

Clergy Annual Report 2022/2023

We continue as a group of parishes and a Deanery to minister and be ministered to within our communities and the love and grace of God through our Lord Jesus Christ has been expressed in many different ways. Personally, I continue to feel greatly supported by congregations and parishioners alike and I would like to express my gratitude for this. I also would like to take the opportunity to thank all those who have helped keep our ministries going through volunteering, giving financially and through an important culture of prayer. So, here is an overview of what is happening, pastorally, in the parishes that make up the Wye Dore Benefice, part of the Northern Cluster of the Abbeydore Deanery.

Tyberton

Worship Services

There are two services a month; a Celtic Worship service on the 4th Sunday of the month and an Agape gathering in the afternoon on the 2nd Tuesday of each month.

Tyberton Summer talks and events 2022

Our speakers over the summer included national and internationally known writers and broadcasters such as John Bell and Jay Griffiths as well as a couple of concerts including the girls choir from Wenatchee in Washington State, USA. All were well supported.

Vowchurch and Turnastone

Worship Services

There are two services a month; a BCP morning prayer in Turnastone on the 1st Sunday in the month and a Common Worship Holy Communion service in Vowchurch on the third Sunday in the month.

Accommodation project.

The pandemic and rising costs of materials have meant that this project has been shelved. A review of what has been learnt is ongoing. We hope to put in place a basic kitchen with water supply and a toilet in order to be a night sanctuary on the Golden Valley Pilgrim Way [GVPW]

Madley

Worship Services

There are two services a month with an informal family worship on the 1st Sunday of the month and a Common Worship Holy Communion on the 2nd Saturday of the month. Assemblies continue to be led once a month by Simon in Madley Primary School.

The Stables

The Stables Café is open on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of each month. The numbers of customers have increased over this year. This past year has seen a very useful partnership project with Madley Parish Council helping set up a Talk Hub community which is a visible presence at each Café session. On Saturdays during the winter months at the beginning of 2023 the Stables has been open as a Warm Place in collaboration with Madley Parish Council and with the help of a grant from Hereford Council. and weekly bookings have increased with the local Girl Guides and Hereford Carers group being some of the regular users.

The Stables Office

I have been working from the Stables Office for 3 months now and as a consequence I am meeting more people and am also able to keep a closer eye on the building. Liz and I will move to Hereford in March with mixed feelings but the office move is proving to be a surprisingly good one. The Stables Office has its own postal address and new letter box in the front door at the top of the ramp: The Church Stables, Madley, Hereford, HR2 9LP

Peterchurch

Worship Services

There are three services a month. A Celtic worship service on the 2nd Sunday of the month. A Café style service on the 3rd Sunday of each month. An Agape service on the 4th Sunday of the month. Assemblies continue to be led once a month by Simon in Peterchurch Primary School

HUB

The HUB continues delivering services such as the Local authority Library, Hereford Council's Healthy Trainer drop-in sessions and a community choir as well as giving practical help within the community to the isolated and vulnerable. On Thursday the 31st of March 2022 I was able to sign off a new round of grant funding to the value of £300,000. This is a testament to the way paid members of staff and volunteers have contributed over 12 years of being open. The bid itself was a herculean task for our project co-ordinator and so we look forward to the challenge of growing into sustainability! This has included a capital project with funds allocated for the refurbishment of the kitchen. Having closed just before Christmas 2022 we hope to re-open in March 2023.

Ministry Enabling Team

The ministry enabling team continue to meet once a month. Ministry has been focused on the 'Food for Families' project that provides food for up to 50 vulnerable families over the school holidays across the Deanery

using donations of food and money from the community and grants from Hereford Council. Messy Church now meets regularly in Madley with good numbers supporting. Jungle Club after a pandemic induced long break is now back up and running successfully.

Stillpoint

This group meets twice a month exploring centering prayer as a form of meditation.

Velvet Elvis

This reading group for spiritual seekers, questioners and doubters continues to meet twice a month.

Hedgerow Communions

Numbers have ranged from 40 to around 16 for each of these events. They are exciting as I am able to speak of the gospel and the bible to a new group of participants. Latterly, this have been planned with Bridget Rowan a local yoga teacher from Peterchurch so that each communion by an unsuspecting hedge includes some gentle awareness exercises.

MOB

The men only breakfast club have continued to meet at various locations across the Deanery

Abbeydore Deanery

Joint Council

A joint council to help with Deanery mission projects, management and administration as now been ratified. As I write we are looking for two representatives from our Benefice to sit on the Joint Council. The first meeting will be in April 2023

Northern Cluster

During 2022 it was decided by a Deanery Gathering that the parishes of the Abbeydore Deanery would be divided into clusters. The Wye Dore Benefice is part of the Northern Cluster along with the Cagebrook group of parishes and the parishes of Blakemere, Brewardine with Brobury, Moccas and Preston on Wye.

Enabling worship and mission Group/Growing leaders

There have been a number of courses over the years across the Deanery to train and encourage lay leadership. Revd Mark Godson continues to oversee enabling worship training and will be looking into enabling lay mission.

Grow Strong:

Revd Luci Morris runs this youth group for the whole Deanery. Our Messy church and Jungle club participants are able to join this once they have left primary school.

Pilgrimage

The Golden Valley Pilgrim Way has three routes, a 2/3 day route, the full 6/7 day route and an 82mile cycling route. There are 9 churches that a pilgrim can stay in overnight with one church, Craswall, supplying a bell tent in the churchyard. In 2022 we had a number of individuals walking the route and staying in the Night Sanctuaries. Simon lead two groups one was an 18 strong party from Washington State which included a girls choir who performed Evening Prayer in each of the churches they stayed in. The second group was in conjunction with the British Pilgrimage Trust, a 7 day walk with 6 participants. These two weeks provided an amazing experience for not only the pilgrims but the churches and local businesses they visited. The income for the two weeks was in the region of £2500 which in the main paid for the guiding and the accommodation in our churches. In 2023 we hope to build on this success with a bid going in to provide funding for a project officer.

Pastoral Care

A great deal of pastoral care occurs within each of our parishes through the expression of good neighbourliness. Since we have come through the pandemic the Deanery Pastoral Care Team under the oversight of our Curate Angie Kately has grown from strength to strength.

Future challenges

Financial

There are huge financial challenges now that will only get more acute in the future with the rise in the cost of living. Our parish share or giving, meets, very roughly, only half of the costs of a full time stipendiary post.

PCC Officers

Another challenge that has become more acute in the future is the difficulty in appointing PCC officers due to the huge cultural changes we have been experiencing in the last 20 years or more. I had hoped during 2022 to explore the appointment of a part time Benefice Co-ordinator who will manage the work of the benefice and also hold the knowledge of what happens across the Benefice especially with Funerals and Weddings and Churchyards. There is no guarantee these days that a retiring incumbent in the Deanery will be replaced like for like and I feel it is a duty to explore putting in place a professional role that will be able to keep parish work functioning. Maybe there will be time in 2023/2024.

PETERCHURCH PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL - **CHURCH** - Income & Expenditure Account for the year ending 31/12/2022

| <u>Income</u> | 2022 | 2021 | <u>Expenditure</u> | 2022 | 2021 |
|---|-------------------|-------------|-------------------------------|-------------------|-------------|
| Gift Aided donations | £9,049.20 | £6,801.25 | Fund Raising | £2,294.19 | £1,741.86 |
| Other Planned Giving | £240.00 | £240.00 | Donations | £2,698.57 | £650.73 |
| Cash collections | £665.01 | £886.15 | Parish Share / Offer | £10,250.04 | £10,250.04 |
| Restricted collections CHARITIES | £122.25 | 286.05 | Wages (Treasurer) | £719.87 | £552.50 |
| Wall safe & misc donations (inc GVN) | £4,094.89 | £2,918.97 | Clergy expenses | £2,292.00 | £2,352.00 |
| Special appeals / designated | £85.00 | £1,140.00 | Repairs / renewals /servicing | £1,061.90 | £756.06 |
| Gift Aid Tax reclaimed | £2,809.39 | £922.85 | Church Requisites | £473.01 | £761.77 |
| Fund Raising | £4,512.41 | £3,301.82 | Churchyard maintenance | £1,900.00 | £92.00 |
| Income from investments | £0.07 | £2,973.33 | Utility bills | £1,000.50 | £240.00 |
| Wedding and Funeral Fees | £4,288.00 | £2,983.00 | Trading costs inc insurance | £628.86 | £136.71 |
| Electricity Wayleave | £0.00 | £11.92 | Major repairs | £0.00 | £0.00 |
| Tithe Income | £0.00 | £191.94 | New Faith Deal | £2,151.91 | |
| New Faith Deal grant | £3,500.00 | | | | |
| National Church Awards prize | £750.00 | | | | |
| TOTALS | £30,116.22 | ### | TOTALS | £25,470.85 | ### |
| 2022 Income exceeds Expenditure by | | | | £4,645.37 | |
| 2021 Income exceeds Expenditure by | | | | £5,123.61 | |

SUMMARY

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| BANK OPENING BALANCE | £15,432.99 |
| BANK CLOSING BALANCE | £20,078.36 |
| NET MOVEMENT | £4,645.37 |

PETERCHURCH PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL - **HUB** - Income & Expenditure Account for the year ending 31/12/2022

| <u>Income</u> | 2022 | 2021 | <u>Expenditure</u> | 2022 | 2021 |
|---------------|-------------|-------------|--------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Café takings | £22,918.62 | £18,942.63 | Café purchases | £6,404.50 | £5,849.73 |
| Centre Hire | £2,037.20 | £1,447.00 | Wages | £4,433.46 | £15,296.08 |

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| RHI Payments | £1,145.91 | £7,093.06 | Repairs / servicing / running costs inc UPS & HR) | £7,582.01 | £9,096.73 |
| Donations | £276.46 | £320.45 | Utilities including heating | £8,566.34 | £10,435.89 |
| Restricted donations | £0.00 | £81.43 | Restricted donations | £54.55 | £46.43 |
| Covid-19 fund float | £0.00 | £0.00 | Supplies (stationery etc) | £2,121.59 | £2,102.40 |
| Kitchen project | £0.00 | £0.00 | UPS, Architects, Builders & HR from Reserves | £15,215.82 | £0.00 |
| TOTALS | £26,378.19 | ### | TOTALS | £44,378.27 | ### |

2022 Expenditure exceeds Income by **£18,000.08**
2021 Expenditure exceeds Income by **###**

Grants / Funding Received

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|-------------------------------|-------------------|------------|
| Big Lottery | £64,230.00 | £28,606.00 |
| Elmley | £0.00 | £0.00 |
| HCF - temporary staff | £0.00 | £0.00 |
| HCF - Peterchurch Unlocked | £0.00 | £0.00 |
| HCF - energy | £5,000.00 | |
| Talk Community | £689.57 | £1,809.99 |
| Diocese energy grant | £7,480.00 | |
| Herefordshire CC Covid grants | £0.00 | £16,897.79 |
| TOTALS | £77,399.57 | ### |

2022 Grant Income exceeds Expenditure by
2021 Grant Expenditure exceeds Income by **###**

Grant Funded Expenditure

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| Salaries,sessions,expansion,marketing, transport etc | £38,774.24 | £58,605.19 |
| Events & felting workshops | £0.00 | £648.50 |
| Temporary staff | £0.00 | £3,563.00 |
| Peterchurch unlocked events | £0.00 | £956.12 |
| Wood pellets | £3,030.83 | |
| Stationery, training, mobile phone | £1,052.32 | £1,147.83 |
| Wood pellets | £4,495.93 | |
| TOTALS | £47,353.32 | ### |

£30,046.25

SUMMARY

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| GRANT "GAIN" | £30,046.25 | BANK OPENING BALANCE | £34,389.75 |
| OTHER "LOSS" | -£18,000.08 | BANK CLOSING BALANCE | £46,435.92 |
| | £12,046.17 | NET MOVEMENT | £12,046.17 |



**CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES**

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/ members of

The Hub & Peterchurch Parochial Church Council

On accounts for the year ended

31st December 2022

Charity no (if any)

1152026

Set out on pages

Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended **31/12/2022**.

As the charity trustees of the Trust, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:

Date:

9-3-23

Name:

Mr T C Humberstone

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):

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October 2018

Section B

Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

The accounts have been reviewed in person with the Treasurer.

It is recommended that an update of the standing financial instructions be completed during 2023 to ensure that all appropriate financial processes and controls can be reviewed and shared with the council members.