

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF KINGSKERSWELL, EXETER

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Details

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Activities

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

Activities: The Parochial Church Council is the body which oversees the spiritual, pastoral and social wellbeing of its parishioners, including children and the elderly. It provides the means to organise worship on a regular basis, teach the Gospel of Christ's love, to officiate at weddings and funerals and generally reach out to the wider community in Christ's name.

Classification

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

Geography

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

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-12-31	£109,973	£104,840	-	-
2024-12-31	£118,897	£146,210	-	-
2023-12-31	£117,400	£69,749	-	-
2022-12-31	£93,423	£95,970	-	-
2021-12-31	£103,184	£96,551	-	-
2020-12-31	£87,664	£107,687	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Rev Michael Wilkie	Chair	2020-02-23
Erica Dunn		2015-08-01
Helen Howells		2018-04-01
Helen Rowswell		2019-04-23
John Dunn		2017-04-01
Michael Bundy		2023-04-25
PETER THOMPSON		1995-03-12
Stuart Devlin		2023-04-25
Trevor Heal		2022-04-01

Accounts

PARISH OF KINGSKERSWELL WITH COFFINSWELL

**ANNUAL PAROCHIAL
CHURCH MEETING REPORT
2025**

**28th April 2026
at 7pm**

**Held in St Mary's Church
Kingskerswell**

**Annual Meeting of Parishioners
and
Annual Parochial Church Meeting on Tuesday, 28th April 2026**

AGENDA

Annual Meeting of Parishioners at 7pm

To elect 4 Churchwardens (to serve for 1 year)

Annual Parochial Church Meeting

Opening Prayers

- 1) Apologies for absence
- 2) To receive the Electoral Rolls
- 3) To accept the minutes of the APCM held on 29th April 2025.
- 4) To receive the following Reports...
 - a) Vicar's Report
 - b) Churchwardens Reports (Inc. Fabric Report)
 - c) Health and Safety Report
 - d) Safeguarding Report
 - e) Churchyard Report
 - f) Tower Captain's Report
 - g) Choir Report
 - h) Deanery Report
 - i) Mothers Union Report
 - j) Flower Report
 - k) Social Committee Report
- 5) To receive the Treasurer's Reports
- 6) To appoint Independent Examiners for the Accounts 2026
- 7) To elect the following
 - i) Members of the PCC
 - ii) Two Deanery Synod Members
 - iii) Electoral Roll Officers
- 8) To elect a Parish Clerk (to serve for one year)
- 9) To bring forward any business notified to the Secretary by 26th April 2026 and any other business brought forward at the Vicar's discretion.
- 10) To confirm the date of the next PCC meeting
- 11) Closing Prayers

COMMITTEES

Parochial Church Council (PCC)

There were nine meetings of the PCC between the APCM of April 2025 until April 2026 and Two Extraordinary Meeting.

In addition to matters concerning the everyday running of the Church which are covered at each meeting, the following matters are of special importance

1. Safeguarding

This subject is on the Agenda for every PCC meeting. Any Parishioner who is aware of such an issue should discuss it with the Parish Safeguarding Officer, Erica Dunn.

2. Finances

The Treasurers provide a minimum of monthly updates on the finances to the PCC in order for financial decisions to be made.

3. Charitable Giving

The PCC has been unable to financially donate due to limited funds, but has continued its Sponsorship of a child via Plan International, which is helping to end child poverty, at a cost of £192 annually.

4. Mission Outreach

Due to the importance of engagement with the wider community the PCC discuss outreach at each meeting, particularly connecting with Kingskerswell Primary School on a regular basis.

5. Fees

Kingskerswell PCC paid £36,000 towards the 2025 Parochial Fees.

Coffinswell PCC paid £8646 towards the 2025 Parochial Fees.

Social Committee

The Kingskerswell Social Committee, chaired by our Vicar Rev'd Michael Wilkie, has the responsibility of organizing the Parish Church's social activities which the PCC have approved.

The Committee members currently comprise of;

Sue Dunk, Helen Howells, Lyn Kelly, Patricia Rodriguez, Wendy Shillabeer and Sylvia Wightman, with support from Sandra Dunford, Trevor Heal and Helen Rowswell also.

PARISH OF KINGSKERSWELL WITH COFFINSWELL – ANNUAL REPORT

Background

The Vicar, along with the St Mary's Parochial Church Council (the PCC), is responsible for the promotion within the Ecclesiastical Parish, the Mission Action Plan, covering all aspects of the Church's Mission – Pastoral, Ecumenical and Social.

The PCC also has the responsibility for the maintenance of all buildings – the Church, the Parish Centre, the Coffee Room and Parish Office.

PCC Membership

The members of the PCC are either ex-officio, co-opted, or elected at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) in accordance with the Church Representative Rules.

The following served as members of the PCC IN 2025:

PCC Chairman: Rev Michael Wilkie

Ex-Officio Members:	Peter Thompson	Treasurer for Kingskerswell (Co-opted 2004)
	Sue Bowers	Treasurer for Coffinswell (Co-opted 2022)
	Erica Dunn	Deanery Representative and Safeguarding Lead

Proposed and elected at the Annual Meeting of Parishioners (AMP) 29th April 2025.

Michele Berry	Churchwarden
Gordon Bower	Churchwarden
Sandra Dunford	Churchwarden
Trevor Heal	Churchwarden

Continuing to serve as PCC members:

Mike Bundy
Stuart Devlin
Dr Stephen Hoskins
Helen Howells

Elected at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) 29th April 2025.

John Dunn
Helen Rowsell

MINUTES FROM 2025 AMP AND APCM

Kingskerswell with Coffinswell Parish Church Minutes

Annual Meeting of Parishioners

And

Annual Parochial Church Meeting

29th April 2025 at 7pm in Kingskerswell Parish Church

Present: Rev. Michael Wilkie

Molly Amery, Michele Berry, Jacky Biggs, Jenny Bower, Susan Bowers, Ian Cooper, Delia Colegate, Malcolm Colgate, Eileen Davies, Eveline Davies, Stuart Devlin, Geoff Dunford, Sandra Dunford, Peter Gage, Val Gage, Trevor Heal (acting PCC Secretary taking minutes), Stephen Hoskins, Helen Howells, Lyn Kelly, Susie Lawrence, John Lewis, Patricia Rodriguez, Sue Rider, Wendy Shillabeer, Philip Stevens, Rachael Valentine, Sylvia Wightman.

Opening Prayers were led by Rev. Michael Wilkie

Annual Meeting of Parishioners (AMP)

The Vicar, as Chairman, opened the meeting first thanking those attending and said copies of the Annual Parochial Report 2024 had been circulated both by e-mail together with “hard copies” left in the church porch.

The Vicar reminded those present that the purpose of the meeting was to agree the past year activities, with any outstanding items and new issues should be discussed at forthcoming PCC Meetings in the coming year.

To elect 4 Churchwardens (to serve for one year):

Michele Berry & Gordon Bower ... were nominated and duly elected to serve for Coffinswell Church.

Sandra Dunford & Trevor Heal ... were nominated and duly elected to serve for Kingskerswell Church.

Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM)

1. Apologises for absence: Jenny Benny, Gordon Bower, Mike Bundy, Heather Cooper, Erica Dunn, John Dunn, David Moate, Elaine Moate, Anita Osman, Helen Rowswell, Mark Rowswell, Jan Stainer, Peter Thompson, Mandy Thompson,

2. To receive the Electoral Roll: Helen Rowswell reported for Kingkerswell Church there were now 70 active members (plus 1 in May when they turn 16 yrs) down from 83 the previous year. For Coffinswell there are 26 in total. A full copy of the Electoral Roll would be made available in the church porch.

3. Minutes of the Annual Meeting of Parishioners and Annual Parochial Church Meeting held on 30th April 2024 (Kingskerswell) and 9th May 2024 (Coffinswell)

With regard to the Kingskerswell minutes ... Heather Cooper's name was omitted in error as she had been present. Erica Dunn had noted on page 7 in the Vicar's Report it had stated she is the lead for Health & Safety and Safeguarding ... this should be corrected to just Safeguarding Officer.

Subject to these two amendments these were passed unanimously as an accurate record and duly signed off.

4. The following reports were received

Vicar's Report

Health and Safety Report

Social Committee Report

Choir Report

Diocese Synod Report

Safeguarding Report
Churchwarden's Report / Fabric Report
Churchyard Report
Tower Captain's Report
Deanery Synod Report
Mother's Union Report

The Vicar expressed his thanks to all those their reports and assistance during the past year.

5. Treasurer's Report & Accounts for the year ended 31st December 2024

The Vicar ran through the various accounts that had been prepared by Peter Thompson and that had been signed off by an independent auditor.

In the absence of Peter Thompson the Vicar reported for Kingskerswell Church that approx. 76% of our expected Parochial Share had been met. He also understood a similar percentage would be expected for 2025.

Susan Bowers had also prepared and presented accounts for Coffinswell Church. In this instance the full expected Parochial Share had been paid. For 2025 it was anticipated the Coffinswell portion of £8643 would be paid in full.

The Vicar expressed his thanks to all the account holders for providing the details to allow Annual Accounts to be prepared and also the Auditor.

6. To appoint Independent Examiners for the Annual Accounts 2025

David Moate was elected

7. Election of Officers

John Dunn and Helen Rowswell were elected to the PCC. Helen Rowswell was elected as Electoral Roll Officer for the coming year.

The following individuals agreed to serve as Sidespersons at Kingskerswell Church for the coming year: Mike Bundy, Stuart Devlin, Sandra Dunford, Erica Dunn, Trevor Heal, Lyn Kelly, Sue Lawrence, Gerri Rees, Patrica Rodriguez, Helen Rowswell, Mark Rowswell, Megan Rowswell, Wendy Shillabeer.

8. Election of Parish Clerk

Helen Rowswell was elected unopposed for another year and was thanked by the Vicar on behalf of all those present for her continued outstanding work covering as it does for the 3 Wells Community.

9. AOB

With no other items for discussion the Vicar again thanked all those present for attending.

10. Date of the next monthly PCC Meeting

3rd June 2025 at 7pm to be held in the Kingskerswell Parish Coffee Room

11. The Meeting closed at 8.20 with prayers by the Vicar

a) VICAR'S REPORT

Kingskerswell 2025

Vicar's Report - Kingskerswell 2025-26

The church has continued to make encouraging progress this past year. The monthly pattern of services can still usually be managed by the pastoral team - the vicar, our two lay ministers (Ian and John) and our retired clergy (Ruth). We are still seeking new ways of making our services more inclusive and accessible. We need to connect to a much wider section of the local community. We are particularly concerned to find ways to attract younger families. I would again like to thank John, Ian, and Ruth for their continued willingness to give so much of themselves to their ministries here.

Our links with the school continue to be very strong. I continue as a foundation governor and offer help with the development of monitoring and developing spirituality in the school. I lead weekly assemblies as well as taking part in other school activities. I also get invited into classes to answer questions on various topics connected to faith and life. Sandra Dunford and Heather Cooper have continued their "Open the Book" ministry in the classrooms this year. They are always enthusiastically welcomed and appreciated by the children. The school's own services at Christmas, Easter and School Leavers continue to be highlights of the year. They pack out the church and are, by far, the most well attended services of the year. There is still a vacant foundation governor role for anyone interested from the church community.

The choir's dedication and enthusiasm continues to be greatly appreciated as they not only lead our musical worship, but also creatively seek to further develop their [and our!] repertoire. As a congregation we are very grateful for all the hard work they put in, particularly for festivals and special events such as Easter and Christmas seasons.

We are also greatly indebted to all the Bell Ringers. They are a much-appreciated presence in the village. They call us to worship on Sundays, and also ring for important family events such as weddings, funerals and important national events. Philip's whole team are a greatly loved part of our church and we are very grateful for their special contribution to our church's ministry.

The Social Committee is a relatively small but very dedicated and hard working group that a magnificent job of organising all our social events. These include all the traditional regulars such as the Harvest Lunch and all the Christmas season celebrations. As a church we owe them all a debt of gratitude for the huge efforts behind the success of the two big annual events, the Craft Fair before Christmas and the Spring-time Plant Sale. The Light Lunches with a different guest speaker each time, continue to give extra chances to share meals together.

These events are not just social, they also raise important funds for the church. Thanks to their dedication and hard work, the Social Committee were able to pay for various expensive items in the church, the church office and the Parish Centre.

The House Group continues to meet fortnightly at the vicarage. It is an informal and friendly group where all are welcome to chat, share stories, ask questions, study the Bible and pray together. We also share some good biscuits and/or cake, both home-made and luxury shop-bought – the aim being that at the end of each evening together we can go home feeling fed, both physically and spiritually.

One of the most challenging aspects of the church's life continues to be that we still have insufficient regular income to pay for the costs of running our church. We are now 5 years from the Covid crisis that crashed the church's former income streams. Despite all the long efforts to increase and stabilise our monthly income, we are still not able to fully pay our diocesan share. This year we managed to increase our payments to 75% of the amount requested. This was a commendable increase from where we began 6 years ago, but unfortunately it is not enough. We have now reached the point where serious conversations will happen with the Diocese to see how the Three Wells can realistically move forward.

We continue to be greatly indebted to our treasurer Peter, and I would like to express our thanks to him for his continuing expertise and careful guidance of the church finances.

A special mention must again be given to Geoff Dunford for all the enormous generosity of time and energy he gives to the church in his tireless work and dedication. This last year he was responsible for all the work and creativity needed in the remodelling of the Coffee Room, which allowed the Church Office to move out of its worn-out and increasingly dilapidated old quarters and into its new location. It is not just a relief that Helen and Mercy can work in decent conditions now, but we now have a much-improved office. This matters as it is often the first point of contact for people getting in touch with us. We are all extremely grateful to Geoff since he almost single-handedly enabled this to happen.

I would also like to express my deepest thanks and appreciation to Sandra and Trevor for their tireless dedication and work as Church Wardens. They don't simply look after the fabric of our buildings, but their work and care is central to the daily life and ministry of our church.

Likewise, I would also like to thank all the members of the PCC for all their dedication and support of our church community. The ongoing life of our church could not happen without them.

The new Church Office is especially welcome as it is a tangible symbol of our appreciation for the work of the Church Office team. Quite simply, they are indispensable. The hard work and dedication shown by Helen and Mercy is absolutely invaluable. The Church Office is essential to our church's ministry and activities. With all that they do and the people they come into contact with, the work of the office is most certainly an important ministry.

Thanks and appreciation is also due to those many people who quietly, and often behind the scenes, do so much of the hard work needed to keep our church running. From the hard work of cleaning and producing beautiful flower arrangements, to keeping the grass cut and the churchyard tidy – we could not get by without them.

Together as a church family may we work together to keep our Church as a living, active expression of God's love and compassion within the wider community of Kingskerswell.

Vicar's Report Coffinswell 2025

St Bartholomew's continues the same pattern of services - 9am every Sunday morning. Although the congregation has remained modest, it remains viable and encouraging. St Bartholomew's continues to be a quiet, sacred space that offers Christian public worship and a place for prayer and reflection to Coffinswell and surrounding areas.

I would particularly like to express my sincere thanks to Gordon and Michele for their continued willingness to stay on as Wardens, and for Sue Bower for continuing as Treasurer.

The appeal made to Coffinswell village has greatly eased the financial side of keeping St Bartholomew's open and its ministry alive. It greatly helps too, that due to its historic nature, the Church Commissioners are responsible for a great deal of the upkeep of the church fabric. However, it's greatest challenge continues to be the serious issue of finding people willing to help with practical side of caring for and running the church itself. We are deeply grateful to Gordon and Michele's willingness to continue looking after St Bartholomew's but they must be allowed to step back too!

Conclusion

Both Kingskerswell and Coffinswell churches face the challenge of fully engaging with a village community that has largely demonstrated little inclination to attend church with any regularity. The only way to ensure a future for our two churches is to find ways of communicating our faith to the younger generations.

As churches, we aim not to merely to serve the community as a useful resource, but also to preach the gospel by who we are and what we do.

Revd. Michael Wilkie

b) CHURCHWARDEN'S REPORTS (INCLUDING FABRIC REPORT)

St Mary's Church, Kingskerswell

Churchwardens are responsible, along with the Vicar-in-charge, for the day to day functioning of the Parish Church, which includes administration, building operation and check on church fabric and personnel, and helping the smooth running of the church. All insurances have been paid and are up to date. We are reminded by the Archdeacon that our duties include connections to our local Primary School and our community, and we hope that we continue to make the most of our church buildings, the facilities on site and the grounds for use by those in the village and the wider community.

Activities with the Primary School included regular "Open the Book" sessions reading and acting Bible stories with the children, and church services with the school at Easter, school leavers' services in July, at which the church gave each child a book mark, Harvest time and Christmas. With the school we held a Christingle Service where children and parents/guardians are offered hot chocolate before the service. One day in the Autumn the top classes of school visited the church to learn a little more about the church and the religious items in the building, then visited the bell tower to try ringing the bells and finally a visit to the churchyard before returning to school. For the community there was a popular annual Christmas Carol Concert in church and as Christmas approached a very well attended Crib Service was held for the very young and their families.

The Social Committee organised regular after-service lunches in the Parish Centre attended by many in the community, and in the Spring a Plant sale, and in the Autumn a very popular Craft Fayre.

Some members of the church attended South West Awake held on Marine Drive, Torquay, in July, a site overlooking the sea, and in September Devon Historic Churches Day was held with much information about the church on display. There were also a number of Bell Ringers visiting the church during the year.

On May 5th, together with the Parish Council we celebrated "VE 80", the ending of World War II in Europe 80 years ago. We held a Cream Tea in the beautifully decorated Parish Centre, with flags, old newspapers on display and 40's music playing, and many people and families came and enjoyed the atmosphere, scones, teas and sunshine.

Some members of the church attended a Day's Retreat in April at the Sheldon Centre, conducted by the Reverend Ruth Oates. It was an interesting day and successful, and it is hoped to repeat the experience in the future.

We continued to meet with the Contract Manager of "Open Spaces" Teignbridge District Council, to discuss the condition of the trees along Church End Road where there has been a lot of growth in 2025. All trees have grown in the churchyard and in the Autumn we obtained permission from T.D.C. and the Parish Council to remove the lower branches of the beech trees in the churchyard extension which were causing concern above the pathway in there. One tree in the middle of the churchyard extension was removed because it was dying and dangerous. All tree work was carried out by a professional tree surgeon. Work on the proposed "Wetland" at the end of the Church Meadow was on hold in 2025. Excessive rainfall and several storms made it impossible to work there as well as restrictions in the Spring because of bird nesting regulations. The storms have blown over several trees, however if the weather is dryer this Autumn 2026, we are hoping to resume work on this project.

Work began in January 2025 to prepare to cover the trench at the West end of the church which had been covered by wooden boards since the reordering work done in 2018/9. The new flooring would contain inspection hatches to check the pipe work in the trench laid as part of the gas central heating. The matching tiles were obtained from a specialist company Craven, Dunhill, Jackfield of Ironbridge, Staffordshire and were paid for by The Friends of Kingskerswell Church. We thank them for their contribution to this work. The work continued during Spring and Summer, and although not quite completed, the work stopped in September for a boiler inspection and service undertaken by a qualified gas engineer.

In October, in view of the poor condition of the Portacabin housing the Church Office, work started on the conversion of rooms in the Coffee Room to a new Church Office in the kitchen area and Kitchenette in the Meeting Room. The kitchenette was the first to be installed, and was first used on December 7th. Work then commenced on converting the old kitchen into the new Church Office, and it was completed and occupied earlier this year 2026. We would like to thank Geoff Dunford for his work with the new flooring at the rear of the church (almost completed) and in particular for the new office and lovely kitchenette in the Coffee Room.

Due to the heavy rainfall in the Autumn, water flooded the Flower Room floor. It was unclear where the problem lay. During November more heavy rain and several storms caused more water ingress into the Flower Room and the South Transept. It was unfortunate that the Specialist Plasterers came to repair the damaged plaster in the South Transept which was coming away from the walls. They hung dust sheets in the South Transept to protect the church from the dust as they worked. The walls were repaired with lime render, which takes a long time to dry out, and was not helped by the rainwater seeping through the ceiling of the South Transept. Water was also found to be seeping down the west wall over the Flower Room, and investigations are required to find the problem. We have started inspections already and engaged Grant Elliott of Architects Le Page to give us advice on the way forward. Please be aware that we may need to do extensive investigations as to the state of the roof. We have been advised that some coping stones on the roof ridge need to be re-bedded. We thank the Friends of Kingskerswell Church for a donation towards the costs of the re-rendering of the walls in the South Transept with lime cement.

The Log Book and Inventory have been updated and we are working our way through the Quinquennial (2024) recommendations as funds allow. The alterations to heating and lighting over the past few years are still reducing our electricity bills. In 2024 we used 7585 kwh costing £2119.67. In 2025 we used 6274 kwh at a cost of £1784.02. We thank everyone for helping us to cut our expenses, which is very much appreciated.

We also thank everyone for all the help you have given to your Churchwardens over the year in 2025. We have had a rather unfair share of illnesses during the year and so we thank you for all your support in helping to run our church, especially Wendy and Lyn, and all sidespeople, and making it a very welcoming and warm experience for all who visit this lovely building and attend our church services. We thank also Rev Michael Wilkie, Rev Ruth Oates and LLM John Dunn and LLM Ian Firth for furthering and explaining the Gospel and giving interesting sermons and talks. We greatly appreciate our congregations and all who help to show, share and spread our Christian Faith.

Sandra Dunford and Trevor Heal, Kingskerswell Churchwardens

St Bartholomew's Church (Chapel of Ease) Coffinswell.

The Churchwardens are pleased to report that our Annual Audit of the contents, valuables and fabrics have been completed, and that all is in good order.

The Church of St Bartholomew's has now been a chapel of ease for two years, ensuring the continuation of services as before. We share our joint P.C.C. with St Mary's of Kingskerswell, but our finances are ring fenced and both treasurers and the joint P.C.C. do not wish to consolidate the Accounts of the individual churches, which the Diocese seems keen to do! It is pleasing also to both churches, to be able to acknowledge the independent giving of our individual parishes.

We have been able to pay in full our part of the joint Coffinswell/Kingskerswell Parish Share.

The Parish Giving Scheme is working successfully, although we would welcome any new contributions from Parishioners; the Contactless Giving Scheme continues to work well, whilst the votive candle holder near the Font and the Altar, has received the most generous contributions from both visitors, parishioners, and congregation. This March is an instance, when from the votive we collected £100, whilst the cash box by the church door, raised £105! We are truly, grateful to all the many contributors, who so generously give, to retain our beautiful country church, and we welcome all, in quiet moments, in regular or festive services.

The 2024 Quinquennial work continues steadily. The next on the list will be work on the old West door which will need repair and conservation, whilst the South door will require attention. The great West window particularly and its surrounds, also need repair work. Meanwhile, we have had a leak in the Vestry from the vents in the roof, and water seeped down the internal tower wall. However, it is a superficial problem, caused by the unusual force and direction of one of our recent storms.

The churchyard continues to be satisfactorily maintained and, the pile of logs from the felling of the damaged Oak tree has been sold, making a modest contribution to the cost of the felling.

We continue to have our regular Sunday services and although the congregation remains small, the numbers sometimes swell as they did at our extremely popular Carol Service; the church was packed and filled with joyful song.

We are very appreciative of Jenny Bower who continues to play the organ regularly for us and of Michael Roberts, their playing enhancing our weekly services.

The maintenance and appearance of our ancient church is sustained by a valiant, small group of volunteers, who decorate the church so beautifully, clean and polish its brass, pews and floors for which we are so grateful.

The essential work of Helen and Mercy in the Office, supports us and we continue to be grateful.

As always, we are thankful to those who take our services, firstly our priest, the Reverend Michael Wilkie and those who volunteer their time, when possible, the Reverend Canon Ruth Oates and our Readers John Dunn and Ian Firth.

Michèle Berry and Gordon Bower, Coffinswell Churchwardens

c) HEALTH AND SAFETY REPORT

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) is responsible and accountable for the Health and Safety for St. Mary's Church Kingskerswell. We have a H&S strategy which is underpinned with a regularly reviewed H&S Policy with it being included in monthly PCC meetings for any issues arising. We continue not having a duly elected Health & Safety Advisor, however the Vicar and Churchwardens are responsible for the day-to-day management and review of H&S and will continue to monitor and Health & Safety related matters along with the PCC. Irrespective of any delegation, the PCC remains accountable for Health and Safety. Emergency and First Aid procedures are documented and equipment subject to regular checks during the year. The fire extinguishers are checked on a monthly basis and have an annual service by JLA. All service records of equipment (PAT tests) checks made during the year are available for inspection in the Parish Office together with all Public Liability insurance policies.

Helen Rowsell, PCC Member

d) SAFEGUARDING REPORT

The new Archbishop of Canterbury has made a commitment to treat safeguarding as a top priority; she has previously spoken in favour of safeguarding in the Church to become independent.

The diocese is encouraging all parishes to use the safeguarding hub to record our safeguarding data including roles, DBS checks, training and policies, improving safeguarding governance. The diocese safeguarding and DBS co-ordinator is being freed up to support parishes with this task.

Regular parish safeguarding representative drop-in sessions are also now being provided

Safeguarding training is renewed 3 yearly and for some members of the PCCS/congregation will be due again this year. I will be contacting those who are required to renew their training which can be completed online. I will also support with face-to-face sessions as required. This ensures people have the knowledge and understanding of our safeguarding responsibilities to report any safeguarding concern.

On Sunday 16 November we again supported Safeguarding Sunday this is a yearly event held every November to raise awareness of safeguarding.

The diocese has a very supportive Safeguarding team and our PCC's are committed, through our church community, to the support, nurture and safeguarding of all, especially the young and vulnerable.

Within our congregations there has been an increase in awareness and I will continue the focus on updating the safeguarding hub, further training and DBS checks over the next 12 months. Thank-you for your continued support.

Erica Dunn, Parish Safeguarding Representative

e) CHURCHYARD REPORT

For the year 2025 the Churchyard Maintenance Account income was £2,454.61 and the expenditure was £1,990.00 which gave an overall gain for the year of £464.61.

The income from donations for 2025 amounted to £2,368 00 and our sincere thanks go to all who regularly and generously donate to the churchyard fund either by one-off donations or by regular standing order payments. Without these donations, we would really struggle to maintain a healthy credit balance. The Service for All Soul's Day raised £86.61.

The expenditure for 2025 amounted to £1990 00. The largest outlay for the year was £600 which was the cost of having the crown raised on the row of beech trees. This work was carried out in September and was necessary for safety reasons. The remaining expenditure included the cost of lawn mowing, hedge trimming, fuel for the mower, the annual charge for the green recycling bin and for generally keeping the churchyards tidy.

The low cost of maintenance in the New Churchyard and Churchyard Extension is due to Geoffrey Dunford. Mike Howard maintains the Old Churchyard and looks after the Memorial Garden which is situated between the churchyard and the stream. Geoffrey and Michael do this work voluntary and, as always, my sincere thanks go to them for giving freely of their time to keep the churchyards looking neat and tidy.

In 2024 it was decided to start using the Churchyard Extension for Cremation plots due to the fact that the Old Churchyard was becoming very wet underfoot and the New Churchyard Cremation Plot area becoming rather full. This has proved to be a good decision and so far the first row is almost full.

A new bench has been placed in the New Churchyard, kindly donated in memory of Colin and Sadie Smith by their family.

The sole purpose of a Churchyard Maintenance Fund is to provide a tidy and well-cared for Churchyard where people are able to come and sit peacefully in beautiful surroundings to reflect their memories of those they have loved and lost.

If anyone would like more information regarding the running of the churchyard or wish to make a contribution towards its upkeep, either by cash, cheque or Banker's Order please contact the Parish Church Office (01803) 873006 for further details.

Wendy Hinchcliffe, Churchyard Treasurer

f) TOWER CAPTAIN'S REPORT

We have continued to ring for almost all the main services at Kingskerswell and Coffinswell. We missed 2 services at Coffinswell through a shortage of ringers. On 2 occasions we had enough to ring for 2 services at the same time – for Harvest Festival and for the Carol Services. We rang for 4 weddings and 3 funerals.

Practices were normally at Kingskerswell, but 1 was at Coffinswell. The highest attendances at practices were 18, 19 and 21 on 1 occasion each. Although attendances have generally been good, our progress with method ringing has been rather slow, as we often had insufficient method ringers present. Having said that, Mia and Alesha have made good progress, and they have both been awarded their Guild Certificates by ringing 120 changes of Doubles on the treble unaided. Alesha's ropesight is now very good, and both of them rang their 1st quarter peal at the start of 2026 at Kingskerswell, Alesha ringing the treble and Mia the tenor.

We ended the year by ringing in the New Year as usual. We met beforehand at Philip and Mo's house as Phil and Ruth were again unable to host us through illness. We had 19 people in the tower, including 14 ringers.

We acquired 3 new ringers during the year. Sue Hodgkinson started in March, having been to an open day at St Petrock's ringing centre in Exeter. Nigel and Elizabeth Jamieson started in September. All are making good progress and we wish the well at the start of their ringing career. We were pleased to welcome back Sue Hinds in October after a break of 2 years.

Activities and Events during the year

13th February. At very short notice, as part of the school's year 5 visit to the church, 38 children and 3 teachers came up to the ringing chamber in groups of 9 or 10. In the course of 1 ¼ hours, after ringing demonstrations, everybody had a go at some backstrokes.

29th March. Half day outing and dinner. We rang at Upton, Babbacombe and St Marychurch and our dinner was at the Hare and Hounds.

8th May. 80th anniversary of VE Day. As part of the National Commemoration, we rang out for peace at 6.30pm.

31st May. As part of the centenary celebrations of the Devon Association of Ringers, we were one of more than 100 towers that rang out at midday.

21st June. We hosted the AGM of the Guild of Devonshire Ringers. We provided refreshments during the morning ringing, and a team from the Mid Devon Branch provided the buffet lunch in the Parish Centre. This was followed by a service in church taken by Michael Wilkie and the business meeting back in the Parish Centre.

1st July. A group from the Torquay Museum Society visited. We gave a ringing demonstration and most people rang some backstrokes.

15th August. 80th anniversary of VJ Day. We rang out for peace again at 6.30pm as part of the national commemoration.

23rd August. Family Fun Day on the Playing Field. We had the Guild mini-ring and an information stall. There was not a lot of interest, perhaps because of our location on the field, but the Parish Council would like us to return next year.

13th September. We opened the tower again as part of the Devon Historic Churches Day. We gave ringing demonstrations, took visitors to the top of the tower, and gave everyone the opportunity to ring some backstrokes. Lots of interest, but nobody wanted to come again.

29th September. At the school's suggestion we started an after-school club. We only had 4 girls (the boys had football!) and we found it was only for half a term (5 Weeks). In the main, they were enthusiastic and did very well. At the end of the final session, we invited all the parents/carers to come up so they could see what the children had achieved. A very useful exercise, though none of the children returned afterwards.

11th October. Annual Outing. We were able to have the use of the Kingscare minibus again, and we had a very successful day in the South Hams. We rang at Dodbrooke, Bigbury, Kingston, Loddiswell and Diptford.

6th November. We had another visit by year 5 children from the school. Same format as last time, and nearly all of the 48 children rang some backstrokes. Again, lots of interest, but nobody wanted to come back.

Thanks again for everyone's help and support during the year, and to all the ringers who helped us out.

Philip Stevens, Tower Captain

g) CHOIR REPORT

It is with great sadness that this report opens paying our sincere condolences to our organist and choir leader Heather, on the recent loss of her beloved husband Ian. Our thoughts and prayers are with Heather and her Family.

Throughout the past year we have much appreciated and enjoyed the programme of music Heather has produced to complement all of our services.

We also wish to thank Sandra for her excellent choice of hymns, which reflect the liturgical programme for the Church's year. The Choir truly appreciates the support we are given by Reverend Mike, Canon Ruth, John and Ian (Lay Readers), The Churchwardens and the congregation.

We would like to take this opportunity to pay our respects to a former choir member Sylvia Mills and her husband George, who both sadly passed away last year.

As a choir we continue a close fellowship and are much looking forward to the forthcoming year under Heather's steadfast and dedicated direction.

Helen Howells, Choir Representative

h) DEANERY REPORT

In the last 12 Months there have been three deanery meetings which were held in June 2025, October 2025 and March 2026 in Churches across the deanery. The meetings are chaired by the Rural Dean Andrew Down and begin with a presentation.

The presentations included

Reflection and discussion on Bishop Mike's 5 key priorities – Missional Leadership, Missional DNA, Vocations, Children & Young People, and Mixed Ecology.

Chloe Axford Director of communications and Engagement – Pray Grow Serve 2035 a 10-year vision of transformation for the diocese of Exeter

Unfortunately, due to a diary clash there was no presentation in October

The presentations encouraged discussion along with suggested actions:

- Look at service patterns to free time and energy for missional activities
- Provide a good welcome, good coffee and a space to answer questions
- Support new initiatives
- Preach the Good News, Pray with Hope, prepare and train so people can be sent out
- Develop and secure the future with good resources
- Passion for Life, getting young parents - 25-40 year olds
- Delegate, give trust to others, if things go wrong, build up again
- Be focused, don't spread too thinly. Find the right thing for now
- Take bold little steps

Finance reports are presented, in October the report indicated that our Deanery in the Totnes Archdeaconry had paid 84% of the common fund to date which is a similar position to the previous year,

The next deanery meeting will be held in June.

Erica Dunn, Deanery Representative

i) MOTHERS' UNION REPORT

The AGM was held in January 2025 and 9 people attended. Sandra Dunford was re-elected as Branch Leader and Treasurer and Margaret Birch volunteered to be our Branch Secretary and Correspondent.

We met 11 times during the year and enjoyed various talks and visits. In April and November we celebrated our Spring and Autumn Birthdays with a party at the home of Liz Holme in Ogwell. We also visited Liz for afternoon tea in July and October and admired the flowers in her garden in both seasons in Summer and Autumn. At the meeting in March, Audrey's friend Olive spoke about her job in Torbay Hospital as an HCA, a Health Care Assistant, helping nurses on

the wards. She has worked there for 25 years and enjoys helping the patients with their needs during their stay in hospital.

In June Hilary Gorman gave us an excellent history talk about Ukraine, revealing many little known facts about this country which finds itself currently at war with Russia. James Meakin talked about his employment with the Rank Xerox Company in September. This was a new career after leaving the Royal Navy. He and Mollie spent 4 years living in Cornwall, but his new job took him all over the country servicing printing/copying machines for large and small businesses.

In May we had an afternoon of memories of the celebrations on VE Day 80 years after the 5 long years of World War II in Europe. In December because of illnesses and loss of members only 4 of us met to share fellowship and more memories of Christmases past, and mince pies.

The August meeting was cancelled as I was taken to hospital in the early hours of the Monday of the meeting with acute appendicitis.

During the year we sadly lost 2 loyal members, Ursula Kent who remembered all our birthdays, and sent cards and little presents to each member plus cards at Easter and Christmas, and later we lost Jean Strong, our former Treasurer, and who booked up some lovely venues for Christmas meals. We miss both these lovely ladies very much and they contributed their time and talents to our Mothers' Union Branch.

We meet on the second Monday of each month usually in the Coffee Room, Kingskerswell Parish Centre and have occasional speakers talking on various topics, a raffle and tea/coffee with biscuits after sharing fellowship and prayers. All profits are sent to the Mothers' Union in Exeter Diocese and spent on projects supported by the Mothers' Union. There are 4 million members worldwide in 84 countries, and if you want to learn more about this huge organisation come along to one of our meetings. Everyone is welcome, Including gentlemen.

In 2026 the Mothers' Union Organisation is celebrating its 150th Anniversary. Mary Sumner, the founder, held her first meeting with mothers and their children in her husband's vicarage in 1876 and from that meeting this worldwide organisation, concerned with the care of families and children across the world, was born. A celebration is taking place in St. Paul's Cathedral in London in June and later in Durban, South Africa with all members being invited to attend.

For more information, please contact Sandra Dunford, Branch Leader - tel. 01803 921723 or e-mail gandsdunford@outlook.com

Sandra Dunford, Branch Leader

j) FLOWER REPORT

Flowers were provided and arranged in the Parish Church throughout 2025, apart from during Lent, greenery was used during advent.

Additional arrangements were provided for the major religious festivals i.e. Christmas and Easter. Several members of the regular congregation made donations for flowers dedicated to the memories of loved ones.

The Church Social Committee continue to support the flower fund by donating 25% of the profit for their events which has proven to be invaluable and without which I would be unable to provide flora decorations throughout the year in our beautiful 13th century (almost!) church.

60 small posies of daffodils were distributed within the church on Mothering Sunday.

Thank you Social Committee!

Jenny Benney, Church Florist

k) SOCIAL COMMITTEE REPORT

It is my pleasure to report on the activities of the Social Committee for 2025.

Rev. Michael Wilkie continued to chair the meeting, the Treasurer is Helen Rowsell to whom monies collected are paid and Peter Thomson includes Social Committee finances in his Annual Report. There is no need for a secretary as Helen Rowsell deals with correspondence. Patricia Rodriguez continues to take and distribute notes of the meetings, usually by email, and copies of the agenda at each meeting.

We continued to meet in the Parish Rooms, although during the year the meeting time was changed to 1700. We meet monthly and this time has remained. This year no meetings were held in January and August. Churchwardens Sandra Dunford and Trevor Heal continue to attend meetings and from October Helen Rowsell also attended.

During the year three committee members resigned at various times of the year. These were Liz Atkinson, Jackie Mellor and Kaye Hurford. Kaye's resignation meant that her involvement and planning of both the future of the Plant and Garden sale and the Christmas Fayre would cease. Both had already been planned for 2025.

We continued to donate 25% of the profits, from the events organised by the Social Committee to the Flower Fund. In 2025 this amounted to £692.47

During the year the Social Committee approved the following donations from their funds:

£600 towards church floor tiling

£589.20 for the hob in the Parish Centre

£20 for raffle licence to Teignbridge Council

Committee members have been involved in organising and also providing catering/refreshments for the following events:

- Easter services
- Plant Sale 25th April 2025
- VE celebration 5th May 2025
as a collaboration between St Marys and the Parish Council
- Spring time Light Lunch 23rd March 2025
- Plant and Garden Sale 26th April 2025
- Summer Light Lunch 1st June 2025
- Late Summer Lunch 17th August 2025
- Harvest Lunch 12th October 2025
- Craft Fair 1st November 2025
- Christmas Lunch 14th December 2025
- Inside Carol Concert 21st December 2025

Each member of the committee is valued for their individuality and contribution to the success of the events in which we have either helped or organised. We would welcome new members to the Social Committee, currently we meet on the 1st Tuesday of each month at 1700 (5pm) in the coffee room. We would like to thank all those who have supported us over the past year, including church members, volunteers and the wider community. We look forward to a successful 2026.

Patricia Rodriguez, Committee Member

Treasurer's Reports on separate attachments

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Independent Examiner's Report to the Parochial Church Council of St Mary's Kingskerswell

I report on the accounts of the PCC for the year ended 31 December 2025 which are set out on pages 3 to 16.

Respective responsibilities of the trustees and examiners

As the members of the PCC you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts: you consider that the audit requirement of the Charities Act 2006 (the Act) does not apply. It is my responsibility to state, on the basis of procedures specified in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners under the Charities Act 2006, whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

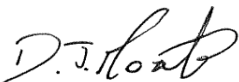
My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the Parochial Church Council and a comparison of the accounts with those records. It also includes considering any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts 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:
Which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements to keep accounting records in accordance with the Charities Act; and to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the regulations, as also contained in the Church Accounting Regulations have not been met; or to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Independent examiner's recommendation

I recommend that none of the charities bank accounts be held in individual names and that they all be registered in the name of the charity.

Signed  (DJ Moate)

Date 26 March 2026

Address 26 Boundary Close
Kingskerswell
TQ12 5BP

Statement of the Responsibilities of the Members of the Parochial Church Council

The members are required to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the council and of the surplus or deficit of the council for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the members are required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent

The members are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the council. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the council and hence taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

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Balance Sheet as at 31/12/2025

	Notes	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total 2025	Total 2024
Fixed Assets					
Tangible fixed assets	1	139,963	0	139,963	143,012
Investments	2	0	20,689	20,689	21,550
		<u>139,963</u>	<u>20,689</u>	<u>160,651</u>	<u>164,562</u>
Current assets					
Debtors	4	1,262	0	1,262	1,759
Stock		0	0	0	0
Cash at bank and in hand	3	47,494	9,739	57,232	39,843
		<u>48,755</u>	<u>9,739</u>	<u>58,494</u>	<u>41,602</u>
Liabilities: Amounts falling due within one year	5	-23,310	0	-23,310	-14,601
Net current assets (liabilities)		<u>25,446</u>	<u>9,739</u>	<u>35,184</u>	<u>27,002</u>
Net assets		<u>165,408</u>	<u>30,428</u>	<u>195,836</u>	<u>191,564</u>
Funds	6	<u>165,408</u>	<u>30,428</u>	<u>195,836</u>	<u>191,564</u>

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

Rev. M Wilkie



- Vicar

S Dunford



- Churchwarden

S P Thompson



- Treasurer

Date 5th April 2026

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Parish of St Mary's Kingskerswell Statement of Financial Activities Year ended 31 December 2025

	Notes	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
INCOMING RESOURCES					
Planned Giving					
- Covenanted and non covenanted		26,145	0	26,145	32,502
- Tax recoverable		6,772	0	6,772	6,970
General collection		2,645	0	2,645	3,676
Special collection		0	0	0	0
		<u>35,561</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>35,561</u>	<u>43,148</u>
Voluntary income					
Other voluntary income					
Donations - Special gift		5,033	0	5,033	7,894
- Other		4,643	0	4,643	6,418
Legacies		1,000	0	1,000	0
Other voluntary income		0	0	0	0
		<u>10,675</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>10,675</u>	<u>14,312</u>
Gross income from events and activities					
Income from Churchyard	8	19,042	2,711	21,753	24,307
Income from Social Committee	12	4,373	0	4,373	3,506
Income from Parish Centre	9	31,553	0	31,553	27,444
Sale of goods	10	375	0	375	0
Income from Church Magazine	11	1,256	0	1,256	1,661
House Communion		220	0	220	0
Bell-Ringers Fund Income		1,374	0	1,374	1,506
Hire of Parish Church		12	0	12	641
Flower Altar Fund income		2,176	0	2,176	1,735
		<u>60,379</u>	<u>2,711</u>	<u>63,091</u>	<u>60,799</u>
Other income					
		0	0	0	0
		<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Income from investment	13	646	0	646	638
Total incoming resources c/fwd		<u>107,262</u>	<u>2,711</u>	<u>109,973</u>	<u>118,897</u>

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Parish of St Mary's Kingskerswell Statement of Financial Activities (continued) Year ended 31 December 2025

	Notes	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Total incoming resources b/fwd		107,262	2,711	109,973	118,897
Total resources used(Page 6)		102,859	1,981	104,840	146,210
		4,403	730	5,133.17	-27,313
Net incoming resources					
Gains and losses on investments:					
- realised		0	0	0	7
-unrealised		0	-862	-862	482
Movement in funds		4,403	-132	4,271.62	-26,824
Balances brought forward at 1 January 2025		161,005	30,559	191,564	218,388
Transfer		0	0	0	0
Balances carried forward at 31 December 2025		165,408	30,428	195,836	191,564

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Parish of St Mary's Kingskerswell Resources Used Year ended 31 December 2025

	Notes	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Grants					
Charitable Donations		2,944	0	2,944	894
Directly relating to the work of the church					
Clergy:					
Parochial share		36,000	0	36,000	36,000
Vicar's office expenses		1,479	0	1,479	2,653
Church Clerk	15	16,504	0	16,504	11,148
Fees	8	6,389	0	6,389	7,101
Churchyard expenses	8	0	1,981	1,981	3,116
Light, heat and water		2,404	0	2,404	5,439
Repairs - general		4,768	0	4,768	31,782
Insurance		4,014	0	4,014	3,913
Altar goods		580	0	580	273
Depreciation		3,048	0	3,048	3,048
Organist and choir		1,256	0	1,256	1,698
Flower Altar Fund expenditure		1,770	0	1,770	1891
Bell-Ringers Fund expenses		1,060	0	1,060	1066
Other Parochial expenses	7	0	0	0	0
Parish Centre /site expenses	9	15,793	0	15,793	27,093
Church Magazine costs	11	0	0	0	828
		95,064	1,981	97,045	137,049
Fund raising and publicity					
Social committee costs/donations	12	3,338	0	3,338	5,814
Church management and administration					
Printing, stationery, photocopying, postage.		1,463	0	1,463	2,403
Examiners fees		50	0	50	50
		1,513	0	1,513	2,453
Total expenditure					
(transferred to page 5)		102,859	1,981	104,840	146,210

Accounting Policies

Year Ended 31 December 2025

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations together with applicable accounting standards and the Charities SORP.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention (except for the revaluation of investments).

Funds

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

The purpose of any restricted funds is noted in the accounts.

The accounts include transactions, assets and liabilities for which the PCC can be held responsible. They do not include the accounts of church groups that owe an affiliation to another body nor those that are informal gatherings of church members.

Incoming Resources

Voluntary income and capital resources

Amounts receivable under covenant are recognised only when honoured by the covenantor.

Income tax recoverable on covenanted or gift aid donations is recognised when claimable.

Grants and legacies to the PCC are accounted for as soon as the PCC is notified of its entitlement and the likely amount due.

Funds raised by the fete, garden party and similar events are accounted for net. Sales of books and magazines from the church bookstall are accounted for net.

Other ordinary income

Rental income from the letting of church premises is accounted for when receivable.

Parochial fees due to the Parochial Church Council for weddings, funerals etc. are accounted for on an event by event basis.

Income from investment

Dividends and interest are accounted for when received. Tax recoverable on such income is accrued for on the same basis.

Application of Resources

Grants

Grants and donations are accounted for when paid.

The Parochial share is accounted when payable and any quota unpaid at 31 December is shown as a creditor in the Balance Sheet.

Fixed Assets

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

No value is placed on movable church furnishings held by the Churchwardens on special trust for the PCC and which require a faculty for disposal since the PCC considers this to be an inalienable property. All expenditure incurred during the year in consecrated or beneficed buildings and moveable church furnishings, whether maintenance or improvement, is written off.

Other land and buildings

Other land and buildings held on behalf of the PCC for its own purposes is shown at cost. No depreciation is charged against such properties but any expenditure on maintenance or improvement is written off as incurred.

Other fixtures, fittings and office equipment

Equipment used is written off at the rate of 10% per annum using the reduced balancing method.

Investments

Investments are valued at market value.

Current assets

Amounts owing to the PCC at 31 December in respect of fees, rents or other income are shown as debtors less any provision for the amounts that may prove uncollectible.

Short term deposits include cash on deposit with the Central Board of Finance at the bank.

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1. Fixed Assets	Parish Centre	Improvements Parish Centre	Fixtures	Total
	£	£	£	£
Cost at 1 January 2025	63,313	85,794	46,521	195,629
Additions in Year	0	0	0	0
At 31 December 2025	63,313	85,794	46,521	195,629
Depreciation				
At 1 January 2025	0	6,096	46,521	52,617
Charge for year	0	3,048	0	3,048
At 31 December 2025	0	9,144	46,521	55,665
Net book amounts				
At 31 December 2025	63,313	76,650	0	139,963
At 31 December 2024	63,313	79,697	0	143,012

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	2025	2024
	£	£

2. Investments

At market value

932 Shares Central Board of Finance	20,689	21,550
	<u>20,689</u>	<u>21,550</u>

At cost

932 Shares Central Board of Finance	244	244
	<u>244</u>	<u>244</u>

3. Cash at bank and in hand

	2025	2024
	£	£
National Westminster Bank 2 Reserve account	29	29
Cash at National Westminster Bank	13,126	7,116
Cash at National Westminster Bank - Organ Fund *	0	0
Church Fund Cash at CCLA Account	936	895
Cash at National Westminster Bank - Churchyard maintenance *	4,414	4,031
CCLA Account *	4,648	4,392
Cash in hand (Flower Altar fund)	1,062	657
Cash at National Westminster Bank - Club's/Society reserve No 1 account	566	559
Cash at National Westminster Bank - Social account	5,853	4,834
Bell-Ringers	2,633	2,319
Kingskerswell Relief in Sickness Charity (first included 2012) *	677	677
Parish Centre Cash at CCLA Account	9,237	8,791
Parish Centre Fund	<u>14,053</u>	<u>5,543</u>
	<u>57,232</u>	<u>39,843</u>

* = Restrictive Funds

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	2025	2024
	£	£
4. Debtors		
Gift Aid Claim	1,262	1,759
	<u>1,262</u>	<u>1,759</u>

5. Current Liabilities

Church electricity bill outstanding	0	700
Parish Centre Solar Panel Loan	12,310	13,810
Parochial share (final payment for 2025 paid in 2026)	11,000	0
Churchyard Maintenance	0	91
	<u>23,310</u>	<u>14,601</u>

6. Funds

The income funds of the charity include restricted funds held on trust for specific purposes as follows

	Balance 1 January 2025 £	Incoming resources £	Unrealised gain £	Outgoing resources £	Balance 31st December 2025 £
Investments for Churchyard maintenance	21,550	0	-862	0	20,689
Churchyard maintenance fund	8,333	2,711	0	-1,981	9,063
Parish site	0	0	0	0	0
Kingskerswell Relief in Sickness Charity (first included 2012)	677	0	0	0	677
	<u>30,559</u>	<u>2,711</u>	<u>-862</u>	<u>-1,981</u>	<u>30,428</u>

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6. Funds (continued)

The transfer between funds relates to:

The restricted funds comprise:

- (a) The Organ Fund is for the maintenance of the organ and choir expenses.
- (b) The Churchyard Investment and Maintenance Funds are for the maintenance of the churchyard and graveyard.
- (c) Parish Site Fund which is income specifically raised to finance the new parish site.
- (d) Tower Fund is income received for the repair of the church tower.
- (e) Special gifts are donations received for special events.

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7. Other Parochial Expenses

	2025	2024
	£	£
Other	0	0
	0	0

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8. Churchyard Account	2025	2024
	£	£
Fees, Weddings and funerals	17,652	19,205
Deduct fees	-6,389	-7,101
Surplus	11,264	12,104
Churchyard income		
Monument fees	1,390	2,404
CCLA Interest	256	169
Donations	2,455	2,530
	4,101	5,102
Deduct expenses:		
General	-1,981	-3,116
Surplus	2,120	1,986
Total Surplus	13,384	14,090

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9. Parish Centre Account	2025	2024
	£	£
Rents received	25,802	24,408
Donations	0	2,851
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Independent Examiner's Report to the Parochial Church Council of St Mary's Kingskerswell

I report on the accounts of the PCC for the year ended 31 December 2025 which are set out on pages 3 to 16.

Respective responsibilities of the trustees and examiners

As the members of the PCC you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts: you consider that the audit requirement of the Charities Act 2006 (the Act) does not apply. It is my responsibility to state, on the basis of procedures specified in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners under the Charities Act 2006, whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

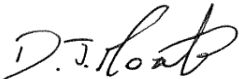
My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the Parochial Church Council and a comparison of the accounts with those records. It also includes considering any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts 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:
Which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements to keep accounting records in accordance with the Charities Act; and to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the regulations, as also contained in the Church Accounting Regulations have not been met; or to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Independent examiner's recommendation

I recommend that none of the charities bank accounts be held in individual names and that they all be registered in the name of the charity.

Signed  (DJ Moate)

Date 26 March 2026

Address 26 Boundary Close
Kingskerswell
TQ12 5BP

Statement of the Responsibilities of the Members of the Parochial Church Council

The members are required to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the council and of the surplus or deficit of the council for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the members are required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent

The members are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the council. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the council and hence taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Parish of St Mary's Kingskerswell

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Balance Sheet as at 31/12/2025

	Notes	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total 2025	Total 2024
Fixed Assets					
Tangible fixed assets	1	139,963	0	139,963	143,012
Investments	2	0	20,689	20,689	21,550
		<u>139,963</u>	<u>20,689</u>	<u>160,651</u>	<u>164,562</u>
Current assets					
Debtors	4	1,262	0	1,262	1,759
Stock		0	0	0	0
Cash at bank and in hand	3	47,494	9,739	57,232	39,843
		<u>48,755</u>	<u>9,739</u>	<u>58,494</u>	<u>41,602</u>
Liabilities: Amounts falling due within one year	5	-23,310	0	-23,310	-14,601
Net current assets (liabilities)		<u>25,446</u>	<u>9,739</u>	<u>35,184</u>	<u>27,002</u>
Net assets		<u>165,408</u>	<u>30,428</u>	<u>195,836</u>	<u>191,564</u>
Funds	6	<u>165,408</u>	<u>30,428</u>	<u>195,836</u>	<u>191,564</u>

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

Rev. M Wilkie



- Vicar

S Dunford



- Churchwarden

S P Thompson



- Treasurer

Date 5th April 2026

Parish of St Mary's Kingskerswell

Parish of St Mary's Kingskerswell Statement of Financial Activities Year ended 31 December 2025

	Notes	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
INCOMING RESOURCES					
Planned Giving					
- Covenanted and non covenanted		26,145	0	26,145	32,502
- Tax recoverable		6,772	0	6,772	6,970
General collection		2,645	0	2,645	3,676
Special collection		0	0	0	0
		<u>35,561</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>35,561</u>	<u>43,148</u>
Voluntary income					
Other voluntary income					
Donations - Special gift		5,033	0	5,033	7,894
- Other		4,643	0	4,643	6,418
Legacies		1,000	0	1,000	0
Other voluntary income		0	0	0	0
		<u>10,675</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>10,675</u>	<u>14,312</u>
Gross income from events and activities					
Income from Churchyard	8	19,042	2,711	21,753	24,307
Income from Social Committee	12	4,373	0	4,373	3,506
Income from Parish Centre	9	31,553	0	31,553	27,444
Sale of goods	10	375	0	375	0
Income from Church Magazine	11	1,256	0	1,256	1,661
House Communion		220	0	220	0
Bell-Ringers Fund Income		1,374	0	1,374	1,506
Hire of Parish Church		12	0	12	641
Flower Altar Fund income		2,176	0	2,176	1,735
		<u>60,379</u>	<u>2,711</u>	<u>63,091</u>	<u>60,799</u>
Other income					
		0	0	0	0
		<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Income from investment	13	646	0	646	638
Total incoming resources c/fwd		<u>107,262</u>	<u>2,711</u>	<u>109,973</u>	<u>118,897</u>

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Parish of St Mary's Kingskerswell Statement of Financial Activities (continued) Year ended 31 December 2025

	Notes	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Total incoming resources b/fwd		107,262	2,711	109,973	118,897
Total resources used(Page 6)		102,859	1,981	104,840	146,210
		4,403	730	5,133.17	-27,313
Net incoming resources					
Gains and losses on investments:					
- realised		0	0	0	7
-unrealised		0	-862	-862	482
Movement in funds		4,403	-132	4,271.62	-26,824
Balances brought forward at 1 January 2025		161,005	30,559	191,564	218,388
Transfer		0	0	0	0
Balances carried forward at 31 December 2025		165,408	30,428	195,836	191,564

Parish of St Mary's Kingskerswell

Parish of St Mary's Kingskerswell Resources Used Year ended 31 December 2025

	Notes	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Grants					
Charitable Donations		2,944	0	2,944	894
Directly relating to the work of the church					
Clergy:					
Parochial share		36,000	0	36,000	36,000
Vicar's office expenses		1,479	0	1,479	2,653
Church Clerk	15	16,504	0	16,504	11,148
Fees	8	6,389	0	6,389	7,101
Churchyard expenses	8	0	1,981	1,981	3,116
Light, heat and water		2,404	0	2,404	5,439
Repairs - general		4,768	0	4,768	31,782
Insurance		4,014	0	4,014	3,913
Altar goods		580	0	580	273
Depreciation		3,048	0	3,048	3,048
Organist and choir		1,256	0	1,256	1,698
Flower Altar Fund expenditure		1,770	0	1,770	1891
Bell-Ringers Fund expenses		1,060	0	1,060	1066
Other Parochial expenses	7	0	0	0	0
Parish Centre /site expenses	9	15,793	0	15,793	27,093
Church Magazine costs	11	0	0	0	828
		95,064	1,981	97,045	137,049
Fund raising and publicity					
Social committee costs/donations	12	3,338	0	3,338	5,814
Church management and administration					
Printing, stationery, photocopying, postage.		1,463	0	1,463	2,403
Examiners fees		50	0	50	50
		1,513	0	1,513	2,453
Total expenditure					
(transferred to page 5)		102,859	1,981	104,840	146,210

Accounting Policies

Year Ended 31 December 2025

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations together with applicable accounting standards and the Charities SORP.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention (except for the revaluation of investments).

Funds

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

The purpose of any restricted funds is noted in the accounts.

The accounts include transactions, assets and liabilities for which the PCC can be held responsible. They do not include the accounts of church groups that owe an affiliation to another body nor those that are informal gatherings of church members.

Incoming Resources

Voluntary income and capital resources

Amounts receivable under covenant are recognised only when honoured by the covenantor.

Income tax recoverable on covenanted or gift aid donations is recognised when claimable.

Grants and legacies to the PCC are accounted for as soon as the PCC is notified of its entitlement and the likely amount due.

Funds raised by the fete, garden party and similar events are accounted for net. Sales of books and magazines from the church bookstall are accounted for net.

Other ordinary income

Rental income from the letting of church premises is accounted for when receivable.

Parochial fees due to the Parochial Church Council for weddings, funerals etc. are accounted for on an event by event basis.

Income from investment

Dividends and interest are accounted for when received. Tax recoverable on such income is accrued for on the same basis.

Application of Resources

Grants

Grants and donations are accounted for when paid.

The Parochial share is accounted when payable and any quota unpaid at 31 December is shown as a creditor in the Balance Sheet.

Fixed Assets

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

No value is placed on movable church furnishings held by the Churchwardens on special trust for the PCC and which require a faculty for disposal since the PCC considers this to be an inalienable property. All expenditure incurred during the year in consecrated or beneficed buildings and moveable church furnishings, whether maintenance or improvement, is written off.

Other land and buildings

Other land and buildings held on behalf of the PCC for its own purposes is shown at cost. No depreciation is charged against such properties but any expenditure on maintenance or improvement is written off as incurred.

Other fixtures, fittings and office equipment

Equipment used is written off at the rate of 10% per annum using the reduced balancing method.

Investments

Investments are valued at market value.

Current assets

Amounts owing to the PCC at 31 December in respect of fees, rents or other income are shown as debtors less any provision for the amounts that may prove uncollectible.

Short term deposits include cash on deposit with the Central Board of Finance at the bank.

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Year ended 31 December 2025

1. Fixed Assets	Parish Centre	Improvements Parish Centre	Fixtures	Total
	£	£	£	£
Cost at 1 January 2025	63,313	85,794	46,521	195,629
Additions in Year	0	0	0	0
At 31 December 2025	63,313	85,794	46,521	195,629
Depreciation				
At 1 January 2025	0	6,096	46,521	52,617
Charge for year	0	3,048	0	3,048
At 31 December 2025	0	9,144	46,521	55,665
Net book amounts				
At 31 December 2025	63,313	76,650	0	139,963
At 31 December 2024	63,313	79,697	0	143,012

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Year ended 31 December 2025

	2025	2024
	£	£

2. Investments

At market value

932 Shares Central Board of Finance	20,689	21,550
	<u>20,689</u>	<u>21,550</u>

At cost

932 Shares Central Board of Finance	244	244
	<u>244</u>	<u>244</u>

3. Cash at bank and in hand

	2025	2024
	£	£
National Westminster Bank 2 Reserve account	29	29
Cash at National Westminster Bank	13,126	7,116
Cash at National Westminster Bank - Organ Fund *	0	0
Church Fund Cash at CCLA Account	936	895
Cash at National Westminster Bank - Churchyard maintenance *	4,414	4,031
CCLA Account *	4,648	4,392
Cash in hand (Flower Altar fund)	1,062	657
Cash at National Westminster Bank - Club's/Society reserve No 1 account	566	559
Cash at National Westminster Bank - Social account	5,853	4,834
Bell-Ringers	2,633	2,319
Kingskerswell Relief in Sickness Charity (first included 2012) *	677	677
Parish Centre Cash at CCLA Account	9,237	8,791
Parish Centre Fund	<u>14,053</u>	<u>5,543</u>
	<u>57,232</u>	<u>39,843</u>

* = Restrictive Funds

Parish of St Mary's Kingskerswell

Parish of St Mary's Kingskerswell Notes on the Accounts Year ended 31 December 2025

	2025	2024
	£	£
4. Debtors		
Gift Aid Claim	1,262	1,759
	<u>1,262</u>	<u>1,759</u>

5. Current Liabilities

Church electricity bill outstanding	0	700
Parish Centre Solar Panel Loan	12,310	13,810
Parochial share (final payment for 2025 paid in 2026)	11,000	0
Churchyard Maintenance	0	91
	<u>23,310</u>	<u>14,601</u>

6. Funds

The income funds of the charity include restricted funds held on trust for specific purposes as follows

	Balance 1 January 2025 £	Incoming resources £	Unrealised gain £	Outgoing resources £	Balance 31st December 2025 £
Investments for Churchyard maintenance	21,550	0	-862	0	20,689
Churchyard maintenance fund	8,333	2,711	0	-1,981	9,063
Parish site	0	0	0	0	0
Kingskerswell Relief in Sickness Charity (first included 2012)	677	0	0	0	677
	<u>30,559</u>	<u>2,711</u>	<u>-862</u>	<u>-1,981</u>	<u>30,428</u>

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6. Funds (continued)

The transfer between funds relates to:

The restricted funds comprise:

- (a) The Organ Fund is for the maintenance of the organ and choir expenses.
- (b) The Churchyard Investment and Maintenance Funds are for the maintenance of the churchyard and graveyard.
- (c) Parish Site Fund which is income specifically raised to finance the new parish site.
- (d) Tower Fund is income received for the repair of the church tower.
- (e) Special gifts are donations received for special events.

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7. Other Parochial Expenses

	2025	2024
	£	£
Other	0	0
	0	0

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Year ended 31 December 2025

8. Churchyard Account	2025	2024
	£	£
Fees, Weddings and funerals	17,652	19,205
Deduct fees	-6,389	-7,101
Surplus	11,264	12,104
Churchyard income		
Monument fees	1,390	2,404
CCLA Interest	256	169
Donations	2,455	2,530
	4,101	5,102
Deduct expenses:		
General	-1,981	-3,116
Surplus	2,120	1,986
Total Surplus	13,384	14,090

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PARISH OF KINGSKERSWELL WITH COFFINSWELL

**ANNUAL PAROCHIAL
CHURCH MEETING REPORT
2024**

**29th April 2025
at 7pm**

**Held in St Mary's Church
Kingskerswell**

**Annual Meeting of Parishioners
and
Annual Parochial Church Meeting on Tuesday, 29th April 2025**

AGENDA

Annual Meeting of Parishioners at 7pm

To elect 4 Churchwardens (to serve for 1 year)

Annual Parochial Church Meeting

Opening Prayers

- 1) Apologies for absence
- 2) To receive the Electoral Rolls
- 3) To accept the minutes of the APCM held on 30th April 2024 and the 9th May 2024.
- 4) To receive the following Reports...
 - a) Vicar's Report
 - b) Churchwardens Reports (Inc. Fabric Report)
 - c) Health and Safety Report
 - d) Safeguarding Report
 - e) Churchyard Report
 - f) Tower Captain's Report
 - g) Choir Report
 - h) Deanery Report
 - i) Mothers Union Report
 - j) Flower Report
 - k) Social Committee Report
- 5) To receive the Treasurer's Reports
- 6) To appoint Independent Examiners for the Accounts 2025
- 7) To elect the following
 - i) Members of the PCC
 - ii) Electoral Roll Officers
- 8) To elect a Parish Clerk (to serve for one year)
- 9) To bring forward any business notified to the Secretary by 25th April 2025 and any other business brought forward at the Vicar's discretion.
- 10) To confirm the date of the next PCC meeting
- 11) Closing Prayers

COMMITTEES

Parochial Church Council (PCC)

There were nine meetings of the PCC between the APCM of April 2024 until April 2025 and one Extraordinary Meeting.

In addition to matters concerning the everyday running of the Church which are covered at each meeting, the following matters are of special importance

1. Safeguarding

This subject is on the Agenda for every PCC meeting. Any Parishioner who is aware of such an issue should discuss it with the Parish Safeguarding Officer, Erica Dunn.

2. Finances

The Treasurers provide a minimum of monthly updates on the finances to the PCC in order for financial decisions to be made.

3. Charitable Giving

The PCC has been unable to financially donate due to limited funds, but has continued its Sponsorship of a child via Plan International, which is helping to end child poverty, at a cost of £192 annually.

4. Mission Outreach

Due to the importance of engagement with the wider community the PCC discuss outreach at each meeting, particularly connecting with Kingskerswell Primary School on a regular basis.

5. Fees

Kingskerswell PCC paid £36,000 towards the 2024 Parochial Fees.

Coffinswell PCC paid £9141 towards the 2024 Parochial Fees.

Social Committee

The Kingskerswell Social Committee, chaired by our Vicar Rev'd Michael Wilkie, has the responsibility of organizing the Parish Church's social activities which the PCC have approved.

The Committee members comprise of;

Liz Atkinson, Helen Howells, Kaye Hurford, Lyn Kelly, Patricia Rodriguez, Wendy Shillabeer and Sylvia Wightman, with support from Sandra Dunford and Trevor Heal also.

PARISH OF KINGSKERSWELL WITH COFFINSWELL – ANNUAL REPORT

Background

The Vicar, along with the St Mary's Parochial Church Council (the PCC), is responsible for the promotion within the Ecclesiastical Parish, the Mission Action Plan, covering all aspects of the Church's Mission – Pastoral, Ecumenical and Social.

The PCC also has the responsibility for the maintenance of all buildings – the Church, the Parish Centre, the Coffee Room and Parish Office.

PCC Membership

The members of the PCC are either ex-officio, co-opted, or elected at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) in accordance with the Church Representative Rules.

The following served as members of the PCC IN 2024:

PCC Chairman: Rev Michael Wilkie

Ex-Officio Members:	Peter Thompson	Treasurer (Co-opted 2004)
	Erica Dunn	Deanery Representative

Proposed and elected at the Annual Meeting of Parishioners (AMP) 30th April 2024

Trevor Heal	Churchwarden
Sandra Dunford	Churchwarden

Continuing to serve as PCC members:

Dr Stephen Hoskins (Secretary)
John Dunn
Helen Rowswell
Mike Bundy
Stuart Devlin

Elected at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) 30th April 2024

Helen Howells

Proposed and elected at the Annual Meeting of Parishioners (AMP) 9th May 2024

Gordon Bower	Churchwarden
Michele Berry	Churchwarden

Continuing to serve as PCC members:

Sue Bowers (Treasurer)
Sarah Barr (Secretary)
David Colwill
Debbie Blatchford
John Lewis

MINUTES FROM 2024 AMP AND APCM

Kingskerswell Parish Church Minutes

Annual Meeting of Parishioners

And

Annual Parochial Church Meeting

30th April 2024 at 7pm in Kingskerswell Parish Church

Present: Rev. Michael Wilkie – Chairman

Jacky Biggs, Mike Bundy, Eileen Davies, Eveline Davies, Mike Davies, Stuart Devlin, Geoff Dunford, Sandra Dunford, Erica Dunn, John Dunn, Val Gage, Peter Gage, Trevor Heal, Bernard Hill, Stephen Hoskins (PCC Secretary taking minutes), Helen Howells, Lyn Kelly, Susie Lawrence, David Moate, Sue Rider, Patricia Rodriguez, Helen Rowswell, Mark Rowswell, Wendy Shillabeer, Phil Stevens, Peter Thompson, Rachel Valentine.

Opening Prayers were led by Rev. Michael Wilkie

Annual Meeting of Parishioners

The Vicar, as Chairman, opened the meeting thanking those attending and said copies of the Annual Parochial Church Report 2023 had been circulated by e-mail and “hard copies” left in the church porch. An objection was raised that insufficient copies had been made leaving some in attendance without one. The Vicar apologised and said this would not recur. The Vicar gave a reminder that the purpose of the meeting was to agree the past year activities, any outstanding and new issues should be discussed at future PCC Meetings

Churchwardens: Sandra Dunford and Trevor Heal had been nominated and there being no other candidates were duly elected as Churchwardens for the coming year.

Annual Parochial Church Meeting

1.Apologies for absence: Vernon Jefferies, Elaine Moate, Anita Osman, Jan Stainer, Jean Strong, Melanie Thorne, Gwen Whittle.

2.To receive the Electoral Roll: Helen Rowswell reported that there were now 83 active members down from 86 the previous year. A copy would be made available in the church porch.

3. Minutes of the Annual Meeting of Parishioners and Annual Parochial Church Meeting held on 25th April 2023

Passed unanimously as accurate.

4.The following reports were received:

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| a) Vicar's Report | g) Churchwarden's Report / Fabric Report |
| b) Health and Safety Report | h) Churchyard Report |
| c) Social Committee Report | i) Tower Captain's Report |
| d) Choir Report | j) Deanery Synod Report |
| e) Diocese Synod Report | k) Mother's Union Report |
| f) Safeguarding Report | l) Flower Report |

The Vicar thanked all those for their reports presented and assistance during the past year. Only the following reports generated questions or comments:

- Vicar's report Vote of thanks offered for the Organist
- Churchyard Report: One question was asked as to why there was a barricade between the old and new churchyard this is to permit new grass seeding of paths and to stop damage from Lawson Cypress tree,

5. Treasurer's Report & Accounts for the year ended 31st December 2023

The Treasurer made the following 7 points:

- The balance sheet as at 31.12.2023 improved by £50k from £168k 2022 to £218k 2023, mainly due to solar panels expenditure increasing Fixed Assets by £30k, and cash at the bank increasing to £19k.
- Income improved by £24k, mainly due to Planned Giving £9k, a special donation in the year £10k, together with increased income from the Churchyard (£3k) and the Parish Centre (£4K).
- Expenditure was reduced by £26k in the year, mainly due to the PCC decision to pay only 50% of the Parochial Share £24k due to our financial constraints.
- Although Current Liabilities remain unchanged at £16k, the Parochial Share outstanding from prior years was written off as per advice from Neil Williams Diocese of Exeter Accountant, offset by a loan to finance 50% of the Parish Centre Solar Panels £15.3k.
- Staff costs increased in the year by £4k reflecting the increase in the Church office staffing levels.
- Thanks to all account holders for providing the details to allow Annual Accounts to be prepared and also the Auditor.
- As for the current year 2024 the PCC have taken the decision to target paying 75% of the Parochial Share £36k, together with paying 10% of the Solar Panel loan £1.5k.

P. Thompson, Treasurer

6. To appoint Independent Examiners for the Annual Accounts 2024

David Moate was elected.

7. Election of Officers

Helen Howells was elected to the PCC.

Helen Rowswell was elected as Electoral Roll Officer for the coming year.

8. Election of Parish Clerk

Helen Rowswell was elected unopposed for another year and was thanked by the Vicar on behalf of all those present for her outstanding work taking into account it includes cover for the 3 Wells Community.

9. AOB

The Electoral Roll Officer would need to establish a new roll for next year. The Chair thanked Helen Rowswell for her work.

10. Date of next monthly PCC Meeting

28th May 2024 at 7pm

11. The Meeting closed at 8.10 with prayers by John Dunn

CHURCH OF ST BARTHOLOMEW COFFINSWELL
MINUTES OF ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING
9TH MAY 2024

Present: Michael Wilkie (Chair), Michele Berry, Gordon Bower, David Colwill, Sue Bowers, Debbie Blatchford, John Lewis, Sarah Barr (Secretary).
Three Parishioners were present: Jenny Bower, Rob Grainger, Roger Wills

The meeting opened at 7pm with a prayer

1. The Minutes of the APC held on 23 May 2023 were approved

2. Churchwarden report

Gordon and Michele confirmed that they would stay on until the Merger. It was agreed to seek guidance from the Arch Deacon but Michael thought that as long as maintenance was being monitored then an Assistant Warden would suffice.

The meeting agreed unanimously that Gordon and Michele would remain in post until the merger and there was a vote of thanks to both of them for their sterling service over so many years.

3. Report from Vicar

Michael reconfirmed that as a Chapel of Ease there would be no visible differences to the pattern of services and that the finances would continue to be held and reported separately. He reported that Mervyn was now a resident in Sundial Lodge and it was agreed that gift and photograph of the Church should be presented to him at a suitable time in the future. With help from Michael and Jenny services are being covered and a said Eucharist is always possible. Michael confirmed that Erica Dunn is the Lead for Health and Safety and Safeguarding and it was agreed to adopt the Kingskerswell Safeguarding Policy.

4. Treasurer's Report

2023 receipts were 68% up due to Parish Giving which is £745 per month/£922 with Gift Aid
The Votive had raised £622 in 11 months.

In the absence of Any Other Business the meeting closed with a Prayer at 19:25.

(a) VICAR'S REPORT
Kingskerswell 2024

The church has made encouraging progress this past year. The monthly pattern of services can still usually be managed by the pastoral team - the vicar, our two lay ministers (Ian and John) and our retired clergy (Ruth). We are still seeking new ways of making our services more inclusive and accessible as we address the challenge of connecting to a much wider section of the local community. I would again like to thank John, Ian, and Ruth for their continued willingness to give so much of themselves to their ministries here.

Our links with the school continue to be very strong. I continue as a foundation governor and offer help with the development of monitoring and developing spirituality in the school. I lead weekly assemblies as well as taking part in other school activities.

Sandra Dunford and Heather Cooper have been very active with their "Open the Book" ministry in the classrooms this year. They are always enthusiastically welcomed and appreciated by the children.

The school's own services at Christmas, Easter and School Leavers continue to be highlights of the year. They pack out the church and are, by far, the most well attended services of the year. There is still a vacant foundation governor role for anyone interested from the church community.

I would also like to thank Heather for all she does for the worship in our church and the choir's dedication which continues to be greatly appreciated. As a congregation we are very grateful for all the hard work they put in, especially during the Easter and Christmas seasons. Church wouldn't be the same without them.

We are also greatly indebted to the Bell Ringers. They raise our church's presence in the village, not just in calling all to Sunday worship, but also for important family events such as weddings, funerals and important national events. Philip's whole team are an important part of our church and we are very grateful for their special contribution to our ministry.

The Social Committee is a relatively small but very dedicated and hard-working group that do such a magnificent job of organising all our social events. These include all the traditional regulars such as the Harvest Lunch and all the Christmas season celebrations. As a church we are all grateful for the huge efforts behind the success of the two big annual events, the Craft Fair before Christmas and the Springtime Plant Sale. The Light Lunches with a different guest speaker each time, continue to give extra chances to share meals together.

These events are not just social, they have also raised some important funds for the church. After all their hard work, the Social Committee were in a position to pay for an expensive new circuit-board and new floor-tiles in the church, and a large donation for the new kitchen hob in the Parish Centre kitchen.

The House Group continues to meet fortnightly at the vicarage. It offers an informal and friendly space where all are welcome to share stories, ask questions, study the Bible and pray together. We also have shared some good biscuits and other goodies, both home-made and luxury shop-bought – the aim being that at the end of each evening together we can go home feeling fed both physically and spiritually.

The most challenging aspect of the church's life is the continuing crisis with the church's finances. We are indebted to the dedication of a number of people, especially our treasurer Peter, who have enabled us to make steady progress towards being financially stable.

However, it must be clearly highlighted and recognised that even though we are now some three years after the financial crisis provoked by the Covid epidemic, we still have not reached our most basic target of being able to fully pay our monthly "Share" to the Diocese.

To ensure the long-term continuity of our church life here, the wardens and PCC are trying to identify further ways to increase and stabilize our regular monthly income. We will not be able to rely on the charity of the Diocese for very much longer.

We have been able to make good savings in the day-to-day running of the church. The solar panels on the roof of the Parish Centre have greatly reduced the costs of the Parish Centre,

Coffee Room and Office. The installation of under-pew heaters and new lights in the church have greatly reduced the amount of electricity used. These changes have not just saved us money but have helped towards the longer-term Church of England goal to be carbon-neutral by 2030.

In all the work done on the church a special mention must again be given to Geoff Dunford (and his trusty assistant Trevor!) for his enormous generosity of time and energy in his tireless work and dedication to the church fabric. We are all extremely grateful. None of the progress made would have been achievable without him.

I would also like to express my deepest thanks and appreciation to Sandra and Trevor for their tireless dedication and work as Church Wardens this year.

Yet again they have been behind all that has been achieved this year. I would also like to thank all the members of the PCC for all their dedication and support of our church community. The ongoing life of our church could not happen without them.

We also all owe a huge debt of gratitude for the indispensable work of the Church Office. The hard work and dedication shown by Helen and Mercy is absolutely invaluable as it allows the church's ministry and activities to continue and to grow. With all that they do and the people they come into contact with, the work of the office is most certainly an important ministry.

Thanks and appreciation is also due to those many people who quietly, and often behind the scenes, do so much of the hard work needed to keep our church running. From the hard work of cleaning and producing beautiful flower arrangements, to keeping the grass cut and the churchyard tidy – we could not get by without them.

Together as a church family may we work together to keep our Church as a living, active expression of God's love and compassion within the wider community of Kingskerswell.

Coffinswell 2024

We have managed to maintain the rota of services the same pattern of 9am every Sunday morning. Although the congregation has remained modest, it remains a viable and encouraging. This is the year when St Bartholomew's finally became a Chapel of Ease and the single parish became Kingskerswell with Coffinswell. This change was made after a number of years careful consideration. It's aim is to simplify the practical running of the church and give St Bartholomew's the potential to continue on as a quiet, sacred space that offers Christian public worship to Coffinswell and surrounding areas.

Sadly this year also saw the loss of long-serving St Bartholomew's organist Mervyn Gwinnell. Mervyn played at all kinds of services for over 40 years and even composed some of the music for the liturgy. A talented artist, Mervyn's designs are still being used for the covers of the "Well, Well, Well" magazine.

I would particularly like to express my sincere thanks to Gordon and Michele for being willing to stay on a little longer as wardens, and for Sue Bower for continuing as treasurer.

The appeal to Coffinswell village has greatly eased the financial side of keeping St Bartholomew's open and it's ministry alive, as well as the discovery that, due to it's historic nature, the Church Commissioners are responsible for a great deal of the upkeep of the church fabric. There does still remain the very real challenge of identifying people willing to help with practical side of running the church.

Both Kingskerswell and Coffinswell churches face the challenge of fully engaging with a village community that has largely demonstrated little inclination to attend church with any regularity. As churches we aim not to merely to serve the community as a useful resource, but also to preach the gospel by who we are and what we do.

Revd. Michael Wilkie

(b) CHURCHWARDEN'S REPORTS (INCLUDING FABRIC REPORT)

St Mary's Church, Kingskerswell

"In co-operation with the Vicar-in-Charge, Churchwardens are responsible for the day to day functioning of the Parish Church. These responsibilities include various aspects of administration, building operation and personnel. Their work is not just the maintenance of the church building but helping the smooth running of the church." (Taken from Exeter Diocese information).

At the Annual Archdeacon's Visitation held at All Saints' Church, Torquay. the Ven. Douglas James Dettmer, Archdeacon of Totnes, we were again reminded of our duties including connecting to our local school and community by way of making the most of our building and church grounds. To this, we continue to hope to be seen as making strides this past year in making the most of our facilities.

Activities include the regular "open book" sessions at our local Primary school. We again included the school in the various services prior to the Easter. The church held the school's Leavers Service in July at which gifts from the Church were presented. Other services included the Christingle and the Annual Christmas Carol service after which we opened the Parish Hall for refreshments.

The Social Committee have been active in organising regular "after service" lunches to promote community inclusion. In addition, the Church has taken part in external events such as the South West Awake in the early Summer and the Devon Historic Churches Day held on the 14th September. There has also been a number of visiting bellringers during the year.

In October, we met with the Teignbridge "Green Spaces" contract Manager, responsible for the "closed" churchyard, to highlight areas needing attention. With volunteers from the congregation in the Autumn we began clearing parts of the far end of the church meadow which it is hoped to create a "wet land" environment once the dense over grown vegetation is further cleared, so this will be an ongoing project.

On 3rd April 2024 we had the Quinquennial (5 year) Inspection by LePage Architects, the purpose of the review being to ensure all Health & Safety records are being maintained and identify state of repairs requiring attention. Whilst it accepted, at the time of the inspection, electrical works was ongoing (namely replacement of church lighting and heating to meet our Church commitment to Net Zero carbon usage) the report gave recommendations to the buildings' fabric. The report lists works of repair in Order of Priority over next five years. Anyone wishing to see a copy of the full 36-page report please contact either of the Churchwardens. With the ongoing works on the church identified we arranged in October an "open" meeting with the Trustees of the "Friends of Kingskerswell Church" if funds could be released to help towards completion of works resulting from Phase 1.

During the year we have been able to replace the old lighting and heaters with new LED lights and the move to "under" pew heating units. Alongside this was new electrical circuit boards and switch panel. Replacement of the radiators and upgrading of the gas boiler and pipework. Towards the end of the year work commenced of making good the pipe trench and the covering with matching tiles.

Cost savings to the church of moving to the more energy efficient lighting and heaters is shown by the following figures:

Prior to 2023 Electricity used in church was 19,800 kwh per year

2023 - 8149 kwh used, compared to 2024 – 7567 kwh used

2023 cost was £2724 without the changes it would have cost £5963

2024 cost was £2119 without the changes it would have cost £5046

In the two years cost saving from £11,027 down to £4,843

We are extremely grateful to Geoff Dunford for the time and effort he has taken in the undertaking of these alterations, works which were carried out under the full supervision of a qualified electrician at each stage and duly signed off by that same electrician.

In November, water damage to the South Transept roof required a roofing contractor to be employed to make good the external rendering and slates. The cost of £2688 was met by funds from the Social Committee, which we pass on our grateful thanks.

A summary of the works carried in church during 2024 is as follows;

11/01/24	Temporary heater installed by vestry/choir
15/01/24	Motor in organ failed, Electrician called
21/01/24	Organ failed to start
06/02/24	Electrician repaired organ
19/02/24	G Dunford had installed half of new heaters
22/02/24	Electrician – south aisle heaters connected
24/02/24	Fixing of heaters to north side
11/03/24	Fixing of heaters to side pews
15/03/24	Completion of works in electric box
29/04/24	Meeting with Diocese (Head of Building) to discuss and agree cable trunking
21/05/24	G Dunford started work on floor pathway for cables to pews
23/05/24	Organ failed; H Cooper managed to re-start
28/05/24	Cables to pews complete, Electrician connected
21/07/24 - 26/07/24	New LED lights in place
07/08/24	Electrician puts in new light switches
19/08/24 – 20/08/24	Electrician - installation of new circuit board
21/08/24	G Dunford re-laid missing floor tiles over cable ducts in aisles
31/08/24	G Dunford replaced slipped slate over porch roof
13/10/24	First Choir heater installed
23/10/24	Church toilet out of action, required replacement of new pipework.
29/10/24	Roofing contractor completes external repairs to South Transept roof
04/11/24	Re-alignment of new gas central heating radiators
07/11/24	Gas plumber working to 7pm
14/11/24	Gas plumber continues install of new radiators
27/11/24	Work by gas plumber completed install to radiators and pipework
18/12/24	G Dunford cutting slabs for covering pipe trench
21/12/24	G Dunford completed install of choir heaters

We would like to take the opportunity in this report to express our thanks to everyone for all their time and support to help us towards the running of our church .. it is very much appreciated.

Sandra Dunford and Trevor Heal – Kingskerswell Churchwardens

ST Bartholomew's Church (now Chapel of Ease) Coffinswell.

The Churchwardens can report that having completed our Annual Audit of the contents, valuables and fabrics, we are satisfied that everything is in good order. A new purchase of a microwave for the Vestry, has been made to replace the old heating oven.

St Bartholomew's is now officially a chapel of ease, the dissolution from the status of Parish church having been completed in August 2024. As a PCC we are now amalgamated with the Kingskerswell PCC and have been attending joint PCC meetings. All our services at St Bartholomew's continue as before, and all our finances are ring fenced. The Parish Share is also calculated separately from that of Kingskerswell. We hope to pay in full, the Coffinswell portion (£8640) of the joint Coffinswell/Kingskerswell Parish Share. We are now in a more satisfactory financial position due to the Parish Giving Scheme and to the contactless giving in the church, which continue to work well, with also, the significant and generous monthly donations made with the votive candle holder situated by the Font. We are extremely grateful for these contributions and hope that there will be more parishioners joining the Parish Giving Scheme. The smallest donations in the church help towards the ever present need of maintenance of our beautiful building.

The work required to complete the 37 recommendations of the 2024 Quinquennial, has started with the main requirement of repairs to the roof which have now been completed. We are grateful to the Church

Commissioners who have contributed significantly to the cost of the roof repairs in the Chancel area, our funds contributing £1860. We now have to work through the other recommendations in order of priority.

A significant cost (£900) to our funds was incurred in the felling of the Oak tree in the churchyard, which was fatally damaged in one of our many recent gales. We still have a pile of logs from the felling, which are available for a contribution to the church fabric fund.

Since our last report, our organist, Mervyn, who had retired last year due to ill health, has sadly died. A plaque in remembrance of his great service to the church has been affixed to the organ. Jenny Bower continues to play the organ regularly for us as does Michael Roberts, to whom and for which we are so appreciative in the enhancement of our weekly services.

Our congregation remains small although it fluctuates. We so value the valiant small group of volunteers, who continue to clean, and to decorate the church beautifully with graceful and delicate displays, so appropriate to our simple, small 12th century church.

We are always grateful to Helen and Mercy in the office for their valued support.

For our regular services, we are grateful to our Parish priest, Michael Wilkie, also to the Reverend Canon Ruth Oates, John Dunn and Ian Firth, who volunteer their time when possible.

Michèle Berry and Gordon Bower, Churchwardens.

(c) HEALTH AND SAFETY REPORT

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) is responsible and accountable for the Health and Safety for St.Mary's Church Kingskerswell. We have a H&S strategy which is underpinned with a regularly reviewed H&S Policy with it being included in monthly PCC meetings for any issues arising. We continue not having a duly elected Health & Safety Advisor, whilst the Vicar and Churchwardens are responsible for the day-to-day management and review of H&S and will continue to monitor and Health & Safety related matters along with the PCC. Irrespective of any delegation, the PCC remains accountable for Health and Safety. Emergency and First Aid procedures are documented and equipment subject to regular checks during the year. All service records of equipment (PAT tests) checks made during the year are available for inspection in the Parish Office together with all Public Liability insurance policies.

Sandra Dunford and Trevor Heal - Churchwardens

(d) SAFEGUARDING REPORT

In May 2024 parishes within Exeter Diocese participated in an independent external safeguarding audit. The purpose of the audit was to ensure dioceses and cathedrals are doing all they can to create environments where everyone feels safe, valued and respected and was completed nationally.

Following publication of the Makin report in November 2024 the Church of England lead bishop for safeguarding described the requirements for a Safer Church.

1. Being attentive to the needs of victims and survivors.
2. Responding well to any disclosure
3. Familiarising ourselves with how to report and following policies
4. Ensuring DBS checks are up to date, undertake training willingly and wholeheartedly

Safeguarding training is renewed 3 yearly and for some members of the PCCS/congregation will be due again this year. I will be contacting those who are required to renew their training which can be completed online. I will also support with face-to-face sessions as required. This ensures people have the knowledge and understanding of our safeguarding responsibilities to report any safeguarding concern.

On Sunday 17 November we again supported Safeguarding Sunday this is a yearly event held every November to raise awareness of safeguarding.

The safeguarding dashboard has been updated to a safeguarding hub and includes a detailed action plan to ensure we all meet our safeguarding responsibilities. This includes policies, raising awareness, training, safer recruitment, risk assessments and appropriate DBS checks for those involved in work with vulnerable adults and children.

The diocese has a very supportive Safeguarding team and our PCC's are committed, through our church community, to the support, nurture and safeguarding of all, especially the young and vulnerable and will

continue the focus on updating the safeguarding hub, further training and DBS checks over the next 12 months.

Erica Dunn Parish Safeguarding Representative

(e) CHURCHYARD REPORT

For the year 2024 the Churchyard Maintenance Account income was £2,489.96 and the expenditure was £3,116.36 which gave an overall loss for the year of £586.40.

The income from donations for 2024 amounted to £2330 and our sincere thanks go to all of you who regularly and generously donate to the churchyard fund. Without these donations, we would really struggle to maintain a healthy credit balance. The Service for All Soul's Day raised £159.95.

The expenditure for 2024 amounted to £3,116.36. Unfortunately, a dead sycamore tree had to be removed and this cost £1080. The remaining expenditure included the cost of lawn mowing, hedge trimming, fuel for the mower, the annual charge for the green recycling bin and for generally keeping the churchyards tidy. A self-set holly tree was removed from the old churchyard and this was carried out by Teignbridge District Council at no cost.

In March 2024 it was decided to start using the Churchyard Extension for Cremation plots. This was due to the fact that in the Old Churchyard it was becoming very wet underfoot due to the grass not thriving under the trees and the New Churchyard Cremation Plot area was becoming rather full.

The low cost of maintenance in the New Churchyard and Churchyard Extension is due to Geoffrey Dunford. Mike Howard maintains the Old Churchyard and has always looked after the Memorial Garden which is situated between the churchyard and the stream. As always my sincere thanks go to Geoffrey and Mike for giving freely of their time to keep the churchyards looking neat and tidy.

As always the sole purpose of a Churchyard Maintenance Fund is to provide a tidy and well-cared for Churchyard where people are able to come and sit peacefully in beautiful surroundings to reflect their memories of those they have loved and lost.

If anyone would like more information regarding the running of the churchyard or wish to make a contribution towards its upkeep, either by cash, cheque or Banker's Order please contact the Parish Church Office (01803) 873006 for further details.

Wendy Hinchcliffe, Churchyard Treasurer

(f) TOWER CAPTAIN'S REPORT

We rang for all the main services at both Kingskerswell and Coffinswell, the only exception being one of the Christmas carol services as both were at the same time. Practices were normally at Kingskerswell, but two were at Coffinswell, We rang for 4 weddings at Kingskerswell and 5 funerals. This included Mervyn Gwinnell, organist at Coffinswell, Mike Davies, who was a keen supporter of the ringers, and Barbara Elliot. The highest attendance at practices was 16 on 3 occasions. Progress is being made with method ringing, but so often we are unable to do more than plain hunting. James, Mia and Alesha can plain hunt, with Alesha doing particularly well. We rang in the New Year at Kingskerswell as usual, and gathered at Philip and Mo's house beforehand.

Sue Hinds has been unable to return on a regular basis, but we have regularly kept in touch during the year. Malcolm continues to come to practices, and at the beginning of the year was joined by Kate Marsh, also from Berry Pomeroy, and she is progressing well. Steve and Sue Robinson very enthusiastically started to learn in June, but had to give up after a month when Sue found that ringing was affecting her health. They would love to return, but that would seem to be unlikely at the moment.

6th of June was the 80th anniversary of D Day and we rang out for peace at Kingskerswell at 6.30pm as part of the national commemoration. We had our half day outing and annual dinner on 23rd March. We rang at Buckland in the Moor, Holne and Kingsteignton. Our dinner was at the Ten Tors in Kingsteignton. This year we were able to hire the Kingscare minibus for our annual outing on 14th September. We had a very successful day going to Somerset, and ringing at Langford Budville, Nynehead, Hillfarrance, Bishop's Hull and West Buckland.

We had another tower open day in September as part of the Devon Historic Churches Day. We demonstrated ringing and took people to the top of the tower. All had the opportunity to have a go, but we were unsuccessful in recruiting any ringers. We also welcomed the Heart of the West Oddfellows at Kingskerswell in November and several people had a go at ringing and ascended to the top of the tower.

We had 5 visiting bands (2 were at Coffinswell) and we hosted a Mid Devon Branch 'Meet the Branch Day' in April at Kingskerswell and Coffinswell. 4 peals and 2 quarter peals were rung at Kingskerswell. The peal in April was rung to celebrate Mo and Pauline's 80th birthdays and also Philip's birthday, all on the same day.

I thank everyone for their support during the year and also to Mike Mears for his continued support at Coffinswell.

Although we have 21 members on our books, and generally have enough for our service ringing and practices at the moment, I am very aware that we have an aging band (13 of us are over 70, including 4 over 80), and it is so difficult to recruit new ringers. It can take a considerable time for learners to become proficient ringers and I am concerned that unless we can attract new people soon, there is an increasing danger that our band will become very depleted. With this in mind, I have started to publicise the need for new ringers in the magazine, the weekly sheet, and on Facebook, but so far, no response.

Philip Stevens, Tower Captain

(g) CHOIR REPORT

We are opening this years report by paying tribute to our much beloved Doreen (Perryman) who passed away on the 12th of June last year. She is missed very much by the choir and congregation. Doreen was a loyal and caring member of St. Mary's church and played a very active role in all church activities during her life.

It is with much gratitude to our inspirational organist, Heather, that we have maintained a full and enjoyable program of music for all aspects of worship. We also would like to thank Sandra for her excellent choice of hymns for our services.

The 'Big Sing' in January proved to be very popular and enjoyed by all who participated.

We continue to maintain a strong spiritual fellowship within our choir and find our weekly practice on Thursday evening to be very uplifting. Unfortunately, due to long-term health problems, Wendy Wilson has had to step down from the choir. We wish her well and thank her for a contribution to me to our services.

We would like to thank reverent, Michael, the lay readers church wardens and congregation for their continuing support.

We are looking forward to the coming year with much enthusiasm under Heathers excellent direction and leadership.

Helen Howells, Choir Representative

(h) DEANERY REPORT

In the last 12 months there have been three deanery meetings which were held in June, October and February in Churches across the deanery including here at St Marys Kingskerswell. The meetings are chaired by the Rural Dean Andrew Down and begin with a presentation. The presentations included;

- Jeremy Putnam Mission Enabler – 'what is mission – vision, provision and mission'
- Ian Bussell Director of mission and ministry - Strategy for Church growth
- Brigit Kiyaga Mission Resources Advisor – Generosity and Giving

The presentations encouraged discussion and support with ideas for Church growth and increased giving. Brigit offered to attend Church services/PCC meetings to support discussion and understanding around generosity and giving. I have suggested to the PCC this is an offer we should accept.

Finance reports are presented, in October the report indicated that our Deanery in the Totnes Archdeaconry had paid 84% of the common fund to date. There was no finance report presented in February.

A report from the February General Synod meeting was provided. Safeguarding, Church governance and clergy discipline were discussed at synod. There was agreement to move to an independent safeguarding scrutiny body.

Limited time was given to moving forward with living in love and faith proposals.
The next deanery meeting will be held on 10 June 2025.

Erica Dunn Deanery Representative

(i) MOTHERS' UNION REPORT

The few members of the Mothers Union continue to meet on the second Monday of each month throughout the year the Coffee Room, Parish Centre at 2:00 PM.

We held our AGM in January enjoyed a chat discussing an outline of meetings for the following year. February was taken up with the many updates from Mary Sumner House head office in London, and ended with tea and biscuits and knitting patterns for MU projects for babies.

We had two birthday parties, one in April and one in October, and in July and August we were invited to the home and garden of Liz who lives in Ogdell, for afternoon tea. We prayed for Ursula, our former Hospitality Correspondent, who was in hospital and unable to be present.

Our speakers included Reverend Michael Wilke who described the early years of his ministry in Buenos Aires, Argentina. He showed us interesting slides of his place of worship, the Anglican Cathedral dedicated to St John the Baptist, and the area where he lived. He ministered there for 15 years before coming to Kingskerswell in 2020. Our member Margaret gave us a talk about her journey to becoming a vet's wife, and in September James, another member, continued his life story after he left the Royal Navy to becoming a Rank Xerox photocopier engineer and expert. In November we had a talk by Audrey's daughter Deborah as she described her 10 days visit to Nigeria, meeting the local people and visiting the Amucha Maternity Hospital in the dioceses of Orla. Deborah had some very interesting slides and we enjoyed her talk very much. We are very grateful to all our speakers and hosts and we thank them very much for their time and talks.

At Christmas we went once again to the Livermead House Hotel, Torquay, for our Christmas lunch together with members of the church congregation, and in all 18 sat down to lunch. This had been arranged by Jean, but because of her illness, sadly she was unable to join us.

The Mothers Union is a worldwide organisation which raises funds to help families and communities in both Britain and across the world, especially in Africa where the lives of women and girls in particular are improved by education with help from the Mother's Union. If you would like to know what work the MU does at home and overseas, please come along to a meeting for a chat, tea or coffee, cake or biscuits, and fellowship. All are welcome, including gentlemen and those who are not mothers. Come and discover what this huge worldwide charity does in 84 countries across the world. For more information, please contact me on 01803 404779 or email gandsdunford@outlook.com

Sandra Dunford, Branch Leader

(j) FLOWER REPORT

Flowers were provided and arranged in the Parish Church throughout 2024, apart from during Lent, greenery was used during advent.

Additional arrangements were provided for the major religious festivals i.e. Christmas and Easter. Several members of the regular congregation made donations for flowers dedicated to the memories of loved ones.

In April, the Church Social Committee elected to support the flower fund by donating 25% of the profit for their events which has proven to be invaluable and without which I would be unable to provide flora decorations throughout the year in our beautiful 13th century (almost!) church.

Thank you Social Committee!

Jenny Benney, Church Florist

(I) SOCIAL COMMITTEE REPORT

It is my pleasure to report on the activities of the Social Committee for 2024.

We continued to meet in the Parish Rooms, although during the year the meeting time was changed to 1700. We meet monthly and this year we did not have a break.

Rev. Michael Wilkie continued to chair the meeting, the Treasurer is Helen Rowsell to whom monies collected are paid and Peter Thomson includes Social Committee finances in his Annual Report. There is no need for a secretary as Helen Rowsell deals with correspondence. Patricia Rodriguez continues to take and distribute notes of the meetings and distribute copies of the agenda at each meeting.

During the year Jackie Mellor joined the Social Committee and our churchwardens, Sandra Dunford and Trevor Heal continued to attend meeting. After the outdoor Carol Service in 2023 a donation was made to the Scouts for the loan of their Gazebo. The Social Committee finances were seen to be in a healthy state and at our March meeting it was agreed to give 25% of the profits from the events organised by the Social Committee to the Flower Fund. This has continued to the present time. We have also contributed funds to the work carried out in the Church, for both the Circuit Board and repairs to the South Transept Roof. One of our Committee members, Sylvia Wightman, made 11 lovely tablecloths for use at the different meals. We expressed our thanks to Sylvia. Committee members have been involved in organising and also providing catering/refreshments for the following events:

Easter services

Plant Sale 6th April 2024

Light Lunch 26th April 2024

Harvest Lunch 29th September 2024

Parish Light Lunch 20th October 2024

Craft Fair 2nd November 2024

Christmas Lunch 15th December 2024

Inside Carol Concert 22nd December 2024

Additionally in January 2024 we began hosting and arranging a light lunch after church on a Sunday, every two months, with a break during the summer months. There is also a speaker on each of these occasions. Each member of the committee is valued for their individuality and contribution to the success of the events in which we have either helped or organised. We would welcome new members to the Social Committee, currently we meet on the 1st Tuesday of each month at 1700 (5pm) in the coffee rooms. We would like to thank all those who have supported us over the past year, including church members, volunteers and the wider community. We look forward to a successful 2025.

Patricia Rodriguez, Committee member.

Treasurer's Reports on separate attachment

Parish of St Mary's Kingskerswell
Year ended 31 December 2024

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Parish of St Mary's Kingskerswell

Independent Examiner's Report to the Parochial Church Council of St Mary's Kingskerswell

I report on the accounts of the PCC for the year ended 31 December 2024 which are set out on pages 3 to 16.

Respective responsibilities of the trustees and examiners

As the members of the PCC you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts: you consider that the audit requirement of the Charities Act 2006 (the Act) does not apply. It is my responsibility to state, on the basis of procedures specified in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners under the Charities Act 2006, whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the Parochial Church Council and a comparison of the accounts with those records. It also includes considering any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts 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:

Which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements to keep accounting records in accordance with the Charities Act; and to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the regulations, as also contained in the Church Accounting Regulations have not been met; or to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Independent examiner's recommendation

I recommend that none of the charities bank accounts be held in individual names and that they all be registered in the name of the charity.

Signed



(DJ Moate)

Date

12 March 2025

Address

26 Boundary Close
Kingskerswell
TQ12 5BP

Statement of the Responsibilities of the Members of the Parochial Church Council

The members are required to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the council and of the surplus or deficit of the council for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the members are required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent

The members are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the council. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the council and hence taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Parish of St Mary's Kingskerswell

Balance Sheet as at 31/12/2024

	Notes	Un-restricted £	Restricted £	2024	2023
Fixed Assets					
Tangible fixed assets	1	143,012	0	143,012	146,059
Investments	2	0	21,550	21,550	21,068
		<u>143,012</u>	<u>21,550</u>	<u>164,562</u>	<u>167,127</u>
Current assets					
Debtors	4	1,759	0	1,759	0
Stock		0	0	0	0
Cash at bank and in hand	3	30,744	9,100	39,843	66,921
		<u>32,503</u>	<u>9,100</u>	<u>41,602</u>	<u>66,921</u>
Liabilities: Amounts falling due within one year	5	-14,510	-91	-14,601	-15,661
Net current assets (liabilities)		<u>17,993</u>	<u>9,009</u>	<u>27,002</u>	<u>51,260</u>
Net assets		<u>161,005</u>	<u>30,559</u>	<u>191,564</u>	<u>218,389</u>
Funds	6	<u>161,005</u>	<u>30,559</u>	<u>191,564</u>	<u>218,389</u>

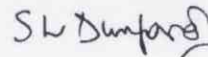
Approved by the Parochial Church Council and signed on its behalf:

Rev. M Wilkie



- Vicar

S Dunford



- Churchwarden

S P Thompson



- Treasurer

Date 25 February 2025

Parish of St Mary's Kingskerswell
Statement of Financial Activities
Year ended 31 December 2024

		Unrestricted	Restricted	2024	2023
	Notes	£	£	£	£
INCOMING RESOURCES					
Planned Giving					
- Covenanted and non covenanted		32,502	0	32,502	30,740
- Tax recoverable		6,970	0	6,970	7,505
General collection		3,676	0	3,676	6,113
Special collection		0	0	0	0
		<u>43,148</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>43,148</u>	<u>44,358</u>
Voluntary income					
Other voluntary income					
Donations - Special gift		7,894	0	7,894	10,000
- Other		6,418	0	6,418	7,915
Legacies		0	0	0	375
Other voluntary income		0	0	0	0
		<u>14,312</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>14,312</u>	<u>18,290</u>
Gross income from events and activities					
Income from Churchyard	8	21,609	2,698	24,307	21,900
Income from Social Committee	12	3,506	0	3,506	3,293
Income from Parish Centre	9	27,444	0	27,444	24,580
Sale of goods	10	0	0	0	151
Income from Church Magazine	11	1,661	0	1,661	1,348
Listed Places of Worship Grant Scheme - VAT refund		0	0	0	0
House Communion		0	0	0	0
Bell-Ringers Fund Income		1,506	0	1,506	1,141
Hire of Parish Church		641	0	641	914
Sunday Kidz Account		0	0	0	0
Flower Altar Fund income		1,735	0	1,735	960
		<u>58,100</u>	<u>2,698</u>	<u>60,799</u>	<u>54,287</u>
Other income					
		<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
		<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Income from investment	13	638	0	638	464
Total incoming resources c/fwd		<u>116,199</u>	<u>2,698</u>	<u>118,897</u>	<u>117,400</u>

Parish of St Mary's Kingskerswell
Statement of Financial Activities (continued)
Year ended 31 December 2024

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total
Notes	£	£	2024	2023
	£	£	£	£
Total incoming resources b/fwd	116,199	2,698	118,897	117,400
Total resources used (Page 6)	143,094	3,116	146,210	69,749
	-26,895	-418	-27,313	47,651
Net incoming resources				
Gains and losses on investments:				
- realised	0	7	7	0
-unrealised	0	482	482	1,826
Movement in funds	-26,895	71	-26,824	49,477
Balances brought forward at 1 January 2024	187,900	30,488	218,388	168,909
Transfer	0	0	0	0
Balances carried forward at 31 December 2024	161,005	30,559	191,564	218,389

Parish of St Mary's Kingskerswell
Resources Used
Year ended 31 December 2024

		Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total
	Notes	£	£	2024	2023
				£	£
Grants					
Charitable Donations		894	0	894	1,157
Directly relating to the work of the church					
Clergy:					
Parochial share		36,000	0	36,000	7,536
Vicar's office expenses		2,653	0	2,653	1,355
Church Clerk	15	11,148	0	11,148	11,712
Fees	8	7,101	0	7,101	3,820
Churchyard expenses	8	0	3,116	3,116	2,197
Light, heat and water		5,439	0	5,439	6,628
Repairs - general		31,782	0	31,782	2,173
Insurance		3,913	0	3,913	7,371
Altar goods		273	0	273	508
Depreciation		3,048	0	3,048	3,048
Organist and choir		1,698	0	1,698	1,095
Flower Altar Fund expenditure		1,891	0	1,891	1827
Sunday Kidz Account		0	0	0	0
Bell-Ringers Fund expenses		1,066	0	1,066	1396
Other Parochial expenses	7	0	0	0	0
Parish Centre /site expenses	9	27,093	0	27,093	15,891
Magazine costs	11	828	0	828	0
		<u>133,933</u>	<u>3,116</u>	<u>137,049</u>	<u>66,559</u>
Fund raising and publicity					
Social committee costs/donations	12	5,814	0	5,814	349
Church management and administration					
Printing, stationery, photocopying, postage.		2,403	0	2,403	1,634
Examiners fees		50	0	50	50
		<u>2,453</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>2,453</u>	<u>1,684</u>
Total expenditure					
(transferred to page 5)		<u>143,094</u>	<u>3,116</u>	<u>146,210</u>	<u>69,749</u>

Accounting Policies

Year Ended 31 December 2024

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations together with applicable accounting standards and the Charities SORP.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention (except for the revaluation of investment assets).

Funds

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

The purpose of any restricted funds is noted in the accounts.

The accounts include transactions, assets and liabilities for which the PCC can be held responsible. They do not include the accounts of church groups that owe an affiliation to another body nor those that are informal gatherings of church members.

Incoming Resources

Voluntary income and capital resources

Amounts receivable under covenant are recognised only when honoured by the covenantor.

Income tax recoverable on covenanted or gift aid donations is recognised when claimable.

Grants and legacies to the PCC are accounted for as soon as the PCC is notified of its entitlement and the likely amount due.

Funds raised by the fete, garden party and similar events are accounted for net.

Sales of books and magazines from the church bookstall are accounted for net.

Other ordinary income

Rental income from the letting of church premises is accounted for when receivable.

Parochial fees due to the Parochial Church Council for weddings, funerals etc. are accounted for on an event by event basis.

Income from investment

Dividends and interest are accounted for when received. Tax recoverable on such income is accrued for on the same basis.

Application of Resources

Grants

Grants and donations are accounted for when paid.

The Parochial share is accounted when payable and any quota unpaid at 31 December is shown as a creditor in the Balance Sheet.

Fixed Assets

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

No value is placed on movable church furnishings held by the Churchwardens on special trust for the PCC and which require a faculty for disposal since the PCC considers this to be an inalienable property. All expenditure incurred during the year in consecrated or beneficed buildings and moveable church furnishings, whether maintenance or improvement, is written off.

Other land and buildings

Other land and buildings held on behalf of the PCC for its own purposes is shown at cost. No depreciation is charged against such properties but any expenditure on maintenance or improvement is written off as incurred.

Other fixtures, fittings and office equipment

Equipment used is written off at the rate of 10% per annum using the reduced balancing method.

Investments

Investments are valued at market value.

Current assets

Amounts owing to the PCC at 31 December in respect of fees, rents or other income are shown as debtors less any provision for the amounts that may prove uncollectible.

Short term deposits include cash on deposit with the Central Board of Finance at the bank.

Parish of St Mary's Kingskerswell
Notes on the Accounts
Year ended 31 December 2024

1. Fixed Assets

	Parish Centre	Improven Parish	Fixtures Centre	Total
	£	£	£	£
Cost at 1 January 2024	63,313	85,794	46,521	195,629
Additions in Year	0	0	0	0
At 31 December 2024	63,313	85,794	46,521	195,629

Depreciation

At 1 January 2024	0	3,048	46,521	49,569
Charge for year	0	3,048	0	3,048
At 31 December 2024	0	6,096	46,521	52,617

Net book amounts

At 31 December 2024	63,313	79,698	0	143,012
At 31 December 2023	63,313	82,745	0	146,059

Parish of St Mary's Kingskerswell
Notes on the Accounts
Year ended 31 December 2024

	2024	2023
	£	£
2. Investments		
At market value		
932 Shares Central Board of Finance	21,550	21,068
	<u>21,550</u>	<u>21,068</u>
At cost		
932 Shares Central Board of Finance	244	244
	<u>244</u>	<u>244</u>
3. Cash at bank and in hand	2024	2023
	£	£
National Westminster Bank 2 Reserve account	29	28
Cash at National Westminster Bank	7,116	30,820
Cash at National Westminster Bank - Organ Fund *	0	0
Church Fund Cash at CCLA Account	895	850
Cash at National Westminster Bank - Churchyard maintenance *	4,031	4,646
Churchyard Maintenance Cash at CCLA Account *	4,392	4,223
Cash in hand (Flower Altar fund)	657	535
Cash at National Westminster Bank - Club's/Society reserve No 1 account	559	551
Cash at National Westminster Bank - Sunday and Wednesday Coffee Mornings - Cash Social account	0	0
Bell-Ringers	4,834	7,140
Sunday Kidz Accounts	2,319	1,880
	0	0
Kingskerswell Relief in Sickness Charity (first included 2012) *	677	665
Parish Centre Cash at CCLA Account	8,791	3,607
Parish Centre Fund	5,543	11,976
	<u>39,843</u>	<u>66,921</u>

* = Restrictive Funds

Parish of St Mary's Kingskerswell
Notes on the Accounts
Year ended 31 December 2024

4. Debtors

	2024	2023
	£	£
Gift Aid Claim	1,759	0
	<u>1,759</u>	<u>0</u>

5. Current Liabilities

Church electricity bill outstanding	700	0
Parish Centre Solar Panel Loan	13,810	15,310
Churchyard Maintenance	91	110
Other - Sunday Kidz	0	241
	<u>14,601</u>	<u>15,661</u>

6. Funds

The income funds of the charity include restricted funds held on trust for specific purposes as follows

	Balance 1 January 2024	Incoming resources £	Unrealised gain £	Outgoing resources £	Balance 31st Dec 2024
Investments for Churchyard maintenance	21,068	0	482	0	21,550
Churchyard maintenance fund	8,751	2,698	0	-3,116	8,333
Parish site	0	0	0	0	0
Kingskerswell Relief in Sickness Charity (first included 2012)	670	7	0	0	677
	<u>30,489</u>	<u>2,705</u>	<u>482</u>	<u>-3,116</u>	<u>30,559</u>

6. Funds (continued)

The transfer between funds relates to:

The restricted funds comprise:

- (a) The Organ Fund is for the maintenance of the organ and choir expenses.
- (b) The Churchyard Investment and Maintenance Funds are for the maintenance of the churchyard and graveyard.
- (c) Parish Site Fund which is income specifically raised to finance the new parish site.
- (d) Tower Fund is income received for the repair of the church tower.
- (e) Special gifts are donations received for special events.

Parish of St Mary's Kingskerswell
Notes on the Accounts
Year ended 31 December 2024

7. Other Parochial Expenses

Transfer to Churchyard Maintenance Fund
Other

2024	2023
£	£
0	0
0	0
<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>

	2024	2023
	£	£
8. Churchyard Account		
Parish of St Mary's Kingskerswell		
Year ended 31 December 2024		
Fees, Weddings and funerals	19,205	15,400
Deduct fees	-7,101	-3,820
Surplus	12,104	11,580
Churchyard income		
Monument fees	2,404	1,799
CCLA Interest	169	174
Donations	2,530	4,527
	5,102	6,500
Deduct expenses:		
General	-3,116	-2,197
Surplus	1,986	4,303
Total Surplus	14,090	15,883

Parish of St Mary's Kingskerswell
Notes on the Accounts
Year ended 31 December 2024

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£ £

9. Parish Centre Account

Rents received	24,408	24,471
Donations	2,851	0
CCLA Investment interest	184	110
	<u>27,444</u>	<u>24,580</u>
Deduct expenses		
Maintenance	9,794	2,499
Cleaning costs	4,819	4,707
Electricity, gas, telephone	1,638	3,747
Repairs	172	306
Other	1,083	70
Insurance	0	0
Water	1,262	1,362
Administration	3325	3200
Donation to Church	5000	0
Total expenditure	<u>27,093</u>	<u>15,891</u>
Surplus/ (loss)	<u>351</u>	<u>8,689</u>

10. Goods for resale

Porch sales	0	151
Tradecraft Sales	0	0
Surplus	<u>0</u>	<u>151</u>

11. Parish News

Sales / Advertising	1,661	1,348
	<u>1,661</u>	<u>1,348</u>
Deduct expenses		
Printing and Stationery	-828	0
Surplus	<u>833</u>	<u>1,348</u>

12. Social Committee Account

Income	3,506	3,293
	<u>3,506</u>	<u>3,293</u>
Less Costs/Donation	5,814	349
Surplus	<u>-2,309</u>	<u>2,944</u>

Note : Donation includes donation for Church repairs £4700

Parish of St Mary's Kingskerswell
Notes on the Accounts
Year ended 31 December 2024

2024	2023
£	£

13. Income from investment

Bank interest	638	464
Dividends	0	0
	<u>638</u>	<u>464</u>

14. Other voluntary income

0	0
<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>

15. Staff costs and Council expenses

Other than reimbursement of costs,

Church Clerks	11,148	11,712
	<u>11,148</u>	<u>11,712</u>

16. Donations from Trustees (PCC members) during the Year

During 2024 ST Mary's PCC received £7,374.88 donations from trustees (PCC members) and their close relatives. The donors did not attach any conditions to their gifts which required the charity (PCC) to significantly alter the nature of its existing activities.

The £7,374.88 is included in on Page 4 - Incoming Resources - Planned Giving - Covenanted and non covenanted £32,502.

PARISH OF KINGSKERSWELL WITH COFFINSWELL

**ANNUAL PAROCHIAL
CHURCH MEETING REPORT
2024**

**29th April 2025
at 7pm**

**Held in St Mary's Church
Kingskerswell**

**Annual Meeting of Parishioners
and
Annual Parochial Church Meeting on Tuesday, 29th April 2025**

AGENDA

Annual Meeting of Parishioners at 7pm

To elect 4 Churchwardens (to serve for 1 year)

Annual Parochial Church Meeting

Opening Prayers

- 1) Apologies for absence
- 2) To receive the Electoral Rolls
- 3) To accept the minutes of the APCM held on 30th April 2024 and the 9th May 2024.
- 4) To receive the following Reports...
 - a) Vicar's Report
 - b) Churchwardens Reports (Inc. Fabric Report)
 - c) Health and Safety Report
 - d) Safeguarding Report
 - e) Churchyard Report
 - f) Tower Captain's Report
 - g) Choir Report
 - h) Deanery Report
 - i) Mothers Union Report
 - j) Flower Report
 - k) Social Committee Report
- 5) To receive the Treasurer's Reports
- 6) To appoint Independent Examiners for the Accounts 2025
- 7) To elect the following
 - i) Members of the PCC
 - ii) Electoral Roll Officers
- 8) To elect a Parish Clerk (to serve for one year)
- 9) To bring forward any business notified to the Secretary by 25th April 2025 and any other business brought forward at the Vicar's discretion.
- 10) To confirm the date of the next PCC meeting
- 11) Closing Prayers

COMMITTEES

Parochial Church Council (PCC)

There were nine meetings of the PCC between the APCM of April 2024 until April 2025 and one Extraordinary Meeting.

In addition to matters concerning the everyday running of the Church which are covered at each meeting, the following matters are of special importance

1. Safeguarding

This subject is on the Agenda for every PCC meeting. Any Parishioner who is aware of such an issue should discuss it with the Parish Safeguarding Officer, Erica Dunn.

2. Finances

The Treasurers provide a minimum of monthly updates on the finances to the PCC in order for financial decisions to be made.

3. Charitable Giving

The PCC has been unable to financially donate due to limited funds, but has continued its Sponsorship of a child via Plan International, which is helping to end child poverty, at a cost of £192 annually.

4. Mission Outreach

Due to the importance of engagement with the wider community the PCC discuss outreach at each meeting, particularly connecting with Kingskerswell Primary School on a regular basis.

5. Fees

Kingskerswell PCC paid £36,000 towards the 2024 Parochial Fees.

Coffinswell PCC paid £9141 towards the 2024 Parochial Fees.

Social Committee

The Kingskerswell Social Committee, chaired by our Vicar Rev'd Michael Wilkie, has the responsibility of organizing the Parish Church's social activities which the PCC have approved.

The Committee members comprise of;

Liz Atkinson, Helen Howells, Kaye Hurford, Lyn Kelly, Patricia Rodriguez, Wendy Shillabeer and Sylvia Wightman, with support from Sandra Dunford and Trevor Heal also.

PARISH OF KINGSKERSWELL WITH COFFINSWELL – ANNUAL REPORT

Background

The Vicar, along with the St Mary's Parochial Church Council (the PCC), is responsible for the promotion within the Ecclesiastical Parish, the Mission Action Plan, covering all aspects of the Church's Mission – Pastoral, Ecumenical and Social.

The PCC also has the responsibility for the maintenance of all buildings – the Church, the Parish Centre, the Coffee Room and Parish Office.

PCC Membership

The members of the PCC are either ex-officio, co-opted, or elected at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) in accordance with the Church Representative Rules.

The following served as members of the PCC IN 2024:

PCC Chairman: Rev Michael Wilkie

Ex-Officio Members:	Peter Thompson	Treasurer (Co-opted 2004)
	Erica Dunn	Deanery Representative

Proposed and elected at the Annual Meeting of Parishioners (AMP) 30th April 2024

Trevor Heal	Churchwarden
Sandra Dunford	Churchwarden

Continuing to serve as PCC members:

Dr Stephen Hoskins (Secretary)
John Dunn
Helen Rowswell
Mike Bundy
Stuart Devlin

Elected at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) 30th April 2024

Helen Howells

Proposed and elected at the Annual Meeting of Parishioners (AMP) 9th May 2024

Gordon Bower	Churchwarden
Michele Berry	Churchwarden

Continuing to serve as PCC members:

Sue Bowers (Treasurer)
Sarah Barr (Secretary)
David Colwill
Debbie Blatchford
John Lewis

MINUTES FROM 2024 AMP AND APCM

Kingskerswell Parish Church Minutes

Annual Meeting of Parishioners

And

Annual Parochial Church Meeting

30th April 2024 at 7pm in Kingskerswell Parish Church

Present: Rev. Michael Wilkie – Chairman

Jacky Biggs, Mike Bundy, Eileen Davies, Eveline Davies, Mike Davies, Stuart Devlin, Geoff Dunford, Sandra Dunford, Erica Dunn, John Dunn, Val Gage, Peter Gage, Trevor Heal, Bernard Hill, Stephen Hoskins (PCC Secretary taking minutes), Helen Howells, Lyn Kelly, Susie Lawrence, David Moate, Sue Rider, Patricia Rodriguez, Helen Rowswell, Mark Rowswell, Wendy Shillabeer, Phil Stevens, Peter Thompson, Rachel Valentine.

Opening Prayers were led by Rev. Michael Wilkie

Annual Meeting of Parishioners

The Vicar, as Chairman, opened the meeting thanking those attending and said copies of the Annual Parochial Church Report 2023 had been circulated by e-mail and “hard copies” left in the church porch. An objection was raised that insufficient copies had been made leaving some in attendance without one. The Vicar apologised and said this would not recur. The Vicar gave a reminder that the purpose of the meeting was to agree the past year activities, any outstanding and new issues should be discussed at future PCC Meetings

Churchwardens: Sandra Dunford and Trevor Heal had been nominated and there being no other candidates were duly elected as Churchwardens for the coming year.

Annual Parochial Church Meeting

1.Apologies for absence: Vernon Jefferies, Elaine Moate, Anita Osman, Jan Stainer, Jean Strong, Melanie Thorne, Gwen Whittle.

2.To receive the Electoral Roll: Helen Rowswell reported that there were now 83 active members down from 86 the previous year. A copy would be made available in the church porch.

3. Minutes of the Annual Meeting of Parishioners and Annual Parochial Church Meeting held on 25th April 2023

Passed unanimously as accurate.

4.The following reports were received:

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| a) Vicar's Report | g) Churchwarden's Report / Fabric Report |
| b) Health and Safety Report | h) Churchyard Report |
| c) Social Committee Report | i) Tower Captain's Report |
| d) Choir Report | j) Deanery Synod Report |
| e) Diocese Synod Report | k) Mother's Union Report |
| f) Safeguarding Report | l) Flower Report |

The Vicar thanked all those for their reports presented and assistance during the past year. Only the following reports generated questions or comments:

- Vicar's report Vote of thanks offered for the Organist
- Churchyard Report: One question was asked as to why there was a barricade between the old and new churchyard this is to permit new grass seeding of paths and to stop damage from Lawson Cypress tree,

5. Treasurer's Report & Accounts for the year ended 31st December 2023

The Treasurer made the following 7 points:

- The balance sheet as at 31.12.2023 improved by £50k from £168k 2022 to £218k 2023, mainly due to solar panels expenditure increasing Fixed Assets by £30k, and cash at the bank increasing to £19k.
- Income improved by £24k, mainly due to Planned Giving £9k, a special donation in the year £10k, together with increased income from the Churchyard (£3k) and the Parish Centre (£4K).
- Expenditure was reduced by £26k in the year, mainly due to the PCC decision to pay only 50% of the Parochial Share £24k due to our financial constraints.
- Although Current Liabilities remain unchanged at £16k, the Parochial Share outstanding from prior years was written off as per advice from Neil Williams Diocese of Exeter Accountant, offset by a loan to finance 50% of the Parish Centre Solar Panels £15.3k.
- Staff costs increased in the year by £4k reflecting the increase in the Church office staffing levels.
- Thanks to all account holders for providing the details to allow Annual Accounts to be prepared and also the Auditor.
- As for the current year 2024 the PCC have taken the decision to target paying 75% of the Parochial Share £36k, together with paying 10% of the Solar Panel loan £1.5k.

P. Thompson, Treasurer

6. To appoint Independent Examiners for the Annual Accounts 2024

David Moate was elected.

7. Election of Officers

Helen Howells was elected to the PCC.

Helen Rowswell was elected as Electoral Roll Officer for the coming year.

8. Election of Parish Clerk

Helen Rowswell was elected unopposed for another year and was thanked by the Vicar on behalf of all those present for her outstanding work taking into account it includes cover for the 3 Wells Community.

9. AOB

The Electoral Roll Officer would need to establish a new roll for next year. The Chair thanked Helen Rowswell for her work.

10. Date of next monthly PCC Meeting

28th May 2024 at 7pm

11. The Meeting closed at 8.10 with prayers by John Dunn

CHURCH OF ST BARTHOLOMEW COFFINSWELL
MINUTES OF ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING
9TH MAY 2024

Present: Michael Wilkie (Chair), Michele Berry, Gordon Bower, David Colwill, Sue Bowers, Debbie Blatchford, John Lewis, Sarah Barr (Secretary).
Three Parishioners were present: Jenny Bower, Rob Grainger, Roger Wills

The meeting opened at 7pm with a prayer

1. The Minutes of the APC held on 23 May 2023 were approved

2. Churchwarden report

Gordon and Michele confirmed that they would stay on until the Merger. It was agreed to seek guidance from the Arch Deacon but Michael thought that as long as maintenance was being monitored then an Assistant Warden would suffice.

The meeting agreed unanimously that Gordon and Michele would remain in post until the merger and there was a vote of thanks to both of them for their sterling service over so many years.

3. Report from Vicar

Michael reconfirmed that as a Chapel of Ease there would be no visible differences to the pattern of services and that the finances would continue to be held and reported separately. He reported that Mervyn was now a resident in Sundial Lodge and it was agreed that gift and photograph of the Church should be presented to him at a suitable time in the future. With help from Michael and Jenny services are being covered and a said Eucharist is always possible. Michael confirmed that Erica Dunn is the Lead for Health and Safety and Safeguarding and it was agreed to adopt the Kingskerswell Safeguarding Policy.

4. Treasurer's Report

2023 receipts were 68% up due to Parish Giving which is £745 per month/£922 with Gift Aid
The Votive had raised £622 in 11 months.

In the absence of Any Other Business the meeting closed with a Prayer at 19:25.

(a) VICAR'S REPORT
Kingskerswell 2024

The church has made encouraging progress this past year. The monthly pattern of services can still usually be managed by the pastoral team - the vicar, our two lay ministers (Ian and John) and our retired clergy (Ruth). We are still seeking new ways of making our services more inclusive and accessible as we address the challenge of connecting to a much wider section of the local community. I would again like to thank John, Ian, and Ruth for their continued willingness to give so much of themselves to their ministries here.

Our links with the school continue to be very strong. I continue as a foundation governor and offer help with the development of monitoring and developing spirituality in the school. I lead weekly assemblies as well as taking part in other school activities.

Sandra Dunford and Heather Cooper have been very active with their "Open the Book" ministry in the classrooms this year. They are always enthusiastically welcomed and appreciated by the children.

The school's own services at Christmas, Easter and School Leavers continue to be highlights of the year. They pack out the church and are, by far, the most well attended services of the year. There is still a vacant foundation governor role for anyone interested from the church community.

I would also like to thank Heather for all she does for the worship in our church and the choir's dedication which continues to be greatly appreciated. As a congregation we are very grateful for all the hard work they put in, especially during the Easter and Christmas seasons. Church wouldn't be the same without them.

We are also greatly indebted to the Bell Ringers. They raise our church's presence in the village, not just in calling all to Sunday worship, but also for important family events such as weddings, funerals and important national events. Philip's whole team are an important part of our church and we are very grateful for their special contribution to our ministry.

The Social Committee is a relatively small but very dedicated and hard-working group that do such a magnificent job of organising all our social events. These include all the traditional regulars such as the Harvest Lunch and all the Christmas season celebrations. As a church we are all grateful for the huge efforts behind the success of the two big annual events, the Craft Fair before Christmas and the Springtime Plant Sale. The Light Lunches with a different guest speaker each time, continue to give extra chances to share meals together.

These events are not just social, they have also raised some important funds for the church. After all their hard work, the Social Committee were in a position to pay for an expensive new circuit-board and new floor-tiles in the church, and a large donation for the new kitchen hob in the Parish Centre kitchen.

The House Group continues to meet fortnightly at the vicarage. It offers an informal and friendly space where all are welcome to share stories, ask questions, study the Bible and pray together. We also have shared some good biscuits and other goodies, both home-made and luxury shop-bought – the aim being that at the end of each evening together we can go home feeling fed both physically and spiritually.

The most challenging aspect of the church's life is the continuing crisis with the church's finances. We are indebted to the dedication of a number of people, especially our treasurer Peter, who have enabled us to make steady progress towards being financially stable.

However, it must be clearly highlighted and recognised that even though we are now some three years after the financial crisis provoked by the Covid epidemic, we still have not reached our most basic target of being able to fully pay our monthly "Share" to the Diocese.

To ensure the long-term continuity of our church life here, the wardens and PCC are trying to identify further ways to increase and stabilize our regular monthly income. We will not be able to rely on the charity of the Diocese for very much longer.

We have been able to make good savings in the day-to-day running of the church. The solar panels on the roof of the Parish Centre have greatly reduced the costs of the Parish Centre,

Coffee Room and Office. The installation of under-pew heaters and new lights in the church have greatly reduced the amount of electricity used. These changes have not just saved us money but have helped towards the longer-term Church of England goal to be carbon-neutral by 2030.

In all the work done on the church a special mention must again be given to Geoff Dunford (and his trusty assistant Trevor!) for his enormous generosity of time and energy in his tireless work and dedication to the church fabric. We are all extremely grateful. None of the progress made would have been achievable without him.

I would also like to express my deepest thanks and appreciation to Sandra and Trevor for their tireless dedication and work as Church Wardens this year.

Yet again they have been behind all that has been achieved this year. I would also like to thank all the members of the PCC for all their dedication and support of our church community. The ongoing life of our church could not happen without them.

We also all owe a huge debt of gratitude for the indispensable work of the Church Office. The hard work and dedication shown by Helen and Mercy is absolutely invaluable as it allows the church's ministry and activities to continue and to grow. With all that they do and the people they come into contact with, the work of the office is most certainly an important ministry.

Thanks and appreciation is also due to those many people who quietly, and often behind the scenes, do so much of the hard work needed to keep our church running. From the hard work of cleaning and producing beautiful flower arrangements, to keeping the grass cut and the churchyard tidy – we could not get by without them.

Together as a church family may we work together to keep our Church as a living, active expression of God's love and compassion within the wider community of Kingskerswell.

Coffinswell 2024

We have managed to maintain the rota of services the same pattern of 9am every Sunday morning. Although the congregation has remained modest, it remains a viable and encouraging. This is the year when St Bartholomew's finally became a Chapel of Ease and the single parish became Kingskerswell with Coffinswell. This change was made after a number of years careful consideration. It's aim is to simplify the practical running of the church and give St Bartholomew's the potential to continue on as a quiet, sacred space that offers Christian public worship to Coffinswell and surrounding areas.

Sadly this year also saw the loss of long-serving St Bartholomew's organist Mervyn Gwinnell. Mervyn played at all kinds of services for over 40 years and even composed some of the music for the liturgy. A talented artist, Mervyn's designs are still being used for the covers of the "Well, Well, Well" magazine.

I would particularly like to express my sincere thanks to Gordon and Michele for being willing to stay on a little longer as wardens, and for Sue Bower for continuing as treasurer.

The appeal to Coffinswell village has greatly eased the financial side of keeping St Bartholomew's open and it's ministry alive, as well as the discovery that, due to it's historic nature, the Church Commissioners are responsible for a great deal of the upkeep of the church fabric. There does still remain the very real challenge of identifying people willing to help with practical side of running the church.

Both Kingskerswell and Coffinswell churches face the challenge of fully engaging with a village community that has largely demonstrated little inclination to attend church with any regularity. As churches we aim not to merely to serve the community as a useful resource, but also to preach the gospel by who we are and what we do.

Revd. Michael Wilkie

(b) CHURCHWARDEN'S REPORTS (INCLUDING FABRIC REPORT)

St Mary's Church, Kingskerswell

"In co-operation with the Vicar-in-Charge, Churchwardens are responsible for the day to day functioning of the Parish Church. These responsibilities include various aspects of administration, building operation and personnel. Their work is not just the maintenance of the church building but helping the smooth running of the church." (Taken from Exeter Diocese information).

At the Annual Archdeacon's Visitation held at All Saints' Church, Torquay. the Ven. Douglas James Dettmer, Archdeacon of Totnes, we were again reminded of our duties including connecting to our local school and community by way of making the most of our building and church grounds. To this, we continue to hope to be seen as making strides this past year in making the most of our facilities.

Activities include the regular "open book" sessions at our local Primary school. We again included the school in the various services prior to the Easter. The church held the school's Leavers Service in July at which gifts from the Church were presented. Other services included the Christingle and the Annual Christmas Carol service after which we opened the Parish Hall for refreshments.

The Social Committee have been active in organising regular "after service" lunches to promote community inclusion. In addition, the Church has taken part in external events such as the South West Awake in the early Summer and the Devon Historic Churches Day held on the 14th September. There has also been a number of visiting bellringers during the year.

In October, we met with the Teignbridge "Green Spaces" contract Manager, responsible for the "closed" churchyard, to highlight areas needing attention. With volunteers from the congregation in the Autumn we began clearing parts of the far end of the church meadow which it is hoped to create a "wet land" environment once the dense over grown vegetation is further cleared, so this will be an ongoing project.

On 3rd April 2024 we had the Quinquennial (5 year) Inspection by LePage Architects, the purpose of the review being to ensure all Health & Safety records are being maintained and identify state of repairs requiring attention. Whilst it accepted, at the time of the inspection, electrical works was ongoing (namely replacement of church lighting and heating to meet our Church commitment to Net Zero carbon usage) the report gave recommendations to the buildings' fabric. The report lists works of repair in Order of Priority over next five years. Anyone wishing to see a copy of the full 36-page report please contact either of the Churchwardens. With the ongoing works on the church identified we arranged in October an "open" meeting with the Trustees of the "Friends of Kingskerswell Church" if funds could be released to help towards completion of works resulting from Phase 1.

During the year we have been able to replace the old lighting and heaters with new LED lights and the move to "under" pew heating units. Alongside this was new electrical circuit boards and switch panel. Replacement of the radiators and upgrading of the gas boiler and pipework. Towards the end of the year work commenced of making good the pipe trench and the covering with matching tiles.

Cost savings to the church of moving to the more energy efficient lighting and heaters is shown by the following figures:

Prior to 2023 Electricity used in church was 19,800 kwh per year

2023 - 8149 kwh used, compared to 2024 – 7567 kwh used

2023 cost was £2724 without the changes it would have cost £5963

2024 cost was £2119 without the changes it would have cost £5046

In the two years cost saving from £11,027 down to £4,843

We are extremely grateful to Geoff Dunford for the time and effort he has taken in the undertaking of these alterations, works which were carried out under the full supervision of a qualified electrician at each stage and duly signed off by that same electrician.

In November, water damage to the South Transept roof required a roofing contractor to be employed to make good the external rendering and slates. The cost of £2688 was met by funds from the Social Committee, which we pass on our grateful thanks.

A summary of the works carried in church during 2024 is as follows;

11/01/24	Temporary heater installed by vestry/choir
15/01/24	Motor in organ failed, Electrician called
21/01/24	Organ failed to start
06/02/24	Electrician repaired organ
19/02/24	G Dunford had installed half of new heaters
22/02/24	Electrician – south aisle heaters connected
24/02/24	Fixing of heaters to north side
11/03/24	Fixing of heaters to side pews
15/03/24	Completion of works in electric box
29/04/24	Meeting with Diocese (Head of Building) to discuss and agree cable trunking
21/05/24	G Dunford started work on floor pathway for cables to pews
23/05/24	Organ failed; H Cooper managed to re-start
28/05/24	Cables to pews complete, Electrician connected
21/07/24 - 26/07/24	New LED lights in place
07/08/24	Electrician puts in new light switches
19/08/24 – 20/08/24	Electrician - installation of new circuit board
21/08/24	G Dunford re-laid missing floor tiles over cable ducts in aisles
31/08/24	G Dunford replaced slipped slate over porch roof
13/10/24	First Choir heater installed
23/10/24	Church toilet out of action, required replacement of new pipework.
29/10/24	Roofing contractor completes external repairs to South Transept roof
04/11/24	Re-alignment of new gas central heating radiators
07/11/24	Gas plumber working to 7pm
14/11/24	Gas plumber continues install of new radiators
27/11/24	Work by gas plumber completed install to radiators and pipework
18/12/24	G Dunford cutting slabs for covering pipe trench
21/12/24	G Dunford completed install of choir heaters

We would like to take the opportunity in this report to express our thanks to everyone for all their time and support to help us towards the running of our church .. it is very much appreciated.

Sandra Dunford and Trevor Heal – Kingskerswell Churchwardens

ST Bartholomew's Church (now Chapel of Ease) Coffinswell.

The Churchwardens can report that having completed our Annual Audit of the contents, valuables and fabrics, we are satisfied that everything is in good order. A new purchase of a microwave for the Vestry, has been made to replace the old heating oven.

St Bartholomew's is now officially a chapel of ease, the dissolution from the status of Parish church having been completed in August 2024. As a PCC we are now amalgamated with the Kingskerswell PCC and have been attending joint PCC meetings. All our services at St Bartholomew's continue as before, and all our finances are ring fenced. The Parish Share is also calculated separately from that of Kingskerswell. We hope to pay in full, the Coffinswell portion (£8640) of the joint Coffinswell/ Kingskerswell Parish Share. We are now in a more satisfactory financial position due to the Parish Giving Scheme and to the contactless giving in the church, which continue to work well, with also, the significant and generous monthly donations made with the votive candle holder situated by the Font. We are extremely grateful for these contributions and hope that there will be more parishioners joining the Parish Giving Scheme. The smallest donations in the church help towards the ever present need of maintenance of our beautiful building.

The work required to complete the 37 recommendations of the 2024 Quinquennial, has started with the main requirement of repairs to the roof which have now been completed. We are grateful to the Church

Commissioners who have contributed significantly to the cost of the roof repairs in the Chancel area, our funds contributing £1860. We now have to work through the other recommendations in order of priority.

A significant cost (£900) to our funds was incurred in the felling of the Oak tree in the churchyard, which was fatally damaged in one of our many recent gales. We still have a pile of logs from the felling, which are available for a contribution to the church fabric fund.

Since our last report, our organist, Mervyn, who had retired last year due to ill health, has sadly died. A plaque in remembrance of his great service to the church has been affixed to the organ. Jenny Bower continues to play the organ regularly for us as does Michael Roberts, to whom and for which we are so appreciative in the enhancement of our weekly services.

Our congregation remains small although it fluctuates. We so value the valiant small group of volunteers, who continue to clean, and to decorate the church beautifully with graceful and delicate displays, so appropriate to our simple, small 12th century church.

We are always grateful to Helen and Mercy in the office for their valued support.

For our regular services, we are grateful to our Parish priest, Michael Wilkie, also to the Reverend Canon Ruth Oates, John Dunn and Ian Firth, who volunteer their time when possible.

Michèle Berry and Gordon Bower, Churchwardens.

(c) HEALTH AND SAFETY REPORT

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) is responsible and accountable for the Health and Safety for St.Mary's Church Kingskerswell. We have a H&S strategy which is underpinned with a regularly reviewed H&S Policy with it being included in monthly PCC meetings for any issues arising. We continue not having a duly elected Health & Safety Advisor, whilst the Vicar and Churchwardens are responsible for the day-to-day management and review of H&S and will continue to monitor and Health & Safety related matters along with the PCC. Irrespective of any delegation, the PCC remains accountable for Health and Safety. Emergency and First Aid procedures are documented and equipment subject to regular checks during the year. All service records of equipment (PAT tests) checks made during the year are available for inspection in the Parish Office together with all Public Liability insurance policies.

Sandra Dunford and Trevor Heal - Churchwardens

(d) SAFEGUARDING REPORT

In May 2024 parishes within Exeter Diocese participated in an independent external safeguarding audit. The purpose of the audit was to ensure dioceses and cathedrals are doing all they can to create environments where everyone feels safe, valued and respected and was completed nationally.

Following publication of the Makin report in November 2024 the Church of England lead bishop for safeguarding described the requirements for a Safer Church.

1. Being attentive to the needs of victims and survivors.
2. Responding well to any disclosure
3. Familiarising ourselves with how to report and following policies
4. Ensuring DBS checks are up to date, undertake training willingly and wholeheartedly

Safeguarding training is renewed 3 yearly and for some members of the PCCS/congregation will be due again this year. I will be contacting those who are required to renew their training which can be completed online. I will also support with face-to-face sessions as required. This ensures people have the knowledge and understanding of our safeguarding responsibilities to report any safeguarding concern.

On Sunday 17 November we again supported Safeguarding Sunday this is a yearly event held every November to raise awareness of safeguarding.

The safeguarding dashboard has been updated to a safeguarding hub and includes a detailed action plan to ensure we all meet our safeguarding responsibilities. This includes policies, raising awareness, training, safer recruitment, risk assessments and appropriate DBS checks for those involved in work with vulnerable adults and children.

The diocese has a very supportive Safeguarding team and our PCC's are committed, through our church community, to the support, nurture and safeguarding of all, especially the young and vulnerable and will

continue the focus on updating the safeguarding hub, further training and DBS checks over the next 12 months.

Erica Dunn Parish Safeguarding Representative

(e) CHURCHYARD REPORT

For the year 2024 the Churchyard Maintenance Account income was £2,489.96 and the expenditure was £3,116.36 which gave an overall loss for the year of £586.40.

The income from donations for 2024 amounted to £2330 and our sincere thanks go to all of you who regularly and generously donate to the churchyard fund. Without these donations, we would really struggle to maintain a healthy credit balance. The Service for All Soul's Day raised £159.95.

The expenditure for 2024 amounted to £3,116.36. Unfortunately, a dead sycamore tree had to be removed and this cost £1080. The remaining expenditure included the cost of lawn mowing, hedge trimming, fuel for the mower, the annual charge for the green recycling bin and for generally keeping the churchyards tidy. A self-set holly tree was removed from the old churchyard and this was carried out by Teignbridge District Council at no cost.

In March 2024 it was decided to start using the Churchyard Extension for Cremation plots. This was due to the fact that in the Old Churchyard it was becoming very wet underfoot due to the grass not thriving under the trees and the New Churchyard Cremation Plot area was becoming rather full.

The low cost of maintenance in the New Churchyard and Churchyard Extension is due to Geoffrey Dunford. Mike Howard maintains the Old Churchyard and has always looked after the Memorial Garden which is situated between the churchyard and the stream. As always my sincere thanks go to Geoffrey and Mike for giving freely of their time to keep the churchyards looking neat and tidy.

As always the sole purpose of a Churchyard Maintenance Fund is to provide a tidy and well-cared for Churchyard where people are able to come and sit peacefully in beautiful surroundings to reflect their memories of those they have loved and lost.

If anyone would like more information regarding the running of the churchyard or wish to make a contribution towards its upkeep, either by cash, cheque or Banker's Order please contact the Parish Church Office (01803) 873006 for further details.

Wendy Hinchcliffe, Churchyard Treasurer

(f) TOWER CAPTAIN'S REPORT

We rang for all the main services at both Kingskerswell and Coffinswell, the only exception being one of the Christmas carol services as both were at the same time. Practices were normally at Kingskerswell, but two were at Coffinswell, We rang for 4 weddings at Kingskerswell and 5 funerals. This included Mervyn Gwinnell, organist at Coffinswell, Mike Davies, who was a keen supporter of the ringers, and Barbara Elliot. The highest attendance at practices was 16 on 3 occasions. Progress is being made with method ringing, but so often we are unable to do more than plain hunting. James, Mia and Alesha can plain hunt, with Alesha doing particularly well. We rang in the New Year at Kingskerswell as usual, and gathered at Philip and Mo's house beforehand.

Sue Hinds has been unable to return on a regular basis, but we have regularly kept in touch during the year. Malcolm continues to come to practices, and at the beginning of the year was joined by Kate Marsh, also from Berry Pomeroy, and she is progressing well. Steve and Sue Robinson very enthusiastically started to learn in June, but had to give up after a month when Sue found that ringing was affecting her health. They would love to return, but that would seem to be unlikely at the moment.

6th of June was the 80th anniversary of D Day and we rang out for peace at Kingskerswell at 6.30pm as part of the national commemoration. We had our half day outing and annual dinner on 23rd March. We rang at Buckland in the Moor, Holne and Kingsteignton. Our dinner was at the Ten Tors in Kingsteignton. This year we were able to hire the Kingscare minibus for our annual outing on 14th September. We had a very successful day going to Somerset, and ringing at Langford Budville, Nynehead, Hillfarrance, Bishop's Hull and West Buckland.

We had another tower open day in September as part of the Devon Historic Churches Day. We demonstrated ringing and took people to the top of the tower. All had the opportunity to have a go, but we were unsuccessful in recruiting any ringers. We also welcomed the Heart of the West Oddfellows at Kingskerswell in November and several people had a go at ringing and ascended to the top of the tower.

We had 5 visiting bands (2 were at Coffinswell) and we hosted a Mid Devon Branch 'Meet the Branch Day' in April at Kingskerswell and Coffinswell. 4 peals and 2 quarter peals were rung at Kingskerswell. The peal in April was rung to celebrate Mo and Pauline's 80th birthdays and also Philip's birthday, all on the same day.

I thank everyone for their support during the year and also to Mike Mears for his continued support at Coffinswell.

Although we have 21 members on our books, and generally have enough for our service ringing and practices at the moment, I am very aware that we have an aging band (13 of us are over 70, including 4 over 80), and it is so difficult to recruit new ringers. It can take a considerable time for learners to become proficient ringers and I am concerned that unless we can attract new people soon, there is an increasing danger that our band will become very depleted. With this in mind, I have started to publicise the need for new ringers in the magazine, the weekly sheet, and on Facebook, but so far, no response.

Philip Stevens, Tower Captain

(g) CHOIR REPORT

We are opening this years report by paying tribute to our much beloved Doreen (Perryman) who passed away on the 12th of June last year. She is missed very much by the choir and congregation. Doreen was a loyal and caring member of St. Mary's church and played a very active role in all church activities during her life.

It is with much gratitude to our inspirational organist, Heather, that we have maintained a full and enjoyable program of music for all aspects of worship. We also would like to thank Sandra for her excellent choice of hymns for our services.

The 'Big Sing' in January proved to be very popular and enjoyed by all who participated.

We continue to maintain a strong spiritual fellowship within our choir and find our weekly practice on Thursday evening to be very uplifting. Unfortunately, due to long-term health problems, Wendy Wilson has had to step down from the choir. We wish her well and thank her for a contribution to me to our services.

We would like to thank reverent, Michael, the lay readers church wardens and congregation for their continuing support.

We are looking forward to the coming year with much enthusiasm under Heathers excellent direction and leadership.

Helen Howells, Choir Representative

(h) DEANERY REPORT

In the last 12 months there have been three deanery meetings which were held in June, October and February in Churches across the deanery including here at St Marys Kingskerswell. The meetings are chaired by the Rural Dean Andrew Down and begin with a presentation. The presentations included;

- Jeremy Putnam Mission Enabler – 'what is mission – vision, provision and mission'
- Ian Bussell Director of mission and ministry - Strategy for Church growth
- Brigit Kiyaga Mission Resources Advisor – Generosity and Giving

The presentations encouraged discussion and support with ideas for Church growth and increased giving. Brigit offered to attend Church services/PCC meetings to support discussion and understanding around generosity and giving. I have suggested to the PCC this is an offer we should accept.

Finance reports are presented, in October the report indicated that our Deanery in the Totnes Archdeaconry had paid 84% of the common fund to date. There was no finance report presented in February.

A report from the February General Synod meeting was provided. Safeguarding, Church governance and clergy discipline were discussed at synod. There was agreement to move to an independent safeguarding scrutiny body.

Limited time was given to moving forward with living in love and faith proposals.
The next deanery meeting will be held on 10 June 2025.

Erica Dunn Deanery Representative

(i) MOTHERS' UNION REPORT

The few members of the Mothers Union continue to meet on the second Monday of each month throughout the year the Coffee Room, Parish Centre at 2:00 PM.

We held our AGM in January enjoyed a chat discussing an outline of meetings for the following year. February was taken up with the many updates from Mary Sumner House head office in London, and ended with tea and biscuits and knitting patterns for MU projects for babies.

We had two birthday parties, one in April and one in October, and in July and August we were invited to the home and garden of Liz who lives in Ogdell, for afternoon tea. We prayed for Ursula, our former Hospitality Correspondent, who was in hospital and unable to be present.

Our speakers included Reverend Michael Wilke who described the early years of his ministry in Buenos Aires, Argentina. He showed us interesting slides of his place of worship, the Anglican Cathedral dedicated to St John the Baptist, and the area where he lived. He ministered there for 15 years before coming to Kingskerswell in 2020. Our member Margaret gave us a talk about her journey to becoming a vet's wife, and in September James, another member, continued his life story after he left the Royal Navy to becoming a Rank Xerox photocopier engineer and expert. In November we had a talk by Audrey's daughter Deborah as she described her 10 days visit to Nigeria, meeting the local people and visiting the Amucha Maternity Hospital in the dioceses of Orla. Deborah had some very interesting slides and we enjoyed her talk very much. We are very grateful to all our speakers and hosts and we thank them very much for their time and talks.

At Christmas we went once again to the Livermead House Hotel, Torquay, for our Christmas lunch together with members of the church congregation, and in all 18 sat down to lunch. This had been arranged by Jean, but because of her illness, sadly she was unable to join us.

The Mothers Union is a worldwide organisation which raises funds to help families and communities in both Britain and across the world, especially in Africa where the lives of women and girls in particular are improved by education with help from the Mother's Union. If you would like to know what work the MU does at home and overseas, please come along to a meeting for a chat, tea or coffee, cake or biscuits, and fellowship. All are welcome, including gentlemen and those who are not mothers. Come and discover what this huge worldwide charity does in 84 countries across the world. For more information, please contact me on 01803 404779 or email gandsdunford@outlook.com

Sandra Dunford, Branch Leader

(j) FLOWER REPORT

Flowers were provided and arranged in the Parish Church throughout 2024, apart from during Lent, greenery was used during advent.

Additional arrangements were provided for the major religious festivals i.e. Christmas and Easter. Several members of the regular congregation made donations for flowers dedicated to the memories of loved ones.

In April, the Church Social Committee elected to support the flower fund by donating 25% of the profit for their events which has proven to be invaluable and without which I would be unable to provide flora decorations throughout the year in our beautiful 13th century (almost!) church.

Thank you Social Committee!

Jenny Benney, Church Florist

(I) SOCIAL COMMITTEE REPORT

It is my pleasure to report on the activities of the Social Committee for 2024.

We continued to meet in the Parish Rooms, although during the year the meeting time was changed to 1700. We meet monthly and this year we did not have a break.

Rev. Michael Wilkie continued to chair the meeting, the Treasurer is Helen Rowsell to whom monies collected are paid and Peter Thomson includes Social Committee finances in his Annual Report. There is no need for a secretary as Helen Rowsell deals with correspondence. Patricia Rodriguez continues to take and distribute notes of the meetings and distribute copies of the agenda at each meeting.

During the year Jackie Mellor joined the Social Committee and our churchwardens, Sandra Dunford and Trevor Heal continued to attend meeting. After the outdoor Carol Service in 2023 a donation was made to the Scouts for the loan of their Gazebo. The Social Committee finances were seen to be in a healthy state and at our March meeting it was agreed to give 25% of the profits from the events organised by the Social Committee to the Flower Fund. This has continued to the present time. We have also contributed funds to the work carried out in the Church, for both the Circuit Board and repairs to the South Transept Roof. One of our Committee members, Sylvia Wightman, made 11 lovely tablecloths for use at the different meals. We expressed our thanks to Sylvia. Committee members have been involved in organising and also providing catering/refreshments for the following events:

Easter services

Plant Sale 6th April 2024

Light Lunch 26th April 2024

Harvest Lunch 29th September 2024

Parish Light Lunch 20th October 2024

Craft Fair 2nd November 2024

Christmas Lunch 15th December 2024

Inside Carol Concert 22nd December 2024

Additionally in January 2024 we began hosting and arranging a light lunch after church on a Sunday, every two months, with a break during the summer months. There is also a speaker on each of these occasions. Each member of the committee is valued for their individuality and contribution to the success of the events in which we have either helped or organised. We would welcome new members to the Social Committee, currently we meet on the 1st Tuesday of each month at 1700 (5pm) in the coffee rooms. We would like to thank all those who have supported us over the past year, including church members, volunteers and the wider community. We look forward to a successful 2025.

Patricia Rodriguez, Committee member.

Treasurer's Reports on separate attachment

Accounts

PARISH OF KINGSKERSWELL - ST MARY'S CHURCH

**ANNUAL PAROCHIAL
CHURCH MEETING REPORT
2023**

**30th April 2024
at 7pm**

**Held in St Mary's Church
KINGSKERSWELL**

**Annual Meeting of Parishioners
and
Annual Parochial Church Meeting on Tuesday, 30th April 2024**

AGENDA

Annual Meeting of Parishioners at 7pm

To elect 2 Churchwardens (to serve for 1 year)

Annual Parochial Church Meeting

Opening Prayers

- 1) Apologies for absence
- 2) To receive the Electoral Roll
- 3) To accept the minutes of the APCM held on 25th April 2023
- 4) To receive the following Reports...
 - a) Vicar's Report
 - b) Churchwardens Report (Inc. Fabric Report)
 - c) Health and Safety Report
 - d) Safeguarding Report
 - e) Churchyard Report
 - f) Tower Captain's Report
 - g) Choir Report
 - h) Organ Report
 - i) Deanery Report
 - j) Mothers Union Report
 - k) Flower Report
 - l) Social Committee Report
- 5) To receive the Treasurer's Report
- 6) To appoint Independent Examiners for the Accounts 2024
- 7) To elect the following
 - i) Members of the PCC
 - ii) Electoral Roll Officer
- 8) To elect a Parish Clerk (to serve for one year)
- 9) To bring forward any business notified to the Secretary by 21st April 2024 and any other business brought forward at the Vicar's discretion.
- 10) To confirm the date of the next PCC meeting
- 11) Closing Prayers

COMMITTEES

Parochial Church Council (PCC)

There were 7 meetings of the PCC between the APCM of April 2023 until April 2024.

In addition to matters concerning the everyday running of the Church which are covered at each meeting, the following matters are of special importance

1. Safeguarding

This subject is on the Agenda for every PCC meeting. Any Parishioner who is aware of such an issue should discuss it with the Parish Safeguarding Officer, Erica Dunn.

2. Finances

The Treasurer provides a minimum of monthly updates on the finances to the PCC in order for financial decisions to be made.

3. Charitable Giving

The PCC has been unable to financially donate due to limited funds, but has continued its Sponsorship of a child via Plan International, which is helping to end child poverty, at a cost of £192 annually.

4. Mission Outreach

Due to the importance of engagement with the wider community the PCC discuss outreach at each meeting, particularly connecting with Kingskerswell Primary School on a regular basis.

5. Fees

The PCC has paid £7,536 towards the 2023 Parochial Fees.

Social Committee

The Social Committee, chaired by our Vicar Rev'd Michael Wilkie, has the responsibility of organizing the Parish Church's social activities which the PCC have approved.

The Committee members comprise of;

Liz Atkinson, Helen Howells, Kaye Hurford, Lyn Kelly, Patricia Rodriguez, Wendy Shillabeer and Sylvia Wightman, with support from Sandra Dunford and Trevor Heal also.

PARISH OF KINGSKERSWELL – ANNUAL REPORT

Background

The Vicar, along with the St Mary's Parochial Church Council (the PCC), is responsible for the promotion within the Ecclesiastical Parish, the Mission Action Plan, covering all aspects of the Church's Mission – Pastoral, Ecumenical and Social.

The PCC also has the responsibility for the maintenance of all buildings – the Church, the Parish Centre, the Coffee Room and Parish Office.

PCC Membership

The members of the PCC are either ex-officio, co-opted, or elected at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) in accordance with the Church Representative Rules.

The following served as members of the PCC IN 2023:

PCC Chairman: Rev Michael Wilkie

Ex-Officio Members:	Peter Thompson	Treasurer (Co-opted 2004)
	Erica Dunn	Deanery Representative

Proposed and elected at the Annual Meeting of Parishioners (AMP) 25TH April 2023

Trevor Heal	Churchwarden
Sandra Dunford	Churchwarden

Continuing to serve as PCC members:

John Dunn
Helen Howells
Helen Rowswell

Elected at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) 25th April 2023

Dr Stephen Hoskins (Secretary)
Mike Bundy
Stuart Devlin

MINUTES FROM 2023 AMP AND APCM

Kingskerswell Parish Church Minutes
Annual Meeting of Parishioners
and
Annual Parochial Church Meeting
25th April 2023 at 7pm in Kingskerswell Parish Church

Present: Rev Michael Wilkie – Chairman

Helen Abbott, Lesley Ahearne, Jenny Benney, Jacky Biggs, Mike Bundy, Heather Cooper, Eileen Davies, Stuart Devlin, Geoff Dunford, Sandra Dunford, Erica Dunn, Hannah Dunn, John Dunn, Hilary Gorman, Bernard Hill, Stephen Hoskins, Helen Howells, Lyn Kelly, Sue Rider, Patricia Rodriguez, Helen Rowswell, Andrew Scrase, Wendy Shillabeer, Philip Stevens, Peter Thompson, Melanie Thorne, Rachel Valentine, Gwen Whittle, Sylvia Wightman, Cora Wilkie, Michael Wright, and taking minutes Trevor Heal.

Opening Prayers were led by Rev Michael Wilkie

Annual Meeting of Parishioners

The Vicar, as Chairman, opened the meeting thanking those attending and said copies of the Annual Parochial Church Meeting Report 2022 had been circulated by e-mail and “hard” copies left in church porch. An objection was raised that some of those attending had still not had a copy made available to them. The Vicar apologised and will see this does not recur. The Vicar gave a reminder the purpose of the meeting was to agree the past year activities, any outstanding and new issues should be discussed at future PCC meetings.

Churchwardens: Sandra Dunford and Trevor Heal had been nominated and there being no other candidates were duly elected as Churchwardens for the coming year 2023/2024.

Annual Parochial Church Meeting

1. Apologies for absence:

Eveline & Mike Davies, Val & Peter Gage, Susan Lawrence, Elaine & David Moate, John & Gerri Rees, Jan Stainer, Jean Strong.

2. To receive the Electoral Roll

Helen Rowswell reported that there were now 89 active members on the Parish’s Electoral Roll, down from 101 the previous year. A copy would be made available in the church porch.

3. Minutes of the Annual Meeting of Parishioners and Annual Parochial Church Meeting held on 26th April 2022

Passed unanimously as accurate.

4. The following reports were received:

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| a) Vicar’s Report | g) Churchwarden’s Report/Fabric Report |
| b) Health & Safety Report | h) Churchyard Report |
| c) Social Committee Report | i) Tower Captain’s Report |
| d) Choir Report | j) Deanery Synod Report |
| e) Diocese Synod Report | k) Mothers Union Report |
| f) Safeguarding Report | l) Flower Report |

The Vicar thanked all those for their reports presented and assistance during the past year.

5. Treasurer's Report and Accounts for year ended 31st December 2022

The Treasurer ran through the accounts wanting to draw attention to the current and impending increase in energy costs, mindful of the need to keep up payments towards the Parish Parochial Share. The forthcoming proposed move towards the solar panel installation to the Parish Centre in the coming months will help towards our running costs. The Vicar reminded of the need to continue exploring ways to increase the church's day to day income and thanked the Social Committee for their input towards this. Peter Thompson was thanked for keeping the accounts and reporting each month to the PCC meetings during the year. Peter in return thanked those who assist him during the year. The accounts had now been verified by an Independent Auditor. Approved by the Parochial Church Council and were duly signed on its behalf by Rev Michael Wilkie and Erica Dunn. The Meeting was all in favour.

6. To appoint Independent Examiners for the Annual Accounts 2023

Peter Thompson again wished to thank David Moate for his past work and agreeing to take on this position.

7. Election of Officers

Mike Bundy, Stuart Devlin and Dr Stephen Hoskins were elected to the PCC.

Erica Dunn agreed to serve as the Parish Representative on the Deanery & Diocese Synod.

This followed the resignation of Hannah Dunn, who was thanked by all for her past work as our Synod Representative.

Helen Rowswell was elected as Electoral Roll Officer for the coming year.

Dr Stephen Hoskins was elected as PCC Secretary.

Sides persons – the following were appointed;

Mike Bundy, Stuart Devlin, Erica Dunn, Helen Rowswell, Lyn Kelly, Gerri Rees, Patricia Rodriguez and Wendy Shillabeer.

8. Election of Parish Clerk

Helen Rowswell was elected unopposed for another year and was thanked by the Chairman on behalf of all those present for her outstanding work taking into account it includes cover for the 3 Wells Community.

9. AOB

- A request for moving the timing of the Christmas Eve Mass service to an earlier evening time had been raised. It was agreed this would be taken into consideration at the appropriate time.
- A request was for the choir to robe for services not just "Special Occasions" as at present. This would be discussed with the choir so might future robe for Eucharist services.

10. Date of next monthly PCC Meeting

23rd May 2023 at 7pm

11. The Meeting closed at 8pm with prayers.

(a) VICAR'S REPORT

After looking through last year's report, it is encouraging to see how far the church has come this year as it has continued to make steady progress.

The monthly pattern of services is now well established and allows for the vicar and all the lay ministers and retired clergy to exercise their ministry too. It should be noted that the services will continue to adapt and develop as we strive to make our church more inclusive and accessible, and seek to attract and evangelise a wider section of the local community. I particularly would like to thank John, Ian, Ruth and Alan for all their hard work and for giving so much of themselves to their ministries here.

Links with the school have been very strong this year. I continue as a governor and lead weekly assemblies as well as taking part in other school activities. Sandra Dunford and Heather Cooper have been active in the classrooms this year, as they have continued their "Open the Book" ministry. The school's own services at Christmas, Easter and School Leavers continue to pack out the church. Unfortunately we are still unable to find someone from our church community who is able to fill the still vacant foundation governor role.

The choir has continued its ministry not only in leading our worship but also in creatively seeking to further develop our repertoire. We thank them for their hard work and dedication, especially during the Easter and Christmas seasons.

As ever the Bell Ringers calling all to Sunday worship is greatly appreciated. They have also rung for weddings, funerals and other important national events. The whole team are an important part of our church and we are grateful for their special contribution to our Christian witness.

The Social Committee continues to do a magnificent job of organising social events that have not only proved popular but have raised much needed funds for the church. Highlights in the past year include such regulars such as the Harvest Lunch and all the celebrations connected with the Christmas seasons. It was good to see the success of newer initiatives such as the regular light lunches with a speaker. We are all grateful for the huge efforts behind the success of the annual Craft Fair and Plant Sale.

The House Group continues to meet fortnightly at the vicarage. It is a chance to meet together, share stories and study the Bible, deepen friendships and pray together, all in a friendly and informal atmosphere. We also have shared some good biscuits this year, both home-made and luxury shop-bought – and so we end each evening being fed both physically and spiritually.

Maybe the most challenging aspect of the church's life has been the continuing slow recovery from the sharp decline in the church's income that came about as an unexpected result of the Covid crisis. We have been making steady progress towards being financially stable but we still have not reached that target. We still urgently need to increase and stabilize our regular monthly income if we are to continue on, long-term, in the church's present form.

In connection with our reduced finances and the on-going cost of living crisis, the wardens and PCC have made some significant steps forward. Following the installation of solar panels on the roof of the Parish Centre we have made good savings in the running costs of the Parish Centre, Coffee Room and Office. The installation of under-pew heaters in the church, although at time of writing, not quite yet complete, is also a great step forward. Not only has it cut our heating costs, but it also helps towards the longer term Eco Church initiative as we seek to follow the Church of England's nation target of being carbon-neutral by 2030.

A special mention and thanks should be given to Geoff Dunford (and his many assistants!) for his generosity of time and energy in his tireless work to enable these initiatives to happen.

We all owe a huge debt of gratitude for the indispensable work of the Church Office. The hard work and dedication shown by Helen and Mercy is absolutely invaluable in allowing the church's ministry and activities to continue and to grow. Without doubt it is a ministry.

I would also like to express my thanks and appreciation to Sandra and Trevor for their tireless dedication and work as Church Wardens this year. They have been behind, either directly or in a supporting role, all that has been achieved this year. I would also like to thank all the members of the PCC for all their dedication and support of our church community. None of this could happen without them.

Thanks and appreciation is also due to those many people who quietly, and often behind the scenes, do so much of the hard work needed to keep our church running. Together as a church family may we continue to spread the gospel through our actions as well as words we, as we work together to keep our Church as a living, active expression of God's love and compassion within the wider community of Kingskerswell.

Rev. Michael Wilkie, Vicar

(b) CHURCHWARDEN'S REPORT (INCLUDING FABRIC REPORT)

'In co-operation with the Vicar in charge, Churchwardens are generally responsible for the day to day functioning of the Parish. These responsibilities include various aspects of administration, building operation and personnel. Their work is not just the maintenance of the Church building but helping the smooth running of the Church.' (Taken from Exeter Diocese information).

At the Archdeacon's Visitation on 20th June 2023 held at St. Paul's Devon Square Newton Abbot the Venerable Douglas James Dettmer, Archdeacon of Totnes, we were reminded of the contents of the book "How Village Churches Thrive". These include making the most of festivals, connecting to their local schools and community especially the elderly, making the most of our building and church grounds. We continue to make strides in making the most of our facilities.

Activities include the "open book" sessions at the school and gifts from the church to school leavers at their Leavers Service in July. We again held the Christingle and Annual Christmas Carol services after which we opened the Parish Hall for refreshments.

The church has taken part in external events such as South West Awake in the summer and Devon Historic Churches Day held on the 9th September.

The day to day maintenance of the fabric of the church building and grounds has continued with annual service and insurance covers being renewed. In the autumn with volunteers from the congregation we began clearing parts of the old churchyard which we hope to continue on a regular basis.

Following on the prolonged spell of wet weather in the autumn there was significant ingress in the area of the new flower room. This was found to be in the main caused blocked drainage pipework and was attended to and will need to be checked as we hope to start a schedule of regular drainage clearance around the church building.

Going back to the Archdeacon's visitation ... also emphasised the Diocesan commitment to work towards Net Zero by 2030. We are seen to be "doing our part" in solar panels having been fitted to the Parish Centre making our contribution to reducing energy costs and carbon footprint of our church building. We are extremely grateful to Geoff Dunford assistance helping towards this aim.

The office continues to be very busy supporting our three "Wells" church community with Mercy supporting Helen our Parish Office Manager.

A Summary of Events during 2023/24

June 2023	New ride-on mower for Churchyard lawns. Purchased by donated funding.
Sept 2023	Replacement of 5 roof slates following water ingress in Vestry.
Oct 2023	Fixing wood panels to middle pews to allow for install of under pew heaters.
Nov 2023	Organ needing repairs – Engineer and electrician called. Problem ongoing.
Nov 2023	Storage heaters dismantled and removed.
Nov 2023	Water leak above flower room.
Nov 2023	Volunteers gave up time to old churchyard boundary wall to clear ivy.

Feb 2024 Volunteers gave up time to old churchyard general clearance.
 Feb 2024 New under-pew heaters installed under South and North side pews working.
 Mar 2024 Remainder of under-pew heaters installed in the middle isles – but cannot be connected pending visit/clearance by Diocese Building Representative to agree.
 Wiring fixing channels to pillars.
 New electrics box fitted and contacts to remedial organ fault.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for all their continued hard work support and dedication to help towards the running of our church ... it is very much appreciated.

Sandra Dunford and Trevor Heal, Churchwardens

(c) HEALTH AND SAFETY REPORT

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) is responsible and accountable for the Health and Safety. We have a H&S strategy, underpinned with a regularly review H&S Policy.

The Vicar and the Churchwardens are responsible for the day to day management and review of H&S and will continue to monitor all Health and Safety related matters along with the PCC.

All service records of equipment checked during the year are available for inspection in the Parish Office.

Sandra Dunford and Trevor Heal, Churchwardens

(d) SAFEGUARDING REPORT

During 2023 the focus has been on delivering required safeguarding training to all those working in paid or voluntary roles across the 3 Wells Mission Community. The training is renewed 3 yearly and ensures there is knowledge and understanding of our safeguarding responsibilities to report any safeguarding concern.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who completed their training either on-line or by attending the face-to-face sessions. In total 37 people have completed the training, I will be holding more face-to-face sessions and helping to support those who have not yet completed the training.

DBS applications which required renewal have been made and this process is ongoing.

On Sunday on 19 November we supported Safeguarding Sunday this is a yearly event held every November to raise awareness of safeguarding.

The diocese sent information relating to 5 National Safeguarding standards which will be rolled out to all parishes within the next 3 years. This will pull together the work already being undertaken in parishes and focuses on

- **Culture, Leadership and Capacity**
- **Prevention**
- **Recognising, Assessing, and managing Risk**
- **Victims and Survivors**
- **Learning Supervision and Support**

The safeguarding dashboard has been updated to a safeguarding hub and includes a detailed action plan to ensure we all meet our safeguarding responsibilities. This includes policies, raising awareness, training, safer recruitment, risk assessments and appropriate DBS checks for those involved in work with vulnerable adults and children.

The diocese has a very supportive Safeguarding team and our PCC's are committed, through our church community, to the support, nurture and safeguarding of all, especially the young and vulnerable and will continue the focus on updating the safeguarding hub, further training and DBS checks over the next 12 months

Erica Dunn, Parish Safeguarding Representative

(e) CHURCHYARD REPORT

For the year 2023 the Churchyard Maintenance Account income was £4,526.72 and the expenditure was £2,104.28 which gave an overall profit for the year of £2,422.44.

The income from donations for 2023 amounted to £2,382.08 and our sincere thanks go to all of you who regularly and generously donate to the churchyard fund. Without these donations, we would really struggle to maintain a healthy credit balance. A legacy of £2,000 was left to the churchyard and the Service for All Soul's Day raised £130.30.

The expenditure for 2023 amounted to £2,104.28. This amount entailed tree work of £385.00 and a new leaf blower of £109.99. The remaining expenditure was the cost of lawn mowing, hedge trimming, fuel for the mower and for generally keeping the churchyards tidy. The low cost of maintenance in the New Churchyard and Churchyard Extension is due to Geoffrey Dunford and Mike Howard who maintains the Old Churchyard and has always looked after the Memorial Garden which is situated between the churchyard and the stream.

My sincere thanks goes to Geoffrey and Mike for giving freely of their time to keep the churchyards looking neat and tidy. There were also two voluntary working parties, one in October and the other in November who helped to clear the vegetation from the back wall and headstones, they also removed self-seeded saplings. My thanks go to those involved who gave their time to join these sessions.

In the Old Churchyard Teignbridge District Council Green Spaces also cleared some of the vegetation including the overgrown hazel.

As always the sole purpose of a Churchyard Maintenance Fund is to provide a tidy and well-cared for Churchyard where people are able to come and sit peacefully in beautiful surroundings to reflect their memories of those they have loved and lost.

If anyone would like more information regarding the running of the churchyard or wish to make a contribution towards its upkeep, either by cash, cheque or Banker's Order please contact the Parish Church Office (01803) 873006 for further details.

Wendy Hinchcliffe, Churchyard Treasurer

(f) TOWER CAPTAIN'S REPORT

We rang for all the main services at Kingskerswell, but missed 2 at Coffinswell when there were not enough ringers. Wednesday practices were normally at Kingskerswell, but 3 were at Coffinswell and 1 at Wolborough. We have 20 tower members and both Sundays and Wednesdays are generally well attended. We have welcomed several enthusiastic inexperienced ringers from other towers to our practices, and they have gained much valuable experience. The highest attendance at a practice was 18. We rang for 4 weddings at Kingskerswell.

Unfortunately, we lost Robert and Katie Law at the beginning of the year when they started a new band at Highweek on Wednesday evenings. This has meant that we have struggled to have enough to make any progress with method ringing, although Mia and Alesha have had a go at plain hunting.

At the beginning of March, Sue Hinds joined us to learn to ring. She came through the national recruitment initiative 'Ring for the King' to recruit new and returning ringers to ring for the coronation of King Charles III in May. She was making steady progress until October when she had to give up ringing to look after her seriously ill husband. She misses ringing and very much wishes to return when she is able.

The coronation of King Charles III was on 6th May. We rang 1st at Coffinswell and then at Kingskerswell prior to the coronation service. On 24th April a quarter peal of 1280 Plain Bob Major was rung to celebrate 6 birthdays, including on that day my 80th and Mo Stevens and Pauline Lawrence. Also, on 3rd May I rang a peal of 5088 Cambridge Surprise Major to

celebrate my birthday. This was also to celebrate the coronation. Additionally, 1 peal and 1 Quarter peal at Kingskerswell and 1 peal at Coffinswell were rung by visiting bands

We had 2 outings during the year. On 25th March we had our usual outing by minibus to Denbury, Ilsington, Bovey Tracey and Lustleigh and our dinner was at the Court Farm at Abbotskerswell. Our full day outing on 16th September was also by minibus. We rang at Inwardleigh, Launcells, Poughill and North Petherwin with our lunch break at the Craft Fair in Launcells church and our tea break at Crooklets beach in Bude.

We held another successful tower open day at Kingskerswell in September as part of the Devon Historic Churches day. There was plenty of interest but no new recruits.

We rang in the New Year as usual and met in church beforehand for refreshments. There were 13 ringers and 6 non-ringers.

I thank everyone for their support during the year.

Philip Stevens, Tower Captain

(g) CHOIR REPORT

The choir would like to express our gratitude to the dedication and guidance of our organist Heather and her production of an enjoyable and inspiring programme of both traditional and contemporary music throughout the liturgical year. We are also mindful of the challenges and difficulties that Heather has overcome with the organ in this past year. The choir also would like to thank Sandra for the time and dedication she takes in her selection of hymns to suit all our services. We continue to enjoy a strong fellowship within the choir and appreciate the support and encouragement of Rev Michael, lay readers and the congregation. The choir are anticipating a fulfilling forthcoming year under the continuing guidance of Heather.

Helen Howells, Choir Representative

(h) ORGAN REPORT

Given the age and relative complexity of the Organ, it continues to function extremely well.

On 5/11/2023 at a service, the instrument failed to start. An immediate report was made to Mr Michael Farley, our Organ Service Provider. He considered it to be an electrical fault which is outside his remit. Fortunately, the Organ could be started from inside although access to this point is not easy.

Part of this indeterminate situation is to identify the cause of the problem. Sometimes the Organ starts successfully, on other occasions it requires the alternative route.

Through his tireless and hardworking efforts, Mr Geoff Dunford with assistance from the Church Electrician, Mr John Daniel have replaced and cleaned various electrical contacts. Huge thanks must be given to Geoff for his diligence and skill.

At the time of writing this report, the Organ has continued to start first time without further intervention. If it is a simple case of cleaning electrical contacts then we can be extremely grateful. The situation continues to be monitored.

Problems arise out of nowhere on Organs, there is no warning system. We are grateful to Mr Farley and his team for their prompt and amiable service in maintaining this fine instrument.

Heather Cooper, Organist

(i) DEANERY REPORT

Since becoming the Deanery representative last year there has only been one meeting which was held at St Andrews Church Ipplepen with the Rural Dean Andrew Down on 8 November 2023. The meeting began with a talk from Hillarie Griggs about her calling and journey to becoming a licensed lay minister.

A finance report was provided which indicated that our Deanery in the Totnes Archdeaconry had to date only paid 59% of its common fund and is £345k short. It was recognised some parishes do not pay their common fund until December and it was hoped this situation would improve. If possible there was a request for Parishes to make their contributions regularly over the year to help support the finances across the year.

Prayers were requested for the General Synod meeting to be held 13-15 November; two topics were on the agenda, Abuse and safeguarding-compensation and redress and Living in Love and Faith.

Come and See Weekend 10-12 November held during Archbishop of Canterbury Justin Welby's visit, synod representatives shared their planned events for the weekend.

The meeting in March was stood down due to it occurring during lent, the next meeting will be on 5 June 2024.

Erica Dunn, Deanery Representative

(j) MOTHERS' UNION REPORT

Sandra Dunford and Jean Strong continue as Branch Leader and Branch Treasurer for 2023, and Ursula Kent continued as Branch Correspondent remembering members' birthdays and cards for Easter and Christmas.

We held 6 meetings with speakers, Ian Cooper, Rev Caroline Luff, Rev. Angela Sumner, Hilary Gorman, Janet Jones and James Meakin with a diverse range of interesting topics and memories. We also had two birthday parties, April and October, 2 lovely afternoon teas with Liz and Jim in their home and garden, one held on an extremely hot day, and an excellent Christmas lunch for 26 members and church friends held at the Livermead House Hotel in Torquay.

Sadly in October members and friends attended two funerals. One was for our late member Sheila Cook and the other was the sad passing of Jim Holme, the husband of Liz, a long serving member of our branch of MU and of St. Marys Church in Kingskerswell.

Funds collected through the year bought books for the MU project for libraries in local prisons, holiday days out for the needy organised by the Plymouth MU, part funding update needs in our Exeter Diocesan Office, and funds supporting our overseas Education projects providing help for those in local communities.

If you want to know more about the Mothers Union and their work at home and overseas, please contact Sandra for more details. We meet once a month on the 2nd Monday at 2pm in the Coffee Room, Parish Centre, Church End Road. You would be very welcome to come to our meetings and enjoy friendship and fellowship, a cup of tea or coffee and a biscuit or two. We thank everyone who has supported us and contributed to our fundraising over the past year in 2023. Many blessings to you all.

Sandra Dunford, Branch Leader

(k) FLOWER REPORT

Flowers were provided in St Mary's Parish Church throughout 2023 except for the period of Lent. Baskets of flowers and small arrangements were placed on the tables at the rear of the church. Flowers were specifically requested for 1 wedding and 1 funeral. 90 daffodil posies were distributed in church and the community on Mothering Sunday. The church was decorated with poppies on Remembrance Sunday. A Christmas Tree Festival was held over 3 days in December as a fund raising event. Geoff Dunford grew flowers on the allotment for use in the church floral decorations, for which I am very grateful. I also wish to thank the members of the congregation who contribute toward the cost of flowers on special anniversaries.

Jenny Benney, Church Florist

(l) SOCIAL COMMITTEE REPORT

It is my pleasure to report on the activities of the Social Committee for 2023.

We continued to meet in the Parish Rooms, although during the year the meeting time was changed to 1700. We meet monthly, except it was agreed not to meet in July.

Rev. Michael Wilkie continued to chair the meeting, the Treasurer is Helen Rowswell to whom monies collected are paid and Peter Thomson includes Social Committee finances in his Annual Report.

There is no need for a secretary as Helen Rowswell deals with correspondence. Patricia Rodriguez continues to take and distribute notes of the meetings. During the year we were pleased to welcome 2 new committee members Liz Atkinson and Sylvia Wightman. The churchwardens Sandra Dunford and Trevor Heal also attend meetings.

Committee members have been involved in organising and also providing catering/refreshments for the following events:

- Easter services
- Plant Sale 8th April
- Coronation meal 7th May
- Harvest Lunch 17th September
- Fun Quiz 8th October
- Craft Fair 4th November
- Christmas Lunch 17th December
- Outside Carol Concert 20th December

Additionally in January 2024 we began hosting and arranging a light lunch after church on a Sunday, every two months, with a break during the summer months. There is also a speaker on each of these occasions.

Each member of the committee is valued for their individuality and contribution to the success of the events in which we have either helped or organised. We would welcome new members to the Social Committee, currently we meet on the 1st Tuesday of each month at 1700 (5pm) in the coffee rooms. We would like to thank all those who have supported us over the past year, including church members, volunteers and the wider community. We look forward to a successful 2024.

Patricia Rodriguez , Committee member

Treasurer's Report on separate attachment

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01 April 2024

Parish of St Mary's Kingskerswell

Parish of St Mary's Kingskerswell Statement of Financial Activities Year ended 31 December 2023

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Income from investment	14	464	0	464	629
Total incoming resources c/fwd		112,699	4,701	117,400	93,423

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Statement of Financial Activities (continued)

Year ended 31 December 2023

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Total resources used(Page 6)		67,551	2,197	69,749	95,970
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Net incoming resources					
Gains and losses on investments:					
- realised		0	0	0	0
-unrealised		0	1,826	1,826	-2,683
Movement in funds		45,148	4,330	49,477	-5,230
Balances brought forward at 1 January 2023		142,752	26,159	168,909	174,140
Transfer		0	0	0	0
Balances carried forward at 31 December 2023		187,900	30,488	218,386	168,910

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Parish of St Mary's Kingskerswell Resources Used Year ended 31 December 2023

	Notes	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
Grants					
Charitable Donations		1,157	0	1,157	1,064
Directly relating to the work of the church					
Clergy:					
Parochial share		7,536	0	7,536	46,072
Vicar's office expenses		1,355	0	1,355	1,535
Church Clerk	16	11,712	0	11,712	7,822
Fees	8	3,820	0	3,820	5,177
Churchyard expenses	8	0	2,197	2,197	3,524
Light, heat and water		6,628	0	6,628	4,446
Repairs - general		2,173	0	2,173	929
Insurance		7,371	0	7,371	0
Altar goods		508	0	508	203
Depreciation		3,048	0	3,048	0
Organist and choir		1,095	0	1,095	1,995
Flower Altar Fund expenditure		1,827	0	1,827	1276
Sunday Kidz Account		0	0	0	0
Sun & Wed Morning Coffee - Donations	13	0	0	0	0
Bell-Ringers Fund expenses		1,396	0	1,396	1338
Other Parochial expenses	7	0	0	0	2,182
Parish Centre /site expenses	9	15,891	0	15,891	14,498
Magazine costs	11	0	0	0	740
		64,361	2,197	66,559	91,737
Fund raising and publicity					
Social committee costs/donations	12	349	0	349	693
Church management and administration					
Printing, stationery, photocopying, postage.		1,634	0	1,634	2,425
Examiners fees		50	0	50	50
		1,684	0	1,684	2,475
Total expenditure					
(transferred to page 5)		67,551	2,197	69,749	95,970

Accounting Policies

Year Ended 31 December 2023

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations together with applicable accounting standards and the Charities SORP.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention (except for the revaluation of investments).

Funds

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

The purpose of any restricted funds is noted in the accounts.

The accounts include transactions, assets and liabilities for which the PCC can be held responsible. They do not include the accounts of church groups that owe an affiliation to another body nor those that are informal gatherings of church members.

Incoming Resources

Voluntary income and capital resources

Amounts receivable under covenant are recognised only when honoured by the covenantor.

Income tax recoverable on covenanted or gift aid donations is recognised when claimable.

Grants and legacies to the PCC are accounted for as soon as the PCC is notified of its entitlement and the likely amount due.

Funds raised by the fete, garden party and similar events are accounted for net.

Sales of books and magazines from the church bookstall are accounted for net.

Other ordinary income

Rental income from the letting of church premises is accounted for when receivable.

Parochial fees due to the Parochial Church Council for weddings, funerals etc. are accounted for on an event by event basis.

Income from investment

Dividends and interest are accounted for when received. Tax recoverable on such income is accrued for on the same basis.

Application of Resources

Grants

Grants and donations are accounted for when paid.

The Parochial share is accounted when payable and any quota unpaid at 31 December is shown as a creditor in the Balance Sheet.

Fixed Assets

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

No value is placed on movable church furnishings held by the Churchwardens on special trust for the PCC and which require a faculty for disposal since the PCC considers this to be an inalienable property. All expenditure incurred during the year in consecrated or beneficed buildings and moveable church furnishings, whether maintenance or improvement, is written off.

Other land and buildings

Other land and buildings held on behalf of the PCC for its own purposes is shown at cost. No depreciation is charged against such properties but any expenditure on maintenance or improvement is written off as incurred.

Other fixtures, fittings and office equipment

Equipment used is written off at the rate of 10% per annum using the reduced balancing method.

Investments

Investments are valued at market value.

Current assets

Amounts owing to the PCC at 31 December in respect of fees, rents or other income are shown as debtors less any provision for the amounts that may prove uncollectible.

Short term deposits include cash on deposit with the Central Board of Finance at the bank.

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Notes on the Accounts

Year ended 31 December 2023

1. Fixed Assets

	Parish Centre	Improvements Parish Centre	Fixtures	Total
	£	£	£	£
Cost at 1 January 2023	63,313	55,309	46,521	165,144
Additions in Year	0	30,485	0	30,485
At 31 December 2023	63,313	85,794	46,521	195,629

Depreciation

At 1 January 2023	0	0	46,521	46,521
Charge for year	0	3,048	0	3,048
At 31 December 2023	0	3,048	46,521	49,569

Net book amounts

At 31 December 2023	63,313	82,745	0	146,059
At 31 December 2022	63,313	55,309	0	118,623

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Year ended 31 December 2023

	2023	2022
	£	£

2. Investments

At market value

932 Shares Central Board of Finance	21,068	19,242
	<u>21,068</u>	<u>19,242</u>

At cost

932 Shares Central Board of Finance	244	244
	<u>244</u>	<u>244</u>

3. Cash at bank and in hand

	2023	2022
	£	£
National Westminster Bank 2 Reserve account	28	28
Cash at National Westminster Bank	30,820	10,274
Cash at National Westminster Bank - Organ Fund *	0	50
Church Fund Cash at CCLA Account	850	824
Cash at National Westminster Bank - Churchyard maintenance *	4,646	2,325
Churchyard Maintenance Cash at CCLA Account *	4,223	4,092
Cash in hand (Flower Altar fund)	535	796
Cash at National Westminster Bank - Club's/Society reserve No 1 account	551	544
Cash at National Westminster Bank - Sunday and Wednesday Coffee Mornings - Cash	0	0
Social account	7,140	4,195
Bell-Ringers	1,880	2,135
Sunday Kidz Accounts	0	0
Kingskerswell Relief in Sickness Charity (First included 2012) *	665	665
Parish Centre Cash at CCLA Account	3,607	3,417
Parish Centre Fund	<u>11,976</u>	<u>18,651</u>
	<u>66,921</u>	<u>47,997</u>

* = Restrictive Funds

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Notes on the Accounts

Year ended 31 December 2023

	2023	2022
	£	£
4. Debtors		
None	0	0
	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>

5. Current Liabilities

Parochial Share - outstanding	0	16,500
Parish Centre Solar Panel Loan	15,310	0
Churchyard Maintenance	110	212
Other - Sunday Kidz	241	241
	<u>15,661</u>	<u>16,953</u>

6. Funds

The income funds of the charity include restricted funds held on trust for specific purposes as follows

	Balance 1 January 2023 £	Incoming resources £	Unrealised gain £	Outgoing resources £	Balance 31st Dec 2023 £
Investments for Churchyard maintenance	19,242	0	1,826	0	21,068
Churchyard maintenance fund	6,248	4,701	0	-2,197	8,751
Parish site	0	0	0	0	0
Kingskerswell Relief in Sickness Charity (First included 2012)	669	1	0	0	670
	<u>24,833</u>	<u>4,702</u>	<u>1,826</u>	<u>-2,197</u>	<u>30,489</u>

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6. Funds (continued)

The transfer between funds relates to:

The restricted funds comprise:

- (a) The Organ Fund is for the maintenance of the organ and choir expenses.
- (b) The Churchyard Investment and Maintenance Funds are for the maintenance of the churchyard and graveyard.
- (c) Parish Site Fund which is income specifically raised to finance the new parish site.
- (d) Tower Fund is income received for the repair of the church tower.
- (e) Special gifts are donations received for special events.

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7. Other Parochial Expenses

	2023	2022
	£	£
Transfer to Churchyard Maintenance Fund	0	2,182
Other	0	0
	<u>0</u>	<u>2,182</u>

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	2023	2022
8. Churchyard Account	£	£
Parish of St Mary's Kingskerswell		
Year ended 31 December 2023		
Fees, Weddings and funerals	15,400	14,164
Deduct fees	-3,820	-5,177
Surplus	11,580	8,987
Churchyard income		
Monument fees	1,799	0
CCLA Interest	174	53
Donations	4,527	4,829
	6,500	4,882
Deduct expenses:		
General	-2,197	-3,524
Surplus	4,303	1,358
Total Surplus	15,883	10,345

Parish of St Mary's Kingskerswell

Parish of St Mary's Kingskerswell	2023	2022
Notes on the Accounts		
Year ended 31 December 2023	£	£

9. Parish Centre Account

Rents received	24,471	20,499
Donations	0	0
CCLA Investment interest	110	44
	<u>24,580</u>	<u>20,544</u>
Deduct expenses		
Maintenance	2,499	3,071
Cleaning costs	4,707	5,174
Electricity, gas, telephone	3,747	2,541
Repairs	306	0
Other	70	70
Insurance	0	0
Water	1,362	1,004
Administration	3200	2638
Total expenditure	<u>15,891</u>	<u>14,498</u>
Surplus/ (loss)	<u>8,689</u>	<u>6,046</u>

10. Goods for resale

Porch sales	151	0
Tradecraft Sales	0	0
Surplus	<u>151</u>	<u>0</u>

11. Parish News

Sales / Advertising	1,348	1,847
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Deduct expenses		
Printing and Stationery	0	-740
Surplus	<u>1,348</u>	<u>1,107</u>

12. Social Committee Account

Income	3,293	2,961
	<u>3,293</u>	<u>2,961</u>
Less Costs/Donation	349	693
Surplus	<u>2,944</u>	<u>2,268</u>

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Parish of St Mary's Kingskerswell	2023	2022
Notes on the Accounts	£	£
Year ended 31 December 2023		

13. Sunday and Wednesday Morning Coffee

Income

Refreshment Sales	0	75
Less Cost	0	0
Profit	0	75
Less Donations		
Donation -	0	0
	0	75

14. Income from investment

Bank interest	464	629
Dividends	0	0
	464	629

15. Other voluntary income

0	0
0	0

16. Staff costs and Council expenses

Other than reimbursement of costs,

Church Clerks	11,712	7,822
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17. Donations from Trustees (PCC members) during the Year

During 2023 ST Mary's PCC received £5,600.16 donations from trustees (PCC members) and their close relatives, The donors did not attach any conditions to their gifts which required the charity (PCC) to significantly alter the nature of its existing activities. The £5600.16 is included in on Page 4 - Incoming Resources - Planned Giving - Covenanted and non covenanted £30,740.

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Net incoming resources					
Gains and losses on investments:					
- realised		0	0	0	0
-unrealised		0	1,826	1,826	-2,683
Movement in funds		45,148	4,330	49,477	-5,230
Balances brought forward at 1 January 2023		142,752	26,159	168,909	174,140
Transfer		0	0	0	0
Balances carried forward at 31 December 2023		187,900	30,488	218,386	168,910

Parish of St Mary's Kingskerswell

Parish of St Mary's Kingskerswell Resources Used Year ended 31 December 2023

	Notes	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
Grants					
Charitable Donations		1,157	0	1,157	1,064
Directly relating to the work of the church					
Clergy:					
Parochial share		7,536	0	7,536	46,072
Vicar's office expenses		1,355	0	1,355	1,535
Church Clerk	16	11,712	0	11,712	7,822
Fees	8	3,820	0	3,820	5,177
Churchyard expenses	8	0	2,197	2,197	3,524
Light, heat and water		6,628	0	6,628	4,446
Repairs - general		2,173	0	2,173	929
Insurance		7,371	0	7,371	0
Altar goods		508	0	508	203
Depreciation		3,048	0	3,048	0
Organist and choir		1,095	0	1,095	1,995
Flower Altar Fund expenditure		1,827	0	1,827	1276
Sunday Kidz Account		0	0	0	0
Sun & Wed Morning Coffee - Donations	13	0	0	0	0
Bell-Ringers Fund expenses		1,396	0	1,396	1338
Other Parochial expenses	7	0	0	0	2,182
Parish Centre /site expenses	9	15,891	0	15,891	14,498
Magazine costs	11	0	0	0	740
		64,361	2,197	66,559	91,737
Fund raising and publicity					
Social committee costs/donations	12	349	0	349	693
Church management and administration					
Printing, stationery, photocopying, postage.		1,634	0	1,634	2,425
Examiners fees		50	0	50	50
		1,684	0	1,684	2,475
Total expenditure					
(transferred to page 5)		67,551	2,197	69,749	95,970

Accounting Policies

Year Ended 31 December 2023

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations together with applicable accounting standards and the Charities SORP.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention (except for the revaluation of investments).

Funds

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

The purpose of any restricted funds is noted in the accounts.

The accounts include transactions, assets and liabilities for which the PCC can be held responsible. They do not include the accounts of church groups that owe an affiliation to another body nor those that are informal gatherings of church members.

Incoming Resources

Voluntary income and capital resources

Amounts receivable under covenant are recognised only when honoured by the covenantor.

Income tax recoverable on covenanted or gift aid donations is recognised when claimable.

Grants and legacies to the PCC are accounted for as soon as the PCC is notified of its entitlement and the likely amount due.

Funds raised by the fete, garden party and similar events are accounted for net.

Sales of books and magazines from the church bookstall are accounted for net.

Other ordinary income

Rental income from the letting of church premises is accounted for when receivable.

Parochial fees due to the Parochial Church Council for weddings, funerals etc. are accounted for on an event by event basis.

Income from investment

Dividends and interest are accounted for when received. Tax recoverable on such income is accrued for on the same basis.

Application of Resources

Grants

Grants and donations are accounted for when paid.

The Parochial share is accounted when payable and any quota unpaid at 31 December is shown as a creditor in the Balance Sheet.

Fixed Assets

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

No value is placed on movable church furnishings held by the Churchwardens on special trust for the PCC and which require a faculty for disposal since the PCC considers this to be an inalienable property. All expenditure incurred during the year in consecrated or beneficed buildings and moveable church furnishings, whether maintenance or improvement, is written off.

Other land and buildings

Other land and buildings held on behalf of the PCC for its own purposes is shown at cost. No depreciation is charged against such properties but any expenditure on maintenance or improvement is written off as incurred.

Other fixtures, fittings and office equipment

Equipment used is written off at the rate of 10% per annum using the reduced balancing method.

Investments

Investments are valued at market value.

Current assets

Amounts owing to the PCC at 31 December in respect of fees, rents or other income are shown as debtors less any provision for the amounts that may prove uncollectible.

Short term deposits include cash on deposit with the Central Board of Finance at the bank.

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Parish of St Mary's Kingskerswell

Notes on the Accounts

Year ended 31 December 2023

1. Fixed Assets

	Parish Centre	Improvements Parish Centre	Fixtures	Total
	£	£	£	£
Cost at 1 January 2023	63,313	55,309	46,521	165,144
Additions in Year	0	30,485	0	30,485
At 31 December 2023	63,313	85,794	46,521	195,629

Depreciation

At 1 January 2023	0	0	46,521	46,521
Charge for year	0	3,048	0	3,048
At 31 December 2023	0	3,048	46,521	49,569

Net book amounts

At 31 December 2023	63,313	82,745	0	146,059
At 31 December 2022	63,313	55,309	0	118,623

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Year ended 31 December 2023

	2023	2022
	£	£

2. Investments

At market value

932 Shares Central Board of Finance	21,068	19,242
	<u>21,068</u>	<u>19,242</u>

At cost

932 Shares Central Board of Finance	244	244
	<u>244</u>	<u>244</u>

3. Cash at bank and in hand

	2023	2022
	£	£
National Westminster Bank 2 Reserve account	28	28
Cash at National Westminster Bank	30,820	10,274
Cash at National Westminster Bank - Organ Fund *	0	50
Church Fund Cash at CCLA Account	850	824
Cash at National Westminster Bank - Churchyard maintenance *	4,646	2,325
Churchyard Maintenance Cash at CCLA Account *	4,223	4,092
Cash in hand (Flower Altar fund)	535	796
Cash at National Westminster Bank - Club's/Society reserve No 1 account	551	544
Cash at National Westminster Bank - Sunday and Wednesday Coffee Mornings - Cash	0	0
Social account	7,140	4,195
Bell-Ringers	1,880	2,135
Sunday Kidz Accounts	0	0
Kingskerswell Relief in Sickness Charity (First included 2012) *	665	665
Parish Centre Cash at CCLA Account	3,607	3,417
Parish Centre Fund	<u>11,976</u>	<u>18,651</u>
	<u>66,921</u>	<u>47,997</u>

* = Restrictive Funds

Parish of St Mary's Kingskerswell

Parish of St Mary's Kingskerswell Notes on the Accounts Year ended 31 December 2023

	2023	2022
	£	£
4. Debtors		
None	0	0
	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>

5. Current Liabilities

Parochial Share - outstanding	0	16,500
Parish Centre Solar Panel Loan	15,310	0
Churchyard Maintenance	110	212
Other - Sunday Kidz	241	241
	<u>15,661</u>	<u>16,953</u>

6. Funds

The income funds of the charity include restricted funds held on trust for specific purposes as follows

	Balance 1 January 2023 £	Incoming resources £	Unrealised gain £	Outgoing resources £	Balance 31st Dec 2023 £
Investments for Churchyard maintenance	19,242	0	1,826	0	21,068
Churchyard maintenance fund	6,248	4,701	0	-2,197	8,751
Parish site	0	0	0	0	0
Kingskerswell Relief in Sickness Charity (First included 2012)	669	1	0	0	670
	<u>24,833</u>	<u>4,702</u>	<u>1,826</u>	<u>-2,197</u>	<u>30,489</u>

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Year ended 31 December 2023

6. Funds (continued)

The transfer between funds relates to:

The restricted funds comprise:

- (a) The Organ Fund is for the maintenance of the organ and choir expenses.
- (b) The Churchyard Investment and Maintenance Funds are for the maintenance of the churchyard and graveyard.
- (c) Parish Site Fund which is income specifically raised to finance the new parish site.
- (d) Tower Fund is income received for the repair of the church tower.
- (e) Special gifts are donations received for special events.

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Notes on the Accounts

Year ended 31 December 2023

7. Other Parochial Expenses

	2023	2022
	£	£
Transfer to Churchyard Maintenance Fund	0	2,182
Other	0	0
	<u>0</u>	<u>2,182</u>

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	2023	2022
8. Churchyard Account	£	£
Parish of St Mary's Kingskerswell		
Year ended 31 December 2023		
Fees, Weddings and funerals	15,400	14,164
Deduct fees	-3,820	-5,177
Surplus	<u>11,580</u>	<u>8,987</u>
Churchyard income		
Monument fees	1,799	0
CCLA Interest	174	53
Donations	4,527	4,829
	<u>6,500</u>	<u>4,882</u>
Deduct expenses:		
General	-2,197	-3,524
Surplus	<u>4,303</u>	<u>1,358</u>
Total Surplus	15,883	10,345

Parish of St Mary's Kingskerswell

Parish of St Mary's Kingskerswell	2023	2022
Notes on the Accounts		
Year ended 31 December 2023	£	£

9. Parish Centre Account

Rents received	24,471	20,499
Donations	0	0
CCLA Investment interest	110	44
	<u>24,580</u>	<u>20,544</u>
Deduct expenses		
Maintenance	2,499	3,071
Cleaning costs	4,707	5,174
Electricity, gas, telephone	3,747	2,541
Repairs	306	0
Other	70	70
Insurance	0	0
Water	1,362	1,004
Administration	3200	2638
Total expenditure	<u>15,891</u>	<u>14,498</u>
Surplus/ (loss)	<u>8,689</u>	<u>6,046</u>

10. Goods for resale

Porch sales	151	0
Tradecraft Sales	0	0
Surplus	<u>151</u>	<u>0</u>

11. Parish News

Sales / Advertising	1,348	1,847
	<u>1,348</u>	<u>1,847</u>
Deduct expenses		
Printing and Stationery	0	-740
Surplus	<u>1,348</u>	<u>1,107</u>

12. Social Committee Account

Income	3,293	2,961
	<u>3,293</u>	<u>2,961</u>
Less Costs/Donation	349	693
Surplus	<u>2,944</u>	<u>2,268</u>

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Parish of St Mary's Kingskerswell	2023	2022
Notes on the Accounts	£	£
Year ended 31 December 2023		

13. Sunday and Wednesday Morning Coffee

Income

Refreshment Sales	0	75
Less Cost	0	0
Profit	0	75
Less Donations		
Donation -	0	0
	0	75

14. Income from investment

Bank interest	464	629
Dividends	0	0
	464	629

15. Other voluntary income

0	0
0	0

16. Staff costs and Council expenses

Other than reimbursement of costs,

Church Clerks	11,712	7,822
	11,712	7,822

17. Donations from Trustees (PCC members) during the Year

During 2023 ST Mary's PCC received £5,600.16 donations from trustees (PCC members) and their close relatives, The donors did not attach any conditions to their gifts which required the charity (PCC) to significantly alter the nature of its existing activities. The £5600.16 is included in on Page 4 - Incoming Resources - Planned Giving - Covenanted and non covenanted £30,740.

Accounts

**PARISH OF KINGSKERSWELL - ST
MARY'S CHURCH**

**ANNUAL PAROCHIAL
CHURCH MEETING
REPORT
2022**

**25th April 2023
at 7pm**

**Held in St Mary's Church
KINGSKERSWELL**

**Annual Meeting of Parishioners
and
Annual Parochial Church Meeting on Tuesday, 25th April 2023**

AGENDA

Annual Meeting of Parishioners at 7pm

To elect 2 Churchwardens (to serve for 1 year)

Annual Parochial Church Meeting

Opening Prayers

- 1) Apologies for absence
- 2) To receive the Electoral Roll
- 3) To accept the minutes of the APCM held on 26th April 2022
- 4) To receive the following Reports ...
 - a) Vicar's Report
 - b) Churchwardens Report (inc. Fabric Report)
 - c) Health and Safety Report
 - d) Churchyard Report
 - e) Social Committee Report
 - f) Sunday Kidz Report
 - g) Tower Captain's Report
 - h) Choir Report
 - i) Deanery Report
 - j) Synod Report
 - k) Mothers Union Report
 - l) Safeguarding Report
 - m) Flower Report
- 5) To receive the Treasurer's Report
- 6) To appoint Independent Examiners for the Accounts 2023
- 7) To elect the following
 - i) Members of the PCC
 - ii) Electoral Roll Officer
 - III) Deanery Lay Representative
- 8) To elect a Parish Office Manager (to serve for one year)
- 9) To bring forward any business notified to the Secretary by 21st April 2023 and any other business brought forward at the Vicar's discretion.
- 10) To confirm the date of the next PCC meeting
- 11) Closing Prayers

COMMITTEES

Parochial Church Council (PCC)

There were 10 meetings of the PCC between the APCM of April 2022 until March 2023.

In addition to matters concerning the everyday running of the Church which are covered at each meeting, the following matters are of special importance

1. Safeguarding

This subject is on the Agenda for every PCC meeting. Any Parishioner who is aware of such an issue should discuss it with the Parish Safeguarding Officer, Erica Dunn

2. Finances

The Treasurer provides a minimum of monthly updates on the finances to the PCC in order for financial decisions to be made.

3. Charitable Giving

The PCC has been unable to financially donate due to limited funds, but has continued it's Sponsorship of a child via Plan International, which is helping to end child poverty, at a cost of £192 annually.

4. Mission Outreach

Due to the importance of engagement with the wider community the PCC discuss outreach at each meeting, particularly connecting with Kingskerswell Primary School on a regular basis.

5. Fees

The PCC has paid in full the 2022 Parochial fees and has paid part of the 2020 which is outstanding.

Social Committee

The Social Committee, chaired by our Vicar Rev'd Michael Wilkie, has the responsibility of organizing the Parish Church's social activities which the PCC have approved.

The Committee members comprise of;

Helen Abbot, Helen Howells, Kaye Hurford, Lyn Kelly, Patricia Rodriguez, and Wendy Shillabeer.

PARISH OF KINGSKERSWELL - ANNUAL REPORT

Background

The Vicar, along with the St Mary's Parochial Church Council (the PCC), is responsible for the promotion within the Ecclesiastical Parish, the Mission Action Plan, covering all aspects of the Church's Mission - Pastoral, Ecumenical and Social.

The PCC also has the responsibility for the maintenance of all buildings - the Church, the Parish Centre, the Coffee Room and Parish Office.

PCC Membership

The members of the PCC are either ex-officio, co-opted, or elected at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) in accordance with the Church Representative Rules.

The following served as members of the PCC IN 2022:

PCC Chairman: Rev Michael Wilkie

Ex-Officio Members: Peter Thompson Treasurer (Co-opted 2004)
Hannah Dunn Deanery Lay

Representative

Proposed and elected at the Annual Meeting of Parishioners (AMP) 26TH April 2022

Erica Dunn Churchwarden
Sandra Dunford Churchwarden

Continuing to serve as PCC members:

Helen Howells

Special Note: Tony Johnson (returning when his health allows)

Elected at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) 26th April 2022

John Dunn
Trevor Heal PCC Secretary
Helen Rowsell

MINUTES FROM 2021 AMP AND APCM

Kingskerswell Parish Church Minutes

Annual Meeting of Parishioners

and

Annual Parochial Church Meeting

26th April 2022 at 7pm in Kingskerswell Parish Church

Present:

Rev Michael Wilkie - Chairman

Jenny Benney, Jacky Biggs, Heather Cooper, Eveline Davies, Eileen Davies, Michael Davies, Sandra Dunford, Erica Dunn, Hannah Dunn, John Dunn, Margaret Force, Trevor Heal, Bernard Hill, Lyn Kelly, Sue Rider, Patricia Rodriguez, Wendy Shillabeer, Jean Strong, Peter Thompson, Melanie Thorne, Rachel Valentine, Cora Wilkie, and taking minutes Helen Rowswell.

Opening Prayers led by Rev Michael Wilkie

Annual Meeting of Parishioners.

Erica Dunn and Anthony Johnson had been nominated however with Anthony Johnson's recent illness. Sandra Dunford kindly offered to step in until Anthony Johnson has recovered from his present illness. All were in favour with one exception, and there being no other candidates were duly elected as Church Wardens for the year 2022/23.

Annual Parochial Church Meeting

1. Apologies for absence

Helen Howells, Tony Johnson, Elaine Moate and David Moate

2. To receive the Electoral Role.

Helen Rowswell reported that there were now 101 active members on the Parish's Electoral Role down from 106 the previous year.

3. Minutes of The Annual Meeting of Parishioners and Annual Parochial Church Meeting held on 20th April 2021.

Passed unanimously as accurate.

4. The following reports were received:

- | | |
|-----------------------------|---------------------------|
| a. Vicars Report | h. Tower Captain's Report |
| b. Churchwardens Report | i. Choir Report |
| c. Fabric Report | j. Deanery Report |
| d. Health and Safety Report | k. Synod Report |
| e. Churchyard Report | l. Mothers Union Report |
| f. Social Committee Report | m. Safeguarding Report |
| g. Sunday Kidz Report | n. Flower Report |

The Vicar reported that Teignbridge District Council would be cutting the grass and maintaining the old churchyard, including removing the red vermillion and rendering the walls thanks to Mike Howards input. The Cedar Tree is also awaiting inspection by a tree surgeon. The Vicar also reported how Geoff Dunford had done an excellent job at keeping the new churchyard area tidy.

The Robing of the choir was discussed with comments that the Choir looked too informal without them whilst others thought that uniforms can

put people off with the formality. It was decided that Robes be worn on formal services.

The Vicar informed all that Patrick Parkes had stood down as Rural Dean and that Nick Debney had taken over as Acting Rural Dean.

It was requested that the monthly Parish magazine also mention that the cost of the flowers could be donated as well as the bread and wine each week, the magazine will be amended to reflect this. It was stated that the flowers are self-funded by growing them in summer and fund raising during the winter. The Vicar thanked all those for their reports.

5. Treasurer's report and Accounts for 2021

It was reported that there has been a slight improvement with regard to income due to an increase in legacies and voluntary donations however charitable donations by the PCC have vastly reduced.

Savings having been made in the Parish Centre and Parish Office and investments have improved. However, we must be mindful of shocks and scares. Currently £3.5k is being paid each month by standing order towards the Parochial Share. This helps to fund the Diocese, who have themselves made redundancies and cutbacks, who in turn pays for our Vicar.

Peter Thompson was thanked for keeping excellent accounts who in return thanked those who assist him.

The accounts have now been verified by an Independent Auditor.

The adoption of the accounts was proposed by Erica Dunn and was seconded by Sandra Dunford. The meeting was all in favour.

6. To appoint Independent Examiners for the annual accounts 2022

Peter Thompson thanked David Moate for stepping in at short notice, David donated his £50 fee to Rowcroft.

7. Election of Officers

- i) John Dunn, Trevor Heal and Helen Rowswell were elected to the PCC.

No nominations were made for the other vacancies on the PCC which remain unfilled.

- ii) Helen Rowswell was elected as Electoral Roll Officer for another year.

- iii) Trevor Heal was elected as PCC Secretary.

Sides people - The following were appointed:

- | | |
|---------------|----------------------|
| • Hannah Dunn | • Patricia Rodriguez |
| • Trevor Heal | • Mark Rowswell |
| • Anita Osman | • Wendy Shillabeer |
| • Gerri Rees | • Cora Wilkie |

8. Election of Parish Clerk

Helen Rowswell was elected unopposed.

9. AOB.

The Vicar reminded all the need to support the village school as these children are the future congregation. He thanked Jenny Benny for her continued work at the school bringing proper Christian values and ethos.

It was noted that some of the congregation were unaware of who the PCC members were. It was suggested photos be placed on notice boards.

10. Date of next PCC meeting

24th May 2022

11. The Meeting closed at 8pm with prayers.

(a) VICAR'S REPORT - KINGSKERSWELL - 2022-23

This has been a mixed year for the church. It was the first year that the full effect of the prolonged Covid crisis was properly felt. There have been difficulties to be faced in some areas as well as modest progress in others.

A modified monthly pattern of services was re-established, with an emphasis on moving forward. Regular services of Morning Prayer were included as well as a monthly Family Worship, where the aim is to be more accessible to those people unused to church culture. This will be an ongoing process as our church evolves to attract and evangelise a much wider section of the local community.

Links with the school have been re-established and strengthened. Jenny Benney and I continue as governors. I lead weekly assemblies and take part in other school activities. Sandra Dunford and Heather Cooper have returned to the classrooms with the "Open the Book" ministry.

Plans are now being made to offer a monthly Sunday afternoon activity which might appeal to young families.

The choir has continued its ministry not only in leading and developing the musical aspects of our worship but also in offering events such as the much appreciated Big Sing. Their hard work and dedication, especially during the Easter and Christmas seasons, is greatly appreciated.

The Bell Ringers continue their ministry, not just for Sunday worship but also for weddings, funerals and other important national events. They are an important part of our church and we thank them for their unique contribution to our Christian witness.

Despite reduced numbers, the Social Committee has done a magnificent job of organising social events that have not only proved popular but have raised much needed funds for the church. Highlights in the past year include regulars such as the Harvest and Christmas celebrations as well as new ideas such as the Quiz Night. They were also invaluable in organising the practical side of many celebrations, not least of which was the Queen Elizabeth's Platinum Jubilee.

A House Group was established which meets fortnightly at the vicarage. It provides an opportunity to be together, share stories and study the Bible in a friendly and informal atmosphere and has built up a loyal following.

Maybe the most challenging aspect of the church's life this year has been the sharp decline in regular income compared to the pre-covid years. The income from the Summer Moon beer festival is a significant loss. The other two areas that have seen a sharp decrease in income have been legacies and the number of weddings in the church.

The church urgently needs to increase and stabilize its regular monthly income if it is to continue in its present form.

In connection with our reduced finances and the cost of heating crisis, the PCC has been investigating the installation of solar panels. The church building itself presents some difficulties which will take time to resolve. The Parish Centre is not so restricted by legalities and so solar panels were installed and even in the winter months have already made a significant reduction in costs. We hope with time to do the same with the church.

This also fits in to the Eco Church initiative and helps us towards the Church of England's nation target of being carbon-neutral by 2030. A special mention and thanks should be given to Geoff Dunford for his tireless work in this initiative.

Mention should also be made of the invaluable work of the Church Office. As a church we could not get by without all the hard work and dedication shown both by Helen and Mercy.

Thanks and appreciation is also due to those many people who, behind the scenes, do so much of the hard work needed to keep our church running. Together as a church family may we continue to imaginatively spread the gospel, through actions as well as words, as we endeavour to keep our Church as a living, active presence within the wider community of Kingskerswell.

Revd Michael Wilkie, Vicar

(b) CHURCHWARDEN'S REPORT (INCLUDING FABRIC REPORT)

"In co-operation with the priest in charge Churchwardens are generally responsible for the day to day functioning of the Parish. These responsibilities include various aspects of administration, building operation and personnel. Their work is not just the maintenance of the Church building but helping the smooth running of the Church" (Taken from Exeter Diocese information).

At the Archdeacon's visitation in May 2022, we were provided with the book "How Village Churches Thrive" within this book there are suggested areas for the Church to focus on to enable them to thrive. These include making the most of Festivals, connecting to schools and Community especially the elderly, making the most of our building and church yard. We have started to look at these suggestions and will be looking to expand these further over the next 12 months.

Activities we have started include recommencing the 'Open Book' sessions at the school and gifts from the Church to the school leavers at their leavers service. Prior to Christingle in December we opened the hall and provided hot chocolate and information about the Children's Society to the school choir, their families and supporters.

Members of the congregation have helped develop the Childrens and Prayer areas within the Church building and restarted regular tea and coffee after the Sunday service.

The Church has taken part in external events such as South West Awake in June and Devon Historic Churches Day in September.

The day to day maintenance of the fabric of the Church building has continued and insurance policies have been renewed.

Following a prolonged spell of wet weather there was significant water ingress into the west side of the tower leaking into the mezzanine ringing chamber. This has now been resolved with work to improve the channelling of the water on the roof.

The Church office also suffered from rain water damage through the window frames into the internal cavities of the office. These have also been repaired.

Potholes in the car park have again been repaired.

We are very grateful to John Rees, Geoff Dunford and Trevor Heal for their help and support in managing these problems so promptly.

Solar panels have been fitted to the Parish Centre, these will reduce energy costs and carbon footprint of the Church buildings.

The office continues to be very busy supporting our three Churches and responding to calls from our communities. This year we have recruited Mercy who is working part-time supporting Helen the Office Manager.

We would like to thank everyone for all their continued hard work and support, it is very much appreciated.

Erica Dunn, Churchwarden, and Sandra Dunford, Deputy Churchwarden. St Mary's Church, Kingskerswell

(c) HEALTH AND SAFETY REPORT

The PCC is responsible and accountable for Health and Safety (H&S). We have a H&S strategy, underpinned with a regularly reviewed H&S Policy. Tony Johnson has stepped down from his role as our qualified H&S Advisor to the PCC, which included responsibility for Risk Assessments. The Vicar and Churchwardens are responsible for the day to day management and review of H&S and will continue to monitor all Health and Safety related matters along with the PCC.

Erica Dunn, Churchwarden, and Sandra Dunford, Deputy Churchwarden. St Mary's Church, Kingskerswell

(d) SAFEGUARDING REPORT

Tony Johnson, Safeguarding Representative, has formally stepped down from this role as the named Deputy I have agreed with the PCC to take on this responsibility. I have booked on to the Additional Leadership Level training required for this position on the next available date in April. The Diocese Safeguarding Team have been made aware of this change.

The Diocese have introduced a Safeguarding Dashboard for each Parish Church, with a detailed action plan to ensure we all meet our Safeguarding responsibilities. This includes policies, raising awareness, training, safer recruitment, risk assessments and appropriate DBS checks for those involved in work with vulnerable adults and children.

We all have responsibility to report any Safeguarding concerns, the Diocese has a very supportive Safeguarding Team led by Cosat Nassaris, Diocesan Safeguarding Officer.

Our PCC is committed, through our Church community, to the support, nurture and Safeguarding of all, especially the young and vulnerable and will be focusing on updating the Dashboard, Training and DBS checks over the next 12 months.

Erica Dunn, Parish Safeguarding Representative

(e) CHURCHYARD REPORT

For the year 2022 the Churchyard Maintenance Account income was £4,829.00 and the expenditure was £3,534.37 which gave an overall profit for the year of £1,294.63.

The income from donations for 2022 amounted to £2,597.00 and our sincere thanks go to all of you who regularly and generously donate to the Churchyard Fund. Without these donations, we would really struggle to maintain a credit balance. If anyone would like more information regarding the running of the churchyard or wish to make a contribution, either by cash, cheque or banker's order please contact the Kingskerswell Parish Office (01803) 873006 for further details.

In the Autumn of 2022 Teignbridge Contractors cleared a lot of vegetation and saplings from the old churchyard that had self-seeded, making the area easier to maintain and to protect existing graves. It also made more of the graves accessible and the area of the cremation plots in the new churchyard brighter.

During 2022 Geoff Dunford has maintained the new churchyard and the churchyard extension with regular grass cutting and general maintenance including cutting of the hedge between the churchyard extension and the Allotments.

Mike Howard has maintained the Old Churchyard with regular grass cutting and general maintenance. He has also, with the help of Mr Bloxham, cleared the area to the left before entering the South Lynch Gate entrance and sown grass seed and planted flower. He has also repaired the gate post.

Our sincere thanks go to Geoff and Mike for the giving of their time and maintaining the churchyards to a high standard.

Wendy Hinchcliffe, Treasurer for St Mary's Kingskerswell Churchyard

(f) SOCIAL COMMITTEE REPORT

It is my pleasure to report on the activities of the Social Committee for 2022.

We continued to meet in the Parish Rooms at 19.00. Tony Johnson chaired the last meeting on the 1st February 2022 and until election of Officers took place on 5th April Erica Dunn chaired the meeting until then. We all wish Tony well in his recovery.

Rev. Michael Wilkie was elected as Chair of the meeting, Treasurer Helen Rowswell to whom monies collected are paid, but Peter Thomson includes Social Committee finances in his Annual Report.

There is no need for a Secretary as Helen Rowswell deals with correspondence. Patricia Rodriguez is to take notes of the meetings.

Two Committee members resigned due to family commitments, but both expressed willingness to help at events. On behalf of the Committee, I would like to thank them both for their input.

Committee members have been involved in providing, organising, providing catering/refreshments for the following events:

Easter Services

Plant Sale

7th May

Queen's Platinum Jubilee events

2nd - 5th June

August Summer Feast and BBQ

28th August

Historic Churches Day

10th September

Harvest Lunch

18th September

Fun Quiz

8th October

Craft Fair

5th November

Christmas Lunch

11th December

Outside Carol Concert

21st December

Each member of the Committee is valued for their individuality and contribution to the success of the events in which we have either helped or organised. We would welcome new members to the Social Committee, currently we meet on the 1st Tuesday of each month at 17.00 (5pm) in the Coffee Room.

We would like to thank all those who have supported us over the past year, including church members, volunteers and the wider community.

Patricia Rodriguez, Social Committee Member. St Mary's Church Kingskerswell

(g) SUNDAY KIDZ REPORT

Our lovely families usually meet every Sunday during term time and on special holidays for fun, food and friendship with a focus on how to live a good Christian life.

Unfortunately, the Annual Palm Sunday walk was cancelled due to illness, but the Sunday Kidz took part in the Good Friday Walk of Witness and the creation of the Easter Garden. In August four families had an enjoyable day at Paignton Zoo for our Annual Summer Fun Day, which we had been unable to do since 2019. In November I proudly witnessed three of the children get confirmed at Exeter Cathedral. It was a wonderful occasion led by Bishop James Grier who met the children beforehand.

Sunday Kidz is currently no longer meeting weekly in the Parish Centre but engaging the children to be involved with the main Sunday service in church. We very much hope to have Tony Johnson join us when he is able and wish him all the very best as he is deeply missed as the leader of the fun !

***Helen Rowswell, Parish Office Manager. St Mary's Church,
Kingskerswell***

(h) TOWER CAPTAIN'S REPORT

2022 was the 1st year since the COVID Pandemic that there were no restrictions. We rang for all the main services during the year and were able to ring all 8 bells on the majority of Sundays. With some outside help, we were able to cover all the Christmas ringing the year. We continued to ring at Coffinswell on most Sundays. All our practices were at Kingskerswell, apart from 3 at Coffinswell. They have generally been well attended with as many as 20 on 1 occasion. We rang for 6 weddings at Kingskerswell, and 1 at Coffinswell. We also rang for 4 funerals /memorial services.

We welcomed Robert and Katie Law to our practices in November 2021, and they became tower members at the start of the year. Their help with our method ringing has been invaluable. As their main tower is Bovey Tracey, they are unable to attend on Sundays. Mia Rowsell and Alesha Leggett made good progress, and Mia's younger sister Megan came back to ringing in May, and she is slowing improving. Sarah Williams started to learn in February and was able to ring rounds with a bit of help, but she has now moved away.

We rang for the Queen 's Platinum Jubilee in June.

On Friday 3rd, we rang before the Thanksgiving Service at St Paul's Cathedral. The ringers were: James Abbott, Jo Coldrick, Trevor Heal, Gill Keites, Pauline Lawrence, Alesha Leggett, Peter Lister, David Moate, John Rees, Janet Ritterman, Helen Rowsell, Megan Rowsell, Mia Rowsell, Liz Smyth-Osbourne, Mo Stevens, Philip Stevens and Mike Wright.

On Sunday 5th, a Peal of 5066 Jubilee Surprise Major was rung in 2 hours 48 minutes was rung by: Philip Stevens, Charlotte Boyce, Roger King, Jill Hansford, Michael Hansford, Peter Ellis, John Martin and Michael Mears.

A quarter Peal was also rung at Coffinswell on 2nd June.

After the service on the 31st July 2022 we rang a quarter Peal which was specially arranged to celebrate the 90th Birthday of Eveline Davies, who is a strong supporter of ringing at Kingskerswell. She was thrilled with the surprise.

We were, of course, saddened by the death of the Queen in September.

On the day of her death on 8th Sept, the tenor bell was tolled for 1 hour in the evening by Philip Stevens.

On 9th Sept, at 12 noon, the bells were rung half-muffled in her memory by: Gill Keites, Pauline Lawrence, David Moate, John Rees, Mo Stevens, Philip Stevens, Phil Turner.

On 10th Sept, at the end of the Tower Open Day, a quarter Peal of Grandsire Triples was rung open (without muffles) to celebrate the Accession of King Charles. The ringers were:

John Rees, Philip Stevens, Robert Law, Patricia Slade, Michael Canon, Don Roberts, Martin Mansley and Tim King.

On 19th Sept, Call Changes were rung half-muffled before the Queen's funeral by:

James Abbott, Jo Coldrick, Gill Keites, David Moate, Pauline Lawrence, John Rees, Janet Ritterman, Liz Stentiford, Mo Stevens, Philip Stevens, Sarah Williams, and Mike Wright.

We came 2nd out of 4 teams in the Gilbert Shield competition in February 2022, and last of 3 teams in the Deanery Festival in October. We held another successful Tower Open Day in September as part of the Devon Historic Churches Day. We had lots of interest but no new recruits were

enlisted. We rang in the New Year in the usual way and met in church beforehand for refreshments.

A further 2 Peals were rung by visiting bands.

Philip Stevens, Tower Captain. St Mary's Church, Kingskerswell

(i) CHOIR REPORT

We would like to express our heartfelt thanks to our brilliant organist Heater Cooper for maintaining a full enjoyable programme, of both traditional and contemporary music, for our choir and congregation throughout the church's liturgical year.

We also would want to give Sandra Dunford a big thank for her excellent choice of splendid hymns for all the church services.

The BIG Sing, an innovation by Heather in 2021, proved to be very popular in October 2022. Hopefully this will become an established feature of St Mary's programme of events.

As a choir, we have a strong fellowship, and are extremely grateful for the support we receive from our Rev'd Michael Wilkie, the Lay Readers, Churchwardens and congregation.

We anticipate we will have another fulfilling forthcoming year under Heather's direction and guidance.

Helen Howells, Choir Representative. St Mary's Church, Kingskwell

(j) DEANERY REPORT

At Deanery Synod, Clergy and Laity representatives from all parishes within the Deanery usually meet approximately three or four times a year to discuss parish matters and communications from the wider Diocese. At each meeting a guest speaker is often invited to speak to new projects or work within the church and wider community. At our most recent Deanery meeting, in January 2023, we were joined by Annie Jefferies, the Lay Chair for Exeter Diocesan Synod, who gave a presentation on Anna Chaplaincy Network in Devon (www.annachaplaincy.org.uk). Anna Chaplains and Anna Friends are male and female volunteers that offer a few hours every month to offer spiritual care to those in later life, often visiting on a one-to-one basis within their homes or facilitating joint acts of worship within care homes. If you are interested in training to become an Anna Chaplain or Anna Friend, or would like to find out more about the different roles, please let me know or contact Annie directly on: annie.jefferies@btinternet.com

We currently have a vacancy for our lay representation at Deanery Synod, if you would like to stand for election, or find out more, please speak to either myself or one of our churchwardens.

Hannah Dunn (Lay Representative)

(k) DIOCEASAN SYNOD REPORT

The Diocesan Synod is the main policy making body of Exeter Diocese and is where diocesan issues are discussed. The Synod consists of Lay and Clergy representatives from each Deanery, along with several ex-officio members and the House of Bishops. The Synod usually meets two or three times throughout the year.

Over the past year the Diocesan Synod has alternated between in person and virtual settings and has been a platform for discussion of several important topics.

Finance

The continued decline in participant numbers across the Diocese has had an increasingly negative effect on the dioceses financial position. In 2022 there was a shortfall of 6% in Common Fund contributions, more than was

budgeted for, and as it stands it is projected that a similar, if not greater shortfall, will be seen in 2023.

Each year parishes are asked to make a financial contribution to the Common Fund that meets the cost of the Church's mission and ministry in Devon. Approximately 70% of this is used to cover the stipends and housing for parish clergy. A shortfall in contributions will therefore unfortunately see a reduction in the number of clergy.

Christians are called to be generous people, and stewardship is an important part of the discipleship journey. When the Common Fund request is calculated it is based on the assumption that donations from congregation and local community will therefore be the main source of parish income. Estimating that each active participant will be able to support their church with a donation of approximately £663.66 per year, £12.76 per week, this number is adjusted to account for local deprivation levels where appropriate.

Where parishes have struggled to encourage regular giving from its participants the Parish Giving Scheme has been a proven solution, allowing churches to budget and raise funds more effectively. Donors can set up regular gift giving through Direct Debit by filling on a paper form, calling the PGS Team on 0333 002 1260 or using the online service: www.parishgiving.org.uk Please speak to one of our Churchwardens if you would like support to sign up to the Parish Giving Scheme.

In Kingskerswell, it should be noted that we have been unable to pay our Common Fund request in full for 2 years and will not be able to do so in 2023. Reflecting that we are more reliant than ever on the generosity of our congregation and community.

Carbon Net Zero

At the March 2022 Meeting Synod declared that:

“ As Christians, we believe that God calls us to safeguard the integrity of creation and to renew the life of the Earth and its peoples. The Diocese of Exeter recognises that the global climate emergency is not only a crisis for God's creation but is causing fundamental injustices across the globe. With the national Church of England, we commit ourselves to work with all available resources towards Net Zero Carbon by 2030. To this end, we will draw up and implement a feasible programme of action with a clear time frame, based on the route map to Net Zero Carbon by 2030. We will review our action plan regularly and report publicly on progress. ”

By 2030 the Diocese aims to have measured the carbon emissions from all churches, (schools where appropriate), Theological Education Institutions, the Cathedral, clergy housing, diocesan offices, and work-related travel. For the areas under their own control the Diocese aims to reduce the energy consumption of its building, plans to invest in renewable energy generation and switch to approved green tariffs. Hoping to make substantial progress towards Net Zero Carbon.

Living in Love and Faith

In September 2022 the Listening in Love and Faith Report was published (<https://www.churchofengland.org/resources/living-love-and-faith>) ,

marking a 6 year period of listening and discernment on matters of identity, sexuality, relationships, and marriage. In response to the Report the Bishops of the Church of England put forward draft proposals on how the church can learn from the process and move forward. These proposals

were subsequently voted on and supported at the February 2023 General S

The Bishops of the Church of England issued an apology to LGBTQI+ people for the “rejection, exclusion and hostility “ they have faced in churches and the impact this has had on their lives, and urged all congregations to welcome same-sex couples “unreservedly and joyfully”. Under the new proposal, same-sex couples are still unable to be married in a Church of England church, however can have a service that involves prayers of dedication, thanksgiving and for God’s blessing. These prayers are voluntary for clergy to use.

At Diocesan Synod we reflected that this process has resulted in a great deal of sadness and a feeling that perhaps the church is more divided than ever as these proposals either went too far for some and not nearly far enough for others. The conversation will continue, and as the church strives to live together in Love and Faith, I think it may help to use the following prayer written by Bishop Jackie: *Life-giving God, in you we live and move and have our being. Thank you that you have made each of us unique in your own image, as your children. Thank you that you call us, together, to be your people. As ‘Living in Love and Faith’ invites us to explore more deeply what it means to be human, and to look honestly at our questions and divisions, we pray for your grace. We ask that we may listen, learn and grow in love and understanding, in the name of Jesus, who came to live among us so we might live more abundantly.*

Continued

Women in Ordained Ministry

In 2018 the Diocese has taken targeted action to increase the number of women in ordained ministry and better support those that already are. Steps taken have included unconscious bias training, events to encourage the vocations of young women, improved ‘family friendly’ policies and the rewording of parish profiles to be clear where female applicants would be welcome. While progress is being seen Exeter remains a decade behind the average for stipendiary parish based female clergy. This the refore continues to be a key focus on the Diocesan agenda.

I hope this Report has helped to inform you of some of the Ministry within the church in Devon, and how this can be supported at Parish level. Please do contact me if you would like further information, or copies of the reports, for either the Deanery or Diocesan Synods.

Hannah Dunn (Bishop’s Diocesan Council & Representative)

(I) MOTHERS’ UNION REPORT

The Kingskerswell Branch of the Mothers’ Union met 11 times during 2022. We held our AGM in January 2022 with elections, and the same officers were voted in to carry on for a further three year term. We were entertained and educated by 5 speakers during the year including the Diocesan President Heather Sayle, Ian Cooper (member), Cora Wilkie, Rev’d Angela Summer and James Meakin (Associate member). We enjoyed their talks and thanked them for coming and sharing fellowship, and tea and biscuits with us. We held our Spring and Autumn Birthday Parties, celebrating members’ birthdays, including 2 milestone birthdays, an 80 year old and a 90th. Thanks to Ursula for sending birthday cards and presents to members. We also enjoyed a lovely afternoon tea, in the heat of the summer at a member’s home in Ogwell. The September meeting

was cancelled because of the very sad death of our Sovereign and Patron, Queen Elizabeth II. To end the year we gathered for a lovely Christmas lunch with members, partners, friends, including our Vicar Michael, at the Livermead House Hotel in Torquay.

Our meetings are held once a month on the 2nd Monday, starting usually at 2.00pm in the Coffee Room of the Parish Centre, Church End Road. Everyone is welcome to come along to our meetings to learn more about this Worldwide Organisation with 4 million members across 83 countries. We give a warm welcome to everyone who comes and shares fellowship, friendship and a cup of tea with us.

For further information please contact: Sandra Dunford, Branch Leader, Tel 01803 404779, e-mail gandsdunford@outlook.com

Sandra Dunford, Branch Leader - Mothers' Union - St Mary's Church Kingskerswell

(m) FLOWER REPORT

Flowers were provided in St Mary's Church during 2022 every week apart from during Lent period. Special displays were arranged for the Christian celebrations i.e. Christmas and Easter. The Church was decorated with knitted poppies (made by members of the congregation) for Remembrance Day and a wreath was laid at the War Memorial from the Church. Flowers were arranged for several members of the congregation to remember the passing of loved ones. 60 Daffodil posies were distributed amongst the congregation on Mothering Sunday. On Sunday June 5th the church was decorated for the late Queen Elizabeth's Platinum Jubilee celebration and also to mark her funeral on Monday September 19th. There were 7 weddings in the church, none of whom requested special flowers. Flowers were placed on 1 grave, as per historical request. Table centres were arranged for Harvest and Christmas Lunches in the Parish Centre. The Christmas Tree Festival took place in church during 8th/9th/10th December 2022.

Jenny Benney, Church Florist - St Mary's Church Kingskerswell

Treasurer's Report on separate attachment

Report on the results of the audit of the financial statements of the company for the year ended 31 December 2019.

REPORT ON THE AUDIT OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The audit was conducted in accordance with the International Standards on Auditing (ISAs) issued by the International Auditing and Assurance Board (IAASB).

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ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING REPORT 2021

26th April 2022 at 7pm

Held in St Marys' Parish Church, Kingskerswell

**Annual Meeting of Parishioners
And
Annual Parochial Church Meeting on Tuesday 26th April 2022**

AGENDA

Annual Meeting of Parishioners at 7pm

To elect 2 Churchwardens (to serve for 1 year)

Annual Parochial Church Meeting

Opening prayers

- 1) Apologies for absence
- 2) To receive the Electoral Roll
- 3) To accept the minutes of the APCM held on the 20th of April 2021
- 4) To receive the following reports;
 - a) Vicars Report
 - b) Churchwardens Report
 - c) Fabric Report
 - d) Health and Safety Report
 - e) Churchyard Report
 - f) Social Committee Report
 - g) Sunday Kidz Report
 - h) Tower Captains Report
 - i) Choir Report
 - j) Deanery Report
 - k) Synod Report
 - l) Mothers Union Report
 - m) Safeguarding Report
 - n) Flower Report
- 5) To receive the Treasurers Report
- 6) To appoint Independent Examiners for the annual accounts 2021
- 7) To elect the following
 - i) Seven members of the PCC
 - ii) Electoral Roll Officer
- 8) To elect a Parish Clerk (to serve for one year)
- 9) To bring forward any business notified in writing to the secretary by 21st April 2022 and any other business brought forward at the Vicars discretion.
- 10) To confirm the date of the next PCC meeting
- 11) Closing Prayers

COMMITTEES

Parochial Church Council (PCC)

There were 9 meetings of the PCC between the APCM of April 2021 until March 2022.

In addition to matters concerning the everyday running of the Church which are covered at each meeting, the following matters are of special importance

1. Safeguarding

This subject is on the agenda for every PCC meeting. Any parishioner who is aware of such an issue should discuss it with the Parish Safeguarding Officer, Tony Johnson.

2. Finances

The Treasurer provides a minimum of monthly updates on the finances to the PCC in order for financial decisions to be made.

3. Charitable Giving

The PCC has been unable to financially donate due to limited funds due to the pandemic but has continued its Sponsorship of a child via Plan international which is helping to end child poverty at a cost of £192 annually.

4. Mission Outreach

Due to the importance of engagement with the wider community the PCC discuss outreach at each meeting, particularly connecting with Kingskerswell Primary School on a regular basis.

5. Fees

The PCC has paid in full the 2021 Parochial fees and is starting to repay the 50% owing from 2020.

Standing Committee

The Standing Committee, which can meet on an ad hoc basis to transact the business of the PCC between meetings, has not met in 2021.

Social Committee

The Social Committee, chaired by Tony Johnson, has the responsibility of organizing the Parish Church's social activities which the PCC have approved. The committee members comprise Helen Abbot, Jill Brooker, Helen Howells, Kaye Hurford, Lyn Kelly, Patricia Rodriguez and Wendy Shillabeer.

PARISH OF KINGSKERSWELL – ANNUAL REPORT

Background

The Vicar along with St Mary's Parochial Church Council (the PCC) is responsible for the promotion within the ecclesiastical parish, the mission action plan, covering all aspects of the Church's Mission – pastoral, ecumenical and social.

The PCC also has the responsibility for the maintenance of all buildings, - the Church, the Parish Centre, the Coffee Room and Office.

PCC Membership

The members of the PCC are either ex-officio, co-opted, or elected at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (the APCM) in accordance with the Church Representative Rules.

The following served as members of the PCC in 2021:

PCC Chairman: Rev. Michael Wilkie

Ex-Officio members:

Dr Melanie Thorne	Reader (Licensed 1994)
Mrs. Ruth Bettesworth	Reader (Licensed 2008)
Mr. Ian Firth	Reader (Licensed 2006)
Mr. John Dunn	Reader (Licensed 2012)
Mr. Peter Thompson	Treasurer (Co-opted 2004)
Mrs. Jill Brooker	Deanery Representative
Miss Hannah Dunn	Deanery Representative

Proposed and elected at the Annual Meeting of Parishioners (AMP) 20th April 2021

Mrs. Erica Dunn	Churchwarden
Mr. Tony Johnson	Churchwarden

Continuing to serve as PCC members:

Mr. John Rees	PCC member (from APCM April 2019)
Mrs. Helen Rowswell	PCC Secretary (from APCM April 2019)

Elected at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) 20th April 2021

Mrs. Helen Howell	PCC member
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MINUTES FROM 2020 AMP AND APCM

Kingskerswell Parish Church Minutes
Annual Meeting of Parishioners
And
Annual Parochial Church Meeting
20th April 2021 at 7.00 pm

Present:

Rev Michael Wilkie - Chairman

Jenny Benney, Ruth Bettesworth, Jacky Biggs, Jill Brooker, Eileen Davies, Sandra Dunford, Erica Dunn, Hannah Dunn, John Dunn, Trevor Heal, Helen Howells, Tony Johnson, David Moate, Gerri Rees, John Rees, Patricia Rodriguez, Phil Stevens, Jean Strong, Peter Thompson, Melanie Thorne, Gill Wright, Michael Wright,
And taking minutes Helen Rowswell.

Opening Prayers Led by Rev Michael Wilkie

Annual Meeting of Parishioners.

Erica Dunn and Anthony Johnson had been nominated and there being no other candidates were duly elected as Church Wardens for the year 2021/22.

Annual Parochial Church Meeting

1. Apologies for absence

Mick Bettesworth, Mike Bundy, Peter Lister and Elaine Moate.

2. To receive the Electoral Role.

Helen Rowswell reported that there were now 106 active members on the parish's electoral role.

3. Minutes of The Annual Meeting of Parishioners and Annual Parochial Church Meeting held on 23rd October 2020.

Passed unanimously as accurate.

4. The following reports were received:

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| a. Vicars Report | i. Planned Giving Report |
| b. Churchwardens Report | j. Choir Report |
| c. Fabric Report | k. Deanery Report |
| d. Health and Safety Report | l. Synod Report |
| e. Churchyard Report | m. Mothers Union Report |
| f. Social Committee Report | n. Safeguarding Report |
| g. Sunday Kidz Report | o. Flower Report |
| h. Tower Captains Report | |

5. Treasurer's report and Accounts for 2020

Peter Thompson reported that income for the church is a combination of parishioner's and the wider community, for example weddings and hire of the parish centre. The Pandemic has reduced income by £25k and unfortunately the insurance does not cover this. MW stated that the PCC are urgently exploring ideas to generate income, stewardship of the church should cover day to day costs, but these are anxious and are difficult times. Kingskerswell Parish Church has become to

rely on fundraising and business to fund the church whereas this should be for extras or unpredictable events. TJ thanked PT for guiding all through the figures and for all his work over the year keeping such accurate accounts.

The accounts have now been verified by an independent auditor.

The adoption of the accounts was proposed by Tony Johnson and was seconded by Erica Dunn. The meeting was all in favour.

6. To appoint Independent Examiners for the annual accounts 2021

Peter Thompson has this in hand already.

- 1) To elect the following
 - i) Five members of the PCC
 - ii) Electoral Roll Officer
- 2) To elect a Parish Clerk (to serve for one year)
- 3) To bring forward any business notified in writing to the secretary by 18th April 2021 and any other business brought forward at the Vicars discretion.
- 4) To confirm the date of the next PCC meeting
- 5) Closing Prayers

7. Election of Officers

- i) Helen Howells was elected to the PCC
No nominations were made for the 4 vacancies on the PCC which remain unfilled.
- ii) Helen Rowswell was elected as Electoral Roll Officer

Sides people - The following were appointed

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| • Helen Abbott | • Gerri Rees |
| • Jenny Benney | • Patricia Rodriguez |
| • Hannah Dunn | • Mark Rowswell |
| • Trevor Heal | • Wendy Shillabeer |
| • Lyn Kelly | • Cora Wilkie |
| • Anita Osman | |

8. Election of Parish Clerk

Wendy Hinchcliffe was re-elected unopposed

9. AOB.

None

10. Date of next PCC meeting

25th May 2021

11. The Meeting closed at 8pm with prayers.

(a) VICARS'S REPORT

In the last year all three churches of the Three Wells Mission Community have faced the challenge of restarting and finding our "new normal" after two years of pandemic, disruption and uncertainty. So far this has been a combination of welcoming back familiar activities, as well as trying to find new ways to address and meet the spiritual needs of our communities. Our church services returned to something very like normal and social events such as coffee mornings and lunches started up again. In Kingskerswell the Bible Study group was able to move beyond Zoom and meet again in person. A Friday evening group for prayer and reflection also began and now has a loyal following.

In Abbotskerswell Fresh and Early began to meet again and Messy Church had its first meeting since early 2020. The Abbotskerswell house group has also started up again.

Just before Christmas Coffinswell Church hosted a very successful exhibition of paintings by local artist Nigel Groom, entitled O Come, O Come Emmanuel. The event was very well attended and much appreciated.

With an increased awareness of the Climate Crisis all three parishes have made the decision to begin the process of moving towards assessing and managing their churchyards in a more ecologically conscious way. We will in turn begin considering how we might make the heating and lighting of our buildings more sustainable and climate conscious. These are all small examples of how the churches of our Mission Community are beginning to bud again. There is still a lot to be done and a long way to go but, working together and by the Grace of God and ministry of the Holy Spirit, our Christian witness will continue to grow and even flourish, as we find our feet again as our churches begin to play their part again our communities and we fulfil our ministry to meet and care for the spiritual needs of our villages.

Revd Michael Wilkie, Vicar

(b) CHURCHWARDEN'S REPORT

It is the Churchwardens' responsibility to ensure a safe and orderly church and to guide and support the clergy.

With the pandemic still with us during 2021 we have continued to safely manage services gradually enabling larger numbers to attend and increasing the length of the service to include some much appreciated singing once more.

On 24th July we held a welcome back to the Church cream tea which was well attended and enjoyed by all. This marked the start of a return to some kind of normality and an opportunity to discuss our experiences during the lock down with a particular focus on our spiritual wellbeing.

Pastoral support continues to be more important than ever during these times when we have members of our congregation who have been unable to return to Church.

The three parishes continued to work and grow together, we have taken part in the 'Next Steps' events and held a Living in Love and Faith Course.

We are extremely grateful for all the support and hard work Helen and Wendy in the Parish Office have continued to provide. We would like to take this opportunity to thank Wendy who retired after a long service and wish her well in her retirement.

At the end of another challenging year, we would like to thank everyone for their patience, understanding and, particularly their continued hard work and support, without which we could not have conducted our duties effectively.

Erica Dunn and Tony Johnson, Churchwardens Kingskerswell Parish Church

(c) FABRIC REPORT

It is a Churchwarden's responsibility to monitor, report and arrange day to day maintenance of the fabric of the church building, with the aim of making it a safe, enjoyable and comfortable experience for worshippers and our visitors alike. 2021 continued to be impacted by the Coronavirus pandemic.

Reporting on the Fabric of the Church, in conjunction with routine Health and Safety checks:

Internal Review

- a. Access to the church was restricted and controlled partially by significant signage and barrier tape which over the year has been removed.
- b. The toilet and kitchen areas have opened following closure during phase 1
- c. Hot and cold water supplies are regularly run to reduce legionella risks.
- d. The fire extinguishers have been checked in accordance with H&S Regulations and found to be in order.
- e. Emergency lighting in the church, church tower and bell chamber has been checked and is currently in order.
- f. Church lighting and heating remains a vulnerable area and this should be addressed as and when the church refurbishments continue.
- g. Small electrical appliances are up to date with PAT testing.
- h. Incident/Accident Record booklets situated in the church and parish centre buildings comply with current Health and Safety Regulations and the First Aid box is regularly checked and re-stocked.
- i. The electrical wiring system, heating and lighting remain a concern and this will be addressed through the reordering.
- j. The sound system remains within a service contract and is operating effectively.
- k. The organ remains within a service contract. The two services annually ensure the organ is well maintained, but it will require a major overhaul in the next 10 - 12 years.
- l. Significant dampness has developed inside the bell tower, particularly evident on the walls and steps between the bell chamber and tower roof.
- m. The roof above the South Altar remains an issue, with a continuing leak during heavy rain. Temporary repairs have partially mitigated this, but significant work is required to ensure no further water ingress.
- n. The stained-glass windows have been checked for defects and appear in good order.
- o. The church insurance policy is fully paid up.
- p. The Church Log Book and Terrier have been checked and signed.

External Review

- a. A walk-through of old and new churchyards ensured that unstable headstones have been laid flat.
- b. Works have commenced to address ash die-back which is affecting a significant number of trees across the churchyard and Parish Centre sites.
- c. External walls, gates, fences and hedges appear to be in a reasonable state of repair, providing no apparent significant risk.
- d. The north lych-gate requires minor repair and treatment.
- e. The metal gates at the south entrance to the closed churchyard require some repairs.
- f. The fire evacuation assembly points remain clear and accessible.
- g. External walls, gates, fences and hedges appear to be in a reasonable state of repair.
- h. Gutters and downpipes have been cleaned and ongoing minor repairs conducted.
- i. The western extension to the churchyard has an ongoing drainage issue along the boundary hedge with Greenhill Road. Whilst the subterranean drainage tank and land works are working effectively, some further groundworks may be required.
- j. Several potholes have been repaired in the car parks and entrances.

Grounds maintenance is conducted by our efficient and dedicated Grounds Maintenance Team, ensuring our land remains safe, accessible and attractive.

Phase 1 reordering was completed at the end of 2019, yet we were unable to enjoy its full benefits until this year because of the pandemic. Phase 2 has been delayed primarily because of serious financial difficulties. Unfortunately some of the work planned in phase 2 will have to be conducted as a priority, not just because of our latest quinquennial report but to address pressing safety work around our deteriorating electrical systems.

In conclusion, as Churchwardens, we would like to offer a sincere thank you to everyone for their understanding and support during the last 12 months, without which we could not have conducted our duties effectively.

Erica Dunn and Tony Johnson, Churchwardens Kingskerswell Parish Church

(d) HEALTH AND SAFETY REPORT

The PCC is responsible and accountable for Health and Safety (H&S). We have a H&S strategy, underpinned with a regularly reviewed H&S Policy. Tony is the qualified H&S advisor to the PCC, which includes responsibility for risk assessments. The Vicar and Churchwardens are responsible for the day to management and review of H&S.

2021 continued to be impacted by the Coronavirus pandemic and posed challenges for the day to day safe running of our church. Considerable planning and consultation has ensured safe use of our Parish Church which more recently has been opened outside of service times.

We maintained a clear communication strategy, to reassure and guide our parishioners.

Risk assessments are regularly updated, adapting to changing restrictions and varying stages of lockdown. We have been able to slowly increase numbers attending, sing and increase the length of the service and frequency.

Internal and external reviews were also conducted:

Internal Review

- q. The fire extinguishers have been checked in accordance with H&SI Regulations and found to be in order.
- r. Emergency lighting in the church, church tower and bell chamber has been checked and is currently in order.
- s. Church lighting and heating remains a vulnerable area and this should be addressed as and when the church refurbishments continue.
- t. Small electrical appliances are up to date with PAT testing.
- u. Emergency evacuation procedures and fire extinguisher training for sidespersons is normally undertaken annually, but this has not been revisited since after the Annual Meeting in 2019, although sidespersons remain conversant.
- v. Incident/Accident Record booklets situated in the church and parish centre buildings comply with current Health and Safety Regulations and the First Aid box is regularly checked and re-stocked.

External Review

- k. A walk-through of old and new churchyards ensured that unstable headstones have been laid flat.
- l. Works have commenced to address ash die-back which is affecting a significant number of trees across the churchyard and Parish Centre sites.
- m. Japanese knot weed has been treated along the rail line that borders our car park
- n. External walls, gates, fences and hedges appear to be in a reasonable state of repair, providing no apparent significant risk.
- o. The north lych-gate requires minor repair and treatment.
- p. The fire evacuation assembly points remain clear and accessible.

As necessary, meetings take place throughout the year with the Vicar and/or Churchwardens to ensure compliance with H&S regulations.

Thank you everyone, for your patience and understanding as we help to maintain your safety during these times.

Erica Dunn and Tony Johnson, Churchwardens Kingskerswell Parish Church

(e) CHURCHYARD REPORT

For the year 2021 the Churchyard Maintenance Account income was £3,534.00 and the expenditure was £6,906.84 which, unfortunately, once again shows a loss over the year of £3,372.84.

The income for 2021 exceeded that of 2020 by £522.91 and our sincere thanks go to all of you who regularly and generously donate to the churchyard fund. Without these donations, we would really struggle to maintain a credit balance. If anyone would like more information regarding the running of the churchyard or wish to make a contribution, either by cash, cheque or Banker's Order please contact the Kingskerswell Parish Church Office (01803) 873006 for further details.

Unfortunately, the expenditure for 2021 was more than that of 2020 by £1,173.97. Mr Dunford has kindly donated much of his time to the care of the churchyard which has saved us a considerable amount of money over the year but, unfortunately, our main expenditure throughout 2021 has been on tree felling and tree maintenance and this has amounted to £4,740.00. We also purchased a second-hand lawn mower for £200 for use between the graves. Our sincere thanks go to Mr Dunford for all his hard work throughout the year.

The sole purpose of a Churchyard Maintenance Fund is to provide a tidy and well-cared for Churchyard where people are able to come and sit peacefully in beautiful surroundings to reflect their memories of those they have loved and lost.

Wendy Hinchcliffe, Treasurer for Kingskerswell Churchyard

(f) SOCIAL COMMITTEE REPORT

It is with great pleasure to report that the social team have had a more productive 2021, after the lockdown restrictions were lifted.

Our first 'live' event being the Cream tea and chat held in church on July 24th. It was a huge success being attended by 40 people. We were able resume our meetings in the parish room and have welcomed new members. A small number of our committee retired this year and we would like to take the opportunity to thank them for their invaluable work and contribution over the past years.

Our team have been actively involved with the provision of refreshments/catering for the following events:

- The Devon historic churches day on September 11th
- Parish harvest lunch on September 19th
- Craft fair November 6th
- Christmas tree festival
- Parish Christmas lunch on December 12th
- Open air carol service on December 16th

Our future planned events for 2022 are:

- The plant and craft fair on May 7th
- The churches Jubilee celebrations which are:
 - Flower festival June 2nd
 - Organ recital June 3rd
 - Choir 86 June 4th.

Our financial report is included in the treasurer's report.

As a team we have a strong fellowship and highly value our individual members for their contributions and loyalty. We would welcome new members to join our committee.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all the church members, volunteers and the wider community for their invaluable support over the past year, and we are looking forward to working together as a team in a successful and fulfilling 2022.

Helen Howells, Committee member

(g) SUNDAY KIDZ REPORT

Our lovely families usually meet every Sunday during term time, and occasionally during school holidays. A bit like a 'Messy Church', our focus is around sharing food as we learn with the children how to live a good Christian life, enjoying various themed activities. Unfortunately, with the pandemic our numbers have been low with some families Shielding and our meetings more sporadic.

Our annual Palm Sunday walk from Coffinswell to Kingskerswell was adapted to make it more socially distanced with one family walking from Coffinswell and another from Abbotskerswell. The Easter Garden was also a collaborative event with families coming at different times to add something to it. Unfortunately, our summer day out was cancelled along with our (superb!) nativity play which we hope to present in 2022.

On behalf of all at Sunday Kidz we wish Tony well, we are missing his leadership and unique approach! Thank you all for your support and encourage and we hope to expand and grow the group in the coming year.

Helen Rowswell and the ever-happy Sunday Kidz!

(h) TOWER CAPTAIN'S REPORT

We were able to return to ringing on 18th April, but only on 4 bells. From 16th May we were allowed to ring 6 bells and start practicing again after over 14 months. We were very pleased that most of our ringers felt able to return to ringing. We were finally able to return to some sort of normality on 28th July, and after 16 months 3 of our learners returned, together with a further 2 youngsters later in the year. James made very rapid progress, quickly mastered call changes and became a valued Sunday service ringer at Kingskerswell.

We were shocked and saddened when Geoff Williamson died at the age of 80 in September. He learned to ring at Upton in Torquay late in life, and quickly wanted to become more involved in local ringing. He joined us at the start of 2013, and was an enthusiastic and reliable ringer at both Coffinswell and Kingskerswell. We rang for his funeral at Ipplepen along with other local ringers. He is sorely missed. A quarter peal was rung in his memory on the day after his death, at the end of the Devon Historic Churches Day and a full peal was also rung in his memory at Coffinswell on 14th October.

We were pleased to welcome so many people to the tower on the Devon Historic Churches Day on 11th September. Visitors were able to see our new ringing chamber, with ringing demonstrations and a chance to 'have a go', and then ascend the tower to see the bells and admire the view from the top. We thought we had 3 recruits, but after a short while they decided it was not for them. It was, nevertheless, an extremely successful day. At the end of the day a quarter peal was rung as mentioned above. One of the visitors to the tower was Peter Prior who took a splendid photo in the ringing chamber. He gave us a print which hangs in the ringing chamber and allowed us to use the photo in any way we thought fit. We entered it in the Central Council's 'Ringers in Action' photo competition and were very pleased when we learnt it had won the 1st prize of £50.

We rang for 7 weddings, a funeral and a memorial service. Regrettably, we were unable to find enough ringers for three of the four services on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. We hosted the AGM of the Guild Mid Devon Branch in November and the Deanery Ringers Association carol service in December. We finished the year by ringing in the New Year. Our get-together in church

had to be curtailed because of COVID, so 15 of us met in church at 11pm for drinks, before 9 ringers proceeded to the tower to ring at 11.30pm.

Kingskerswell's restored bells are, as expected, proving more popular to visiting ringers than previously. We had 6 visiting bands which included the ringing of 3 quarter peals and 1 peal in addition to the 2 already mentioned above.

Philip Stevens, Tower Captain

(i) CHOIR REPORT

We would like to take this opportunity to express how grateful and privileged we are to be able to continue as a fully functioning choir under Heathers steadfast direction and leadership. During this past challenging year, Heather has maintained the provision of music for all church activities and has a planned programme for all forthcoming services. After the last lockdown we were pleased to be able to welcome Cora, Helen and Jill as new choir members. Their contribution is much appreciated and has enabled us to maintain our growth and fellowship with positivity. We would also like to thank Rev. Michael, the readers, churchwardens and congregation of St. Mary's for their invaluable support, and we are looking forward to the forthcoming year with great enthusiasm.

Helen Howells, Choir representative

(j) DEANERY REPORT

At Deanery Synod, Clergy and Laity representatives from all parishes within the Deanery usually meet approximately three to four times a year to discuss parish matters and communications from the wider Diocese. For the Parish of Kingskerswell your Lay representatives are myself, Hannah Dunn, and Jill Brooker.

Over the past year the Deanery Synod has been held through a mixture of online and in-person meetings. The Reverend Patrick Parkes has stood down as Rural Dean and Fr Nick Debney is now acting Rural Dean. As our churches have begun to reopen, the synod meetings have offered an opportunity to consider how we develop a welcoming and safe environment that reflects the diocesan vision of growing in prayer, making new disciples, and serving the people of Devon with joy. Mission communities are encouraged to utilise the Next Steps document (<https://exeter.anglican.org/who-we-are/vision-strategy/vision-next-steps-2021/>) as a helpful tool to move forward from the pandemic in a way that is both creative and sustainable. The document promotes a mixed ecology approach that is rooted within local context; bringing together parishes, church schools, social action projects, chaplaincies, digital church and fresh expressions of worship.

Hannah Dunn, Lay Representative

(k) SYNOD REPORT

The Diocesan Synod is the main policy making body of Exeter Diocese and is where diocesan issues are discussed. The synod consists of Lay and Clergy representatives from each Deanery, along with several ex officio members and the House of Bishops. The synod usually meets two to three times throughout the year.

Over the past year the Diocesan Synod has continued to meet online which has had an impact on the level of discussion that can be held. However, despite this barrier, synod meetings have offered an opportunity to address several important topics within the church.

Finance

The diocesan budget for 2022 projects an annual operational deficit of £1,187,000. However, despite the current financial climate, the vast majority of parishes are able to meet their contribution requests. Key assumptions of the budget include a 4.1% decline in participant numbers, a reduction to 168.1 stipend posts from 169 and a 2% increase to the common fund request in line with inflation. It was noted that, despite the short fall, applications for national

strategic funding had been successful, allowing for the funding of continued growth and development within the diocese.

Carbon Net Zero

The national church has set a target of reaching carbon net-zero by 2030. Within the diocese the proposed aims for achieving this are: 1) “to reduce carbon emissions as far and quickly as possible, within financial constraints, for the areas the diocese controls” such as increasing the use of green energy suppliers for diocesan owned property, and 2) to influence, encourage, advise, and signpost useful resources to churches, the cathedral, and schools.

Living in Love and Faith

The Living in Love and Faith process is a time for the Church of England to “learn and pray together, as part of discerning a way forward in relation to matters of identity, sexuality, relationships and marriage.” In the Diocese of Exeter, a study day in November 2020, with nearly 300 people in attendance, marked the beginning of this time of listening and discernment. Since then, communities across the diocese have engaged in the range of resources available (www.churchofengland.org/resources/living-love-and-faith). Participants of the study course are encouraged to complete the feedback survey before April 30th (www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/LLFCourse) as this will help shape the future of the process and identify some of the learning that has emerged from it. Looking ahead the House of Bishops and General Synod will consider the next steps from May to July 2022 with a view to the submission of proposals for a way forward as a Church in 2023.

There will be a prayer event in the Cathedral on Thursday 28th April as an opportunity to gather, pause and pray as the survey ends and the ‘baton’ is passed on to General Synod. The cathedral will be open from 10am to 2pm with coffee and refreshments for sale, time to talk with others and to pray at creative prayer stations. There will be a special service at 12 noon.

Women in Ordained Ministry

Initiatives that had been implemented within the diocese over the past year have included unconscious bias training for senior staff and licensed clergy, changes to maternity and paternity policies, a revised Interview and Appointments policy stating that all interview panels should be a mix of genders, and the use of a Women in Ministry fund for financing areas such as training opportunities and financial hardship support.

The proportion of stipendiary ordained women of incumbent status has risen and there is greater female representation in ‘senior’ posts. However, it was noted that there were areas of concern including the lack of young female ordinands and the small number of ordained women leading large, urban churches and church plants.

Growing the Rural Church

This is a project that aims to “resource rural mission communities to creatively use their talents and buildings and to connect with their unique communities and landscapes to develop sustainable futures.” Project developments in the past year have included webinar training for wider groups of parishes, an online resource hub (www.growingtheruralchurch.org/resource/), active social media engagement, and new projects such as Devon Pilgrim, a set of pilgrimage routes across Devon (www.devonpilgrim.org.uk)

Please do contact me if you would like further information, or copies of the reports, for either the Deanery or Diocesan synods.

Hannah Dunn, Bishop’s Diocesan Council & Lay Representative

(I) MOTHERS' UNION REPORT

Our members have managed to meet once every month since August. Our first meeting post-Covid was at the home of Liz and Jim in East Ogwell where several members enjoyed an afternoon tea in their home and lovely garden. Many thanks to Liz and Jim.

In September we met for the first time this year in the Coffee Room, and after our Wave of Prayer Service where we pray for and read reports from some of our linked overseas provinces, we had an entertaining talk given by James, continuing his career in the Royal Navy. Many thanks to James.

The October meeting saw us celebrating all our members birthdays throughout the year with a midday lunch and birthday cake with candles. We enjoyed an afternoon of friendship and fellowship with a meal. Many thanks to Ursula for remembering our birthdays and sending us cards to celebrate, and thank you to everyone who provided food, washed up, and came to share our afternoon with us.

We had a Mothers' Union Speaker in November who came to talk about "Building Hope and Confidence". We had a power-point presentation of the areas of the world which we had prayed for in September. It was extremely interesting to see the sites, towns and villages and the people living in those overseas provinces where many MU members wear a particular uniform and are involved in training and educating groups of women to look after their communities. We thanked Anna for her amazing talk and pictures bringing alive the areas we pray for in our prayer diaries.

After the meeting in November, I attended the St. Stephens Fayre in Exeter run by the Mothers' Union and took the three large, knitted blankets, made of knitted squares by some members of the congregation at St. Mary's and sewn together by Gwen, to see where they could be distributed to the needy. After some enquiries a member of the Newton Poppleford MU asked to see the blankets and she was delighted to say she could find a home for them. Ruth Lass helps with a Christian charity CR2EE which works with getting goods to people overseas, especially in Eastern Europe, mainly Moldova, and we agreed that the blankets would find good homes in Moldova. We have more squares to sew up so there may be another blanket going there in the near future. I then attended Cathedral Prayers in The Lady Chapel in Exeter Cathedral, which are held once a month and written by members of the Mothers' Union.

From November 25th to December 14th, we highlighted the plight of people, young and old who are victims of gender violence across the world. Information regarding this campaign was placed on the MU notice board in church for all to read about the abuse and violence perpetrated on women and girls and people who are deemed to be "different" from others.

In December we had a lovely Christmas meal in the Barn Owl Restaurant. There was a lovely Christmassy atmosphere there and we were pleased that our Vicar Michael and Cora joined us for the meal. We enjoyed the meal and their company.

Sadly, we lost one of our members at the end of August, Peter, and we are pleased that his wife Audrey continues to join us for our meetings where she and everyone is warmly welcomed. Each meeting we remember those who are ill or have family members who are unwell, and we pray that they find comfort and peace in the love of Jesus Christ.

Our meeting in January 2022 in the Coffee Room at 2.00pm will be our Annual General Meeting. It is an open meeting that you will be warmly welcomed to attend. Everyone is welcome to come along to our meetings and learn about the work of the Mothers' Union at home and overseas. I thank everyone for their input into our worldwide organisation providing knitted squares, hats and scarves and other items for distribution to those in need across the world. For more information please contact Sandra for details and dates of our meetings in 2022.

Sandra Dunford, Branch Leader, 01803 404779, gandsdunford@outlook.com

(m) SAFEGUARDING REPORT

Safeguarding is a tough subject for everyone, but it is so important to ensure that we all have an understanding of it. Sad, but imperative, here in the 21st century we have to regulate so much and take every precaution to protect the vulnerable, particularly in the often presumed safe arena of the church. We all have a responsibility to report our Safeguarding concerns and can take a common sense approach to being safe. The diocese has a very supportive Safeguarding team lead by Charlie Pitman, the Diocesan Safeguarding Officer. There is a Diocesan Safeguarding Policy which provides sound guidance for parishes. Our PCC is committed, through our church community, to the support, nurture and safeguarding of all, especially the young and vulnerable. I have been elected by the PCC to oversee Safeguarding in our Parish and I hope that parishioners feel confident to speak to me regarding their concerns in this area. Our PCC is responsible for our Parish Safeguarding Policy, which identifies various responsibilities. This includes having Safeguarding as an agenda item at every Parochial Church Council meeting, holding a central record of all working within our church (including all the marvellous and numerous volunteers), ensuring Disclosure Barring Service (DBS) checks are conducted, and reviewed, for all persons defined by the diocese, particularly those working with children or vulnerable adults. These measures form a part of a Safe Recruitment process, which is essential towards ensuring a safer church. Some members of the PCC have a basic Safeguarding Awareness and we are currently working towards all PCC members having appropriate training. Safeguarding remains a vital and evolving responsibility, impacting upon all areas of our church life. Despite the huge impact of the pandemic, throughout 2021 there were no significant safeguarding matters to report.

Tony Johnson, Parish Safeguarding Representative

(n) FLOWER REPORT

Whenever possible, flowers were provided in church for Sunday services during the pandemic. Wedding flowers were arranged on 3 occasions. By historical agreement 1 grave was provided with a floral display. On Mothering Sunday 365 daffodil posies were made and delivered to Kingskerswell Primary School -1 for each pupil, and 38 posies were made and delivered to worshippers on the Church Electoral Roll.

Flowers were arranged for the Memorial Service for Dr Brian East. Personal flowers were arranged, by request, on 2 occasions. Poppies were arranged in Church for Remembrance Sunday and an Advent Ring was decorated

A Christmas Tree Festival was held on the 9th 10th December to include local businesses and was open to the public. Flowers were provided for all major Church celebrations i.e. Easter, Harvest Festival and Christmas.

Jennifer Benney, Church Florist

Treasurers Report on following pages

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Income from investment	14	<u>552</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>556</u>	<u>1,543</u>
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Vicar's office expenses		1,718	0	1,718	2,228
Church Clerk	16	10,630	0	10,630	11,091
Fees	8	3,852	0	3,852	3,624
Churchyard expenses	8	0	7,977	7,977	5,737
Light, heat and water		2,235	0	2,235	3,673
Repairs - general		658	0	658	1,018
Insurance		3,249	0	3,249	3,125
Altar goods		280	0	280	482
Depreciation		0	0	0	0
Organist and choir		1,958	0	1,958	1,390
Flower Altar Fund expenditure		604	0	604	0
Sunday Kidz Account		240	0	240	667
Sun/Wed AM Coffee - Donations	13	0	0	0	700
Bell-Ringers Fund expenses		1,138	0	1,138	277
Other Parochial expenses	7	500	0	500	3,659
Parish Centre /site expenses	9	14,792	0	14,792	17,633
Magazine costs	11	0	0	0	0
		84,910	7,977	92,888	98,304
Fund raising and publicity					
Social committee costs/donations	12	648	0	648	585
Church management and administration					
Printing, stationery, photocopying, postage.		2,212	0	2,212	4,706
Examiners fees		50	0	50	50
		2,262	0	2,262	4,756
Total expenditure					
(transferred to page 5)		88,573	7,977	96,551	107,687

Accounting Policies

Year Ended 31 December 2021

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations together with applicable accounting standards and the Charities SORP.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention (except for the revaluation of investments).

Funds

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

The purpose of any restricted funds is noted in the accounts.

The accounts include transactions, assets and liabilities for which the PCC can be held responsible. They do not include the accounts of church groups that owe an affiliation to another body nor those that are informal gatherings of church members.

Incoming Resources

Voluntary income and capital resources

Amounts receivable under covenant are recognised only when honoured by the covenantor.

Income tax recoverable on covenanted or gift aid donations is recognised when claimable.

Grants and legacies to the PCC are accounted for as soon as the PCC is notified of its entitlement and the likely amount due.

Funds raised by the fete, garden party and similar events are accounted for net.

Sales of books and magazines from the church bookstall are accounted for net.

Other ordinary income

Rental income from the letting of church premises is accounted for when receivable.

Parochial fees due to the Parochial Church Council for weddings, funerals etc. are accounted for on an event by event basis.

Income from investment

Dividends and interest are accounted for when received. Tax recoverable on such income is accrued for on the same basis.

Application of Resources**Grants**

Grants and donations are accounted for when paid.

The Parochial share is accounted when payable and any quota unpaid at 31 December is shown as a creditor in the Balance Sheet.

Fixed Assets

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

No value is placed on movable church furnishings held by the Churchwardens on special trust for the PCC and which require a faculty for disposal since the PCC considers this to be an inalienable property. All expenditure incurred during the year in consecrated or beneficed buildings and moveable church furnishings, whether maintenance or improvement, is written off.

Other land and buildings

Other land and buildings held on behalf of the PCC for its own purposes is shown at cost. No depreciation is charged against such properties but any expenditure on maintenance or improvement is written off as incurred.

Other fixtures, fittings and office equipment

Equipment used is written off at the rate of 10% per annum using the reduced balancing method.

Investments

Investments are valued at market value.

Current assets

Amounts owing to the PCC at 31 December in respect of fees, rents or other income are shown as debtors less any provision for the amounts that may prove uncollectible.

Short term deposits include cash on deposit with the Central Board of Finance at the bank.

Parish of St Mary's Kingskerswell
Notes on the Accounts
Year ended 31 December 2021

1. Fixed Assets	Parish Centre	Improvements Parish Centre	Fixtures	Total
	£	£	£	£
Cost at 1 January 2021	63,313	55,309	46,521	165,144
Additions in Year	0	0	0	0
At 31 December 2021	63,313	55,309	46,521	165,144
Depreciation				
At 1 January 2021	0	0	46,521	46,521
Charge for year	0	0	0	0
At 31 December 2021	0	0	46,521	46,521
Net book amounts				
At 31 December 2021	63,313	55,309	0	118,623
At 31 December 2020	63,313	55,309	0	118,623

Parish of St Mary's Kingskerswell
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Year ended 31 December 2021

	2021	2020
	£	£

2. Investments

At market value

932 Shares Central Board of Finance	21,926	19,056
	<u>21,926</u>	<u>19,056</u>

At cost

932 Shares Central Board of Finance	244	244
	<u>244</u>	<u>244</u>

3. Cash at bank and in hand

	2021	2020
	£	£
National Westminster Bank 2 Reserve account	2,128	2,128
Cash at National Westminster Bank	25,904	10,967
Cash at National Westminster Bank - Organ Fund	50	0
Church Fund Cash at CCLA Account	813	813
Cash at National Westminster Bank - Churchyard maintenance	3,020	4,792
Churchyard Maintenance Cash at CCLA Account	4,039	8,715
Cash in hand (Flower Altar fund)	859	368
Cash at National Westminster Bank -		
Club's/Society reserve No 1 account	544	544
Cash at National Westminster Bank -		
Sunday and Wednesday Coffee Mornings - Cash	0	231
Social account	1,928	4,764
Bell-Ringers	1,568	438
Sunday Kidz Accounts	0	0
Kingskerswell Relief in Sickness Charity (first included 2012)	664	664
Parish Centre Cash at CCLA Account	3,373	3,371
Parish Centre Fund	12,604	11,320
	<u>57,493</u>	<u>49,115</u>

* = Restrictive Funds

Parish of St Mary's Kingskerswell

Notes on the Accounts

Year ended 31 December 2021

	2021 £	2020 £
4. Debtors		
None	0	0
	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>

5. Current Liabilities

Parochal Share - outstanding	21,500	21,500
Churchyard Maintenance	2,211	616
Other - Sunday Kidz	241	91
	<u>23,952</u>	<u>22,206</u>

6. Funds

The income funds of the charity include restricted funds held on trust for specific purposes as follows

	Balance 1 January 2021 £	Incoming resources £	Unrealised gain £	Outgoing resources £	Transfers £	Balance 31st Dec 2021 £
Investments for Churchyard maintenance	19,056	0	2,870	0	0	21,926
Churchyard maintenance fund	12,889	3,542	0	-7,977	-3,564	4,890
Parish site	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kingskerswell Relief in Sickness Charity (first included 2012)	664	5	0	0	0	668
	<u>32,609</u>	<u>3,547</u>	<u>2,870</u>	<u>-7,977</u>	<u>-3,564</u>	<u>27,484</u>

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6. Funds (continued)

The transfer between funds relates to:

The restricted funds comprise:

- (a) The Organ Fund is for the maintenance of the organ and choir expenses.
- (b) The Churchyard Investment and Maintenance Funds are for the maintenance of the churchyard and graveyard.
- (c) Parish Site Fund which is income specifically raised to finance the new parish site.
- (d) Tower Fund is income received for the repair of the church tower.
- (e) Special gifts are donations received for special events.

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7. Other Parochial Expenses

	2021	2020
	£	£
Transfer to Churchyard Maintenance Fund	500	0
Church - Re ordering Phase 1,	0	2,909
Le Page Architects Fees - Quinquennial	0	750
	500	3,659

	2021	2020
	£	£
8. Churchyard Account		
Parish of St Mary's Kingskerswell		
Year ended 31 December 2021		
Fees, Weddings and funerals	12,515	10,523
Deduct fees	-3,852	-3,624
Surplus	8,663	6,899
Churchyard income		
Monument fees	979	2,043
CCLA Interest	8	37
Donations	3,534	3,011
	4,521	5,091
Deduct expenses:		
General	-7,977	-5,737
Surplus	-3,456	-646
Total Surplus	5,207	6,253

Parish of St Mary's Kingskerswell	2,021	2020
Notes on the Accounts		
Year ended 31 December 2021	£	£
 9. Parish Centre Account		
Rents received	16,309	16,428
Donations	0	0
CCLA Investment interest	2	14
	16,311	16,443
Deduct expenses		
Ground Maintenance	1,196	4,337
Cleaning costs	5,891	4,836
Electricity, gas, telephone	2,589	2,692
Repairs	989	0
Other	70	1,225
Insurance	0	0
Water	1,456	1,956
Administration	2,600	2,588
Total expenditure	14,792	17,633
Surplus/ (loss)	1,519	-1,190
 10. Goods for resale		
Porch sales	0	224
Tradecraft Sales	0	76
Surplus	0	300
 11. Parish News		
Sales / Advertising	718	607
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Deduct expenses		
Printing and Stationery	0	0
Surplus	718	607
 12. Social Committee Account		
Income	1,811	986
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Less Costs/Donation	648	585
Surplus	1,163	400

Parish of St Mary's Kingskerswell	2021	2020
Notes on the Accounts	£	£
Year ended 31 December 2021		

13. Sunday and Wednesday Morning Coffee

Income

Refreshment Sales	61	142
Less Cost	0	0
Profit	61	142
Less Donations		
Womens Refuge Donation	0	100
Christmas Raffle Prize	0	0
Donation - Reordering of Church	0	500
Donation - Organ Fund	0	100
	61	-558

14. Income from investment

Bank interest	556	1,543
Dividends	0	0
	556	1,543

15. Other voluntary income

0	0
0	0

16. Staff costs and Council expenses

Other than reimbursement of costs,

Church Clerks	10,630	11,091
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17. Donations from Trustees (PCC members) during the Year

During 2021 ST Mary's PCC received £5,767.16 In donations from trustees (PCC members) and their close relatives, The donors did not attach any conditions to their gifts which required the charity (PCC) to significantly alter the nature of its existing activities.

The £5,767.16 is included in on Page 4 -

Incoming Resources

Planned Giving

Covenanted and non covenanted £24,125.

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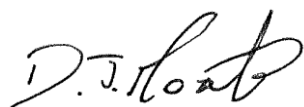
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Church Clerk	16	10,630	0	10,630	11,091
Fees	8	3,852	0	3,852	3,624
Churchyard expenses	8	0	7,977	7,977	5,737
Light, heat and water		2,235	0	2,235	3,673
Repairs - general		658	0	658	1,018
Insurance		3,249	0	3,249	3,125
Altar goods		280	0	280	482
Depreciation		0	0	0	0
Organist and choir		1,958	0	1,958	1,390
Flower Altar Fund expenditure		604	0	604	0
Sunday Kidz Account		240	0	240	667
Sun/Wed AM Coffee - Donations	13	0	0	0	700
Bell-Ringers Fund expenses		1,138	0	1,138	277
Other Parochial expenses	7	500	0	500	3,659
Parish Centre /site expenses	9	14,792	0	14,792	17,633
Magazine costs	11	0	0	0	0
		84,910	7,977	92,888	98,304
Fund raising and publicity					
Social committee costs/donations	12	648	0	648	585
Church management and administration					
Printing, stationery, photocopying, postage.		2,212	0	2,212	4,706
Examiners fees		50	0	50	50
		2,262	0	2,262	4,756
Total expenditure					
(transferred to page 5)		88,573	7,977	96,551	107,687

Accounting Policies

Year Ended 31 December 2021

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations together with applicable accounting standards and the Charities SORP.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention (except for the revaluation of investments).

Funds

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

The purpose of any restricted funds is noted in the accounts.

The accounts include transactions, assets and liabilities for which the PCC can be held responsible. They do not include the accounts of church groups that owe an affiliation to another body nor those that are informal gatherings of church members.

Incoming Resources

Voluntary income and capital resources

Amounts receivable under covenant are recognised only when honoured by the covenantor.

Income tax recoverable on covenanted or gift aid donations is recognised when claimable.

Grants and legacies to the PCC are accounted for as soon as the PCC is notified of its entitlement and the likely amount due.

Funds raised by the fete, garden party and similar events are accounted for net.

Sales of books and magazines from the church bookstall are accounted for net.

Other ordinary income

Rental income from the letting of church premises is accounted for when receivable.

Parochial fees due to the Parochial Church Council for weddings, funerals etc. are accounted for on an event by event basis.

Income from investment

Dividends and interest are accounted for when received. Tax recoverable on such income is accrued for on the same basis.

Application of Resources**Grants**

Grants and donations are accounted for when paid.

The Parochial share is accounted when payable and any quota unpaid at 31 December is shown as a creditor in the Balance Sheet.

Fixed Assets

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

No value is placed on movable church furnishings held by the Churchwardens on special trust for the PCC and which require a faculty for disposal since the PCC considers this to be an inalienable property. All expenditure incurred during the year in consecrated or beneficed buildings and moveable church furnishings, whether maintenance or improvement, is written off.

Other land and buildings

Other land and buildings held on behalf of the PCC for its own purposes is shown at cost. No depreciation is charged against such properties but any expenditure on maintenance or improvement is written off as incurred.

Other fixtures, fittings and office equipment

Equipment used is written off at the rate of 10% per annum using the reduced balancing method.

Investments

Investments are valued at market value.

Current assets

Amounts owing to the PCC at 31 December in respect of fees, rents or other income are shown as debtors less any provision for the amounts that may prove uncollectible.

Short term deposits include cash on deposit with the Central Board of Finance at the bank.

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1. Fixed Assets	Parish Centre	Improvements Parish Centre	Fixtures	Total
	£	£	£	£
Cost at 1 January 2021	63,313	55,309	46,521	165,144
Additions in Year	0	0	0	0
At 31 December 2021	63,313	55,309	46,521	165,144
Depreciation				
At 1 January 2021	0	0	46,521	46,521
Charge for year	0	0	0	0
At 31 December 2021	0	0	46,521	46,521
Net book amounts				
At 31 December 2021	63,313	55,309	0	118,623
At 31 December 2020	63,313	55,309	0	118,623

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	2021	2020
	£	£

2. Investments

At market value

932 Shares Central Board of Finance	21,926	19,056
	<u>21,926</u>	<u>19,056</u>

At cost

932 Shares Central Board of Finance	244	244
	<u>244</u>	<u>244</u>

3. Cash at bank and in hand

	2021	2020
	£	£
National Westminster Bank 2 Reserve account	2,128	2,128
Cash at National Westminster Bank	25,904	10,967
Cash at National Westminster Bank - Organ Fund	50	0
Church Fund Cash at CCLA Account	813	813
Cash at National Westminster Bank - Churchyard maintenance	3,020	4,792
Churchyard Maintenance Cash at CCLA Account	4,039	8,715
Cash in hand (Flower Altar fund)	859	368
Cash at National Westminster Bank -		
Club's/Society reserve No 1 account	544	544
Cash at National Westminster Bank -		
Sunday and Wednesday Coffee Mornings - Cash	0	231
Social account	1,928	4,764
Bell-Ringers	1,568	438
Sunday Kidz Accounts	0	0
Kingskerswell Relief in Sickness Charity (first included 2012)	664	664
Parish Centre Cash at CCLA Account	3,373	3,371
Parish Centre Fund	12,604	11,320
	<u>57,493</u>	<u>49,115</u>

* = Restrictive Funds

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	2021 £	2020 £
4. Debtors		
None	0	0
	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>

5. Current Liabilities

Parochal Share - outstanding	21,500	21,500
Churchyard Maintenance	2,211	616
Other - Sunday Kidz	241	91
	<u>23,952</u>	<u>22,206</u>

6. Funds

The income funds of the charity include restricted funds held on trust for specific purposes as follows

	Balance 1 January 2021 £	Incoming resources £	Unrealised gain £	Outgoing resources £	Transfers £	Balance 31st Dec 2021 £
Investments for Churchyard maintenance	19,056	0	2,870	0	0	21,926
Churchyard maintenance fund	12,889	3,542	0	-7,977	-3,564	4,890
Parish site	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kingskerswell Relief in Sickness Charity (first included 2012)	664	5	0	0	0	668
	<u>32,609</u>	<u>3,547</u>	<u>2,870</u>	<u>-7,977</u>	<u>-3,564</u>	<u>27,484</u>

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6. Funds (continued)

The transfer between funds relates to:

The restricted funds comprise:

- (a) The Organ Fund is for the maintenance of the organ and choir expenses.
- (b) The Churchyard Investment and Maintenance Funds are for the maintenance of the churchyard and graveyard.
- (c) Parish Site Fund which is income specifically raised to finance the new parish site.
- (d) Tower Fund is income received for the repair of the church tower.
- (e) Special gifts are donations received for special events.

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7. Other Parochial Expenses

	2021	2020
	£	£
Transfer to Churchyard Maintenance Fund	500	0
Church - Re ordering Phase 1,	0	2,909
Le Page Architects Fees - Quinquennial	0	750
	500	3,659

	2021	2020
	£	£
8. Churchyard Account		
Parish of St Mary's Kingskerswell		
Year ended 31 December 2021		
Fees, Weddings and funerals	12,515	10,523
Deduct fees	-3,852	-3,624
Surplus	8,663	6,899
Churchyard income		
Monument fees	979	2,043
CCLA Interest	8	37
Donations	3,534	3,011
	4,521	5,091
Deduct expenses:		
General	-7,977	-5,737
Surplus	-3,456	-646
Total Surplus	5,207	6,253

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Year ended 31 December 2021	£	£
 9. Parish Centre Account		
Rents received	16,309	16,428
Donations	0	0
CCLA Investment interest	2	14
	16,311	16,443
Deduct expenses		
Ground Maintenance	1,196	4,337
Cleaning costs	5,891	4,836
Electricity, gas, telephone	2,589	2,692
Repairs	989	0
Other	70	1,225
Insurance	0	0
Water	1,456	1,956
Administration	2,600	2,588
Total expenditure	14,792	17,633
Surplus/ (loss)	1,519	-1,190
 10. Goods for resale		
Porch sales	0	224
Tradecraft Sales	0	76
Surplus	0	300
 11. Parish News		
Sales / Advertising	718	607
	718	607
Deduct expenses		
Printing and Stationery	0	0
Surplus	718	607
 12. Social Committee Account		
Income	1,811	986
	1,811	986
Less Costs/Donation	648	585
Surplus	1,163	400

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13. Sunday and Wednesday Morning Coffee

Income

Refreshment Sales	61	142
Less Cost	0	0
Profit	61	142
Less Donations		
Womens Refuge Donation	0	100
Christmas Raffle Prize	0	0
Donation - Reordering of Church	0	500
Donation - Organ Fund	0	100
	61	-558

14. Income from investment

Bank interest	556	1,543
Dividends	0	0
	556	1,543

15. Other voluntary income

0	0
0	0

16. Staff costs and Council expenses

Other than reimbursement of costs,

Church Clerks	10,630	11,091
	10,630	11,091

17. Donations from Trustees (PCC members) during the Year

During 2021 ST Mary's PCC received £5,767.16 In donations from trustees (PCC members) and their close relatives, The donors did not attach any conditions to their gifts which required the charity (PCC) to significantly alter the nature of its existing activities.

The £5,767.16 is included in on Page 4 -

Incoming Resources

Planned Giving

Covenanted and non covenanted £24,125.