (2 Cor. 6.18), adopted into God's family (Romans 8.15) and all who do the will of God are brothers and sisters to Jesus (Mark 3.35). With this in mind, one key initiative will be strengthening the relationships between the members of our churches across the benefice through gathering together both socially and for spiritual growth.

A family is, by definition, a diverse group of people. Through relationships and the process of growing up, families include a multitude of backgrounds and ages and so I hope that we can grow the diversity of our church family by building up our Family Service ministry and our ministry to the two schools in our area - Clutton, and Cameley. Through the family service and other seasonal events targeted at families, it is my hope that we will equip mothers, fathers, grandparents and carers to fulfil their God-given role as the primary spiritual leaders in the home through an encounter with the love of Jesus and his church. Our goal is for young and old and everyone in between to grow in their faith, build meaningful relationships with those already in the church, and discover their unique gifts and callings so they might be empowered to be bold witnesses for Christ.

Alongside these family-focused efforts, I also hope we can deepen our engagement with the broader community. This will involve continuing to support the local events and activities that we are already involved in (such as the community larder and monthly meals) whilst also listening to our wider community about what they need in this ever-changing world and put things in place so that we as a church can support them.

At the same time as all of this, we are committed to preserving the rich history and traditions that have defined this church for decades. The timeless truths of Scripture and the cherished spiritual disciplines of our faith will remain the foundation upon which all our new initiatives are built. I recognise that change can be difficult, and so we will approach this process with sensitivity, inviting the PCC and congregation to participate actively in discerning the path forward.

Ultimately, our hope is that as we labour to love our village in tangible ways, the light of Christ will shine ever brighter, drawing people of all ages and backgrounds into a life-giving relationship with Him. May this church continue to be a beacon of hope, a fortress of faith, and a gateway to the abundant life promised in the gospel.

St. Barnabas Churchwarden's report 2024

With the uncertainty of the Church following the Rectory sale, all repairs at St Barnabas have remained on hold for the past year until the future of St Barnabas is determined. Following the sale boards going up for the rectory, our hall bookings gradually all left with the uncertainty of the parking. Much of the time was dominated by ensuring that the building is in a fit state to remain open. The Churchwarden is kept busy by keeping various registers and log books up to date and laterally with all the meetings we have had with the Diocese regarding the Rectory sale.

Margaret and myself continued to see and action the paperwork for Weddings and Funerals. We continue to have services on the 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month.

Thank you to everyone who works up front or behind the scenes doing all the many jobs that are needed to keep us going. Despite our current problems the Parish is still active. We keep everyone informed of Deanery Synod matters, we have an active Events committee, Pastoral Committee along with a Building Group.

The terrier has been completed for St Barnabas by myself and Brian Bailey.

Lynda Hooper April 2024

St Augustine Churchwarden's report 2024

As I recall and reflect on this last year in the life of our church of St Augustine's Clutton, I must say how humbled I feel to be a part of this amazing community family and to be honoured by being your church Warden.

This last year has been incredibly special with our congregation growing and coming together for the common good in both spiritual ways and creating a deep sense of belonging to our church. Everyone just mucks in and helps make all our services and time together a pleasure.

I must mention the enormous amount of work effort and dedication given so freely by Rose, Lynda, Gill, Jan and Al and of course Roger without which we would be unable to manage as well as we do. The last year we started in the interregnum with retired priests and I would particularly like to thank Victor Barley, Trevor Stubbs, Derek Smith, Andrew Cooper and of course our amazing worship group.

In the later part of this year we have been blessed with our new priest Guy who has been extremely well received and accepted. I feel a special mention to Jan for taking on the monthly lunches, for all the help and support from her team of helpers, a huge thank you. Particularly as it worked as an outreach, being regularly attended by non-church members, but integrating so well. A special mention for Lorna who we continue to keep in our prayers and thoughts and wish her a return to full health.

Finally, an absolute huge thank you to one and each of you for the enormous support I have received in this last year. With my very best wishes and prayers. Brian.

St James, Cameley

We have managed our six services this last year thanks to Preb. Jan Knott who has been amazing and very supportive. We had the Farmborough choir sing at St James Day service and welcomed a new organist/pianist to play at our services. We look forward to our services with Guy for the forthcoming year.

We had a wedding, always a joyous occasion, especially as it was the Harris family of Cameley Lodge, who have done so much for the church and its upkeep over the years. It was wonderful to see the church at its best: full and happy.

As we move into the coming year 'The Friends of Cameley' are starting, yet again, the fund raising for the conservation of the Mediaeval wall paintings. This time, we will not get distracted and already we have appointed a conservator to carry out the necessary works.

The friends have also helped to pay with the continuing upkeep of the fabric of the church and have dealt with a rather ancient electrical system!

The graveyard continues to be under the care of the PCC with the grass mown by Al Parkes. The friends have had work times to keep the ivy under control from the walls and the trees, helping and monitor the fabulous wild life and plants that thrive in the ancient setting.

Safeguarding Report for Clutton with Cameley Churches

Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility. The Parish continues to follow the guidance set down in the Parish Safeguarding Handbook. It was expected that all church Volunteers/PCC Members/Tustees etc, whatever their role, would complete DBS training, Parts 1 and 2. This has to be completed every 3 years. This has been actioned successfully.

There have been no incidents or reports which have had to be investigated or referred on to appropriate people within child protection over the last year.

Lynda Hooper and Brian Bailey

(Child protection and Safeguarding Representatives)

PCC chair report

The parish has spent the whole of 2023-24 in vacancy but have benefitted greatly by the input and assistance given by Revd. Guy. Despite not yet being formally installed, Revd. Guy has led our services, attended PCC meetings and social events, for which we are very grateful. We hope that Guy will be formally installed by the end of the year. Guy will remain living in Farmborough and The Rectory in Temple Cloud is being sold. Unfortunately this has meant the loss of parking at St Barnabas Church and the impact of that remains to be seen.

Key to Guy joining us, has been the decision of the Deanery Synod to dissolve the Benefice of Clutton with Cameley, Bishop Sutton and Stowey, and to join our parish to the existing Benefice of Farmborough, Marksbury and Stanton Prior. The dissolution of our original benefice has not yet taken place legally, but the wheels are turning, albeit slowly!

I would like to thank the PCC for their unfailing support over these turbulent times. Special thanks go to our Churchwardens – Lynda & Brian, our Treasurer Roger and our Secretary Lorna, who carry out a myriad of tasks unseen to most. I must also mention the worship group who, together with Emily, have enhanced the music, made our services truly welcoming and planted the seeds of all age worship. Finally I would like to thank the congregation for their support and ensuring our visiting priests have enjoyed their visits to us. What a lovely group of people you are! Whilst I am standing down from the PCC after this APCM, I have no doubt the new members of the PCC and wardens, together with Guy, will lead the parish to great things. Rose Mays

Secretary's Report

There has been a full complement of PCC members this year and PCC meetings have taken place every two months, formal minutes have been taken at each meeting. The various sub-committees have also met regularly, reporting back to the PCC and requesting PCC decisions as appropriate. All correspondence has been forwarded promptly to the Churchwardens or Treasurer, or discussed at PCC. Thank you to everyone who helps keep our parish a thriving and welcoming community. Rose Mays (on behalf of Lorna Boyd).

Events Committee

Events held – stall at the Coronation Fun Day, stall at Temple Cloud Fun Day, stall at Clutton Flower Show, Carol Service, Centenary Coffee Morning and a Quiz Night. These events raised over £1000 for church funds and I thank our small and dedicated group. Special thanks must also go to Jan and Brian Baily for the wonderful community lunches that were served throughout the year and will recommence in May in the new venue, Clutton Village Hall. Not only did they raise an amazing amount of money, but they gave friendship and

companionship to all who attended. Serving a 3 course Christmas dinner to 40 people from the tiny kitchen in St Barnabas was truly heroic. Rose Mays

Building Committee

The building committee met regularly and solved many minor issues in both churches. There was no significant spend, as the committee was waiting for the outcome of the sale of The Rectory and the impact on St Barnabas. However, urgent electrical work was carried out in St Augustine's, the Fire Extinguishers were serviced and PAT Testing was carried out in both churches. St Augustine's Church had its quinquennial inspection performed and we still await the report from the architects. We do not expect anything shocking, as the architect seemed pleased with the condition of the building. We also met with our insurers who were also delighted with the care given to the upkeep of St Augustine's. Thanks go to our wardens and Treasurer for their work. Rose Mays

200 club

The numbers in the club have remained steady, around 100. This has raised approximately £3200 for church funds this year. Rose Mays

Bellringers Report

With a much diminished band of 3 local bellringers, regular service ringing has ceased since the covid lock down. Fortunately however, we have 3 new learners, Jon, Andy and Mary, who with the help of colleagues from other towers, have allowed us to instruct and practice on Wednesday evenings. As a result, we were able to ring as a Clutton band for the first time for the Easter morning service, and hope now to continue, when numbers allow. The bells and ropes continue to remain in good order, with frame tightening being carried out when required. We retain monies earned from weddings and visiting bands to pay for general maintenance. We were very lucky to receive help last May from 4 very experienced local ringers to join Clutton ringers Lorna and Pete, to ring a full peal of the bells to commemorate the crowning of T.M. King Charles and Queen Camilla on the coronation weekend, one of a very few towers in the area to complete a full peal. We were also able to involve our learners at the time to ring on the coronation day. Pete Rogers Tower Captain

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES- for the year ended 31st December 2023

2022	Receipts And Payments A/C				2023
	Receipts		Unrestricted	Restricted	Total
	Voluntary Receipts		£	£	£
8696	Planned Giving		9134.00		
2839	Collections		3867.49	172.29	
3013	Income Tax Refunds		2096.38	105.00	
14548			15097.87	277.29	15375.16
	Other Voluntary Receipts				
2218	Donations		3835.42	24.00	
6492	Roof & Loo Appeal a/c			7591.87	
900	Grants T/Cld & Cameley PC re St J Grass			500.00	
300	Clutton PC re Carols		200.00		
0	Larder			1369.99	
710	Events Flower Show £167.74, Quiz £712.84				
	Jan's Lunches £1913.49, C'mas Tree Fest'l £90				
	Coronation Stall £164, T/Cld Fun Day £5.93		3054.00		
353	Harvest Lunch		0		
10973			7089.42	9485.86	16575.28
	Receipts From Investments & Trusts				
45	Interest		261.32	3.54	
345	Rent- PCC Share Of Grass Keep			345.34	
0	Wayleaves			12.19	
863	Reclassification of St A Deposit a/c			0	
2770	Endow't Investment Income			2950.91	
4023			261.32	3311.98	3573.30
	Receipts From Church Activities & Other Sources				
165	Hire Of Hall		384.00		
7485	Wedding/Funeral Fees Etc	4140.00			
-1803	less Diocesan Share	-1180.00	2960.00		
450	Verger Fees	250.00			
-250	less paid	-150.00	100.00		
532	Shared Expenses		111.23		
72	Sundry Income		44.80		
6651			3600.03	0.00	3600.03
36195		Total Receipts	26048.64	13075.13	39123.77
	Payments				
463	Royal British Legion		28.00		
57	Change Ringers £15, Frds Som Chches £25		40.00		
	Morocco E/Quake/Libya Floods			83.00	
	DEC Turkey/Syria		37.00	89.29	
520			105.00	172.29	277.29
	On Activities Directly Relating To The Work Of The Church				
18548	Diocesan Quota		18947.04		
2602	Church Running Expenses		4521.51		
848	Clergy Expenses	1062.05			
	less recoveries	-576.35	485.70		
410	Phone & Broadband		379.14		
483	Cost Of Services/Ceremonies		466.31		
0	Organs & Pianos		70.00		
80	Honoraria/Courses/Hospitality		150.99		
171	Building Maintenance			145.09	
1641	Churchyard Mtnance & Repair			2712.18	
6074	Roof/Loo/Tower a/c			6787.02	
0	Larder			912.83	
110	Website		129.20		
30967			25149.89	10557.12	35707.01
	Church Mgt & Administration				
70	Postages, Printing & Stationery	31.25			
-14	less recharges	-25.20	6.05		
40	Fundraising Expenses		1477.40		
96			1483.45	0.00	1483.45
0	Assets Purchased		162.50	0.00	162.50
31583		Total Payments	26900.84	10729.41	37630.25

Restricted Receipts and Payments Analysis					Year 2023							
		Living	St Aug	Cameley	Endow't	Welcome	Roof/Loo	Adminstr	Larder	Others	Endowm't	
		C'yard	C'yard	C'yard	Income	Leaflets	Tower a/c				Martin	
											Mem Fd	
Bals B/Fwd		514.90	0.00	9.25	7438.43	32.79	14745.51	1866.00	0.00	573.00	5805.12	30985.00
Receipts												
Roof Appeal-Main a/c							108.54					108.54
Roof a/c							7591.87					7591.87
T/C & Cameley PC				500.00								500.00
Larder									1369.99			1369.99
Investment Income					2950.91							2950.91
Grass Keep & Wayleaves					357.53							357.53
War Grave Commission			24.00									24.00
DEC Turkey/Syria Appeal										89.29		89.29
Harvest Collection										83.00		83.00
		514.90	24.00	509.25	10746.87	32.79	22445.92	1866.00	1369.99	745.29	5805.12	44060.13
Payments												
Grass Cutting St A			24.00		2076.00							2100.00
Grass Cutting St J				509.25	102.93							612.18
Larder									912.83			912.83
Repairs/Mntnance					145.09							145.09
Roof/Loo/Tower Fund							6787.02					6787.02
DEC Turkey/Syria Appeal										89.29		89.29
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		0.00	24.00	509.25	2324.02	0.00	6787.02	0.00	912.83	172.29	0.00	10729.41
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Memo -	Paten Change							see note 1				
	Organ Fund									3.00		
										570.00		
Note 1												
Adminstrator												
Grant Rec'd	£3,411.00											
Used 2017	-56.81											
Used 2018	-766.91											
Used 2019	-908.93											
Used 2020	-331.16											
	£1,347.19	Owing to Bath & Wells			NB the balance of £518.81 consists of £56.81 due to the PCC for 12/2017 salary and £462 which was donated mainly by Chris Knight to pay a future Administrator if general funds were not available.							

Statement Of Assets & Liabilities

- 31st December 2023

2022		General Fund	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total Funds 2023
Monetary Assets					
35,891	Bank a/c's Cheque & Deposit a/c's	4,053.46	27,525.60	5,805.12	37,384.18
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Report to the trustees of Clutton with Cameley Parochial Church Council on accounts for the year ended 31st December 2022, charity number 1135065 set out on pages 1 - 3.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed. It is my responsibility to :

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act, and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters

The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

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

(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the requirements;

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act;
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act have not been met; or

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

Signed



Date

27.04.24 Philip Lewis. 4 Tynings Way, Clutton, Bristol. BS39 5RY

Memo - analysis of Roof/Loo Account Income & Expenditure

Receipts		Expenditure	
Covenants	420.00	200 Club Prizes	2800.00
200 Club	6105.00	200 Club Overpayment repayment	15.00
Interest	39.49	St A & St B Electrical Tests & Repairs	1326.82
Restor'n Fund	<u>1027.38</u>	St A & St B Fire Extinguisher Servicing	177.60
	7591.87	St A Gutter Repair	78.00
		St A C'Yd Tree Surgery	550.00
Gift Aid (PCC a/c)	105.00	St A Notice Board Replacement	69.60
Interest (PCC a/c)	<u>3.54</u>	Lightning Tests	120.00
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