

St Peter's Foundation

Charity Number 116936

THE ANNUAL REPORT

Year Ending 31st December 2020



Intern Ruth Cordell films a weekday celebration of the Eucharist. This year the emphasis has been on digital outreach because of lockdowns and the Pandemic.

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Chairman's and Chaplain's Report

Year End Accounts Year Ending 31st December 2020

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St Peter's Foundation is a charitable incorporated organization (CIO) whose purpose is to support and create residential Christian intentional communities in the Diocese of Exeter. These communities help its participants discern their vocation, or calling, within the wider Church.

We fulfill our charitable aims by

- Owning and operating Swallows Nest in Malborough
- Offering up to four young adults the ability to have a year in community
- Enabling participants to be pastoral assistants in an Anglican context
- Enabling participants to explore ministry with an academic vocation
- Giving our participants the opportunity to study and reflect
- Structuring a new monastic rule of life in their community
- Providing them with two days employment in the service sector
- Where possible directing them to the diocesan vocation team.

The Bishop of Exeter appoints the trustees.

We are members of the national Ministry Experience Scheme (MES)

TRUSTEES 2021

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Fr Daniel French (Chaplain)

Mrs Gill Barnard

Mrs Jane Tyler (Chair)

Dr Elizabeth Anderson

Mrs Judy Bailey (churchwarden and mentor)

AGM REPORT FOR ST PETER'S FOUNDATION FOR YEAR ENDING 2020 AND
LOOKING TO 2021 - REGISTERED CHARITY 11 69 36

MAIN NEWS

With lockdown and Covid19 in 2020 Ruth Cordell, as our only intern, was able to help as a verger to the funerals and weddings. Ruth also came in daily to assist with the filming of services. She continued her introductory course with St Mellitus College South West. Ruth left in August and is now applying for youth work positions. In the autumn we recruited Oscar Egbulam and Jassen Garcia. They have coped very well with all challenges of lockdown and are doing lots of outreach work in a digital capacity. They have also worked alongside Youth For Christ.

The house appears in good working order. The previous owner paid for a connection to the main sewage utility. There have been some snags with heating but these appear to be remedied. The TV connection has not worked so a digital provider via the broadband has been paid for instead. There was also a major ongoing water leak which at the time of writing appears not to be our fault though Ecclesiastical Insurance were deployed to investigate. We are still trying to clarify what the council tax situation is. This is in the hope that we can have a good discount being a religious house.

VISA SPONSORING

Many thanks to our churchwarden Suzy Andrews who worked around the clock to get the Foundation up-and-running as a visa sponsoring body by September. This has been a steep learning curve and we are also indebted to Graeme Ross (a personal friend) who heads up Cambridge University's student visa office.

BOOK KEEPING, FINANCE AND FUNDRAISING.

We are indebted to David Stevens, once again, the treasurer of Holy Trinity Church Salcombe for doing book keeping and accounts for us. We have approached Morgan Accounts Ltd in Kingsbridge to audit our accounts because we briefly held a large sum for the purchase of the house. In 2021 we also received two very generous gifts amounting to £33K. The CAF gift of £3K is still being processed but the Gift Aid on the larger gift has recently come through.

RECRUITMENT

Subject to DBS we have offered places to Grace Campbell (19) from Sheffield for the autumn year, Brandon Le Tourneau (24) from California. A third applicant, Ethan, has just pulled out this week. We also have offered a place to Joshua Fowler from Bath & Wells Diocese to spend April to the end of June with us for a short placement. Finally, in the summer we have Christophe De Ray (25) from London coming for a month in July. He will do mostly theological work on with Austin Coates from Texas who is coming with his family as for June and July but will stay at another house in Salcombe.

Mrs Jane Tyler
Rev Daniel French
Chaplain Chair of the Trustees

St Peters Foundation

Accounts

Year to 31st December 2020

Income

Donations	11,025-00	
Rent	105-00	
Tax Refunds re Gift Aid	22,964-14	
Fund Raising	<u>1,130-42</u>	35,224-56

Expenses

Utilities	941-98	
Insurance	1,136-89	
TV Licence	157-50	
Council Tax	1,086-80	
Telephone	354-92	
Bank Charges	30-00	
Internet Connection	62-97	
Books	93-41	
Food	526-07	
Visa & Immigration Charges	638.71	
Intern Allowances	1,050-00	
Advertising	<u>358-80</u>	6,438-05

Surplus for the Year

28,786-51
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Balance Sheet

31st December 2020

Surplus for the Year 2020	28,786-51	Cash at Bank 31 st December	
<u>Add</u> Surplus brought forward	<u>933-05</u>	General Account	29,719-56
	29,719-56	Swallows Nest	410,000-00
Allocated Donation	<u>410,000-00</u>		
	439,719-56		<u>439,719-56</u>
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Prepared by David Stevens FCA.

Wednesday 11th February 2021 on Zoom

1. Opening Prayer
2. Apologies
3. AOB
4. Report from the outgoing Chair – Fr Daniel
5. Finance Report
6. Recruitment of new participants

ST PETER'S FOUNDATION MENTOR REPORT 2020-2021

I have been mentoring the interns since January 2020, meeting them weekly, in person when restrictions allowed, or by Zoom. My role is to support and foster relationships in the St Peter's community, to facilitate communication and to work on developing new skills, wellbeing and resilience to further the work to churches, youth groups, schools and the wider community. Being mindful that the placement is for a year, the new interns have also begun exploring possible paths for future roles in ministry.

Lockdown has been a challenge for all of us, and we have all had to find new ways of connecting with others. Since January 2021, the interns have taken it in turn to set the agenda for our meetings. We have looked at ways of turning the limitations of lockdown into opportunities for growth and reflection, learning new skills, or developing existing ones, and the primary importance of being able to communicate and feedback clearly.

Judy Bayley
6.02.2021

RHYTHM OF LIFE

The Benedictine wisdom invites community members to form a school of prayer and service in the Lord's name. Put simply it invites any community consider investing in doing three things, e

Eating together,
Praying together
And Studying together.

The weekly pattern is currently..

Sundays	Attending and helping with worship at a church
Monday	time off
Tuesday	Prayer group with the training curare in the morning and study in the afternoon with vicar followed by Youth for Christ work.
Wednesday	Attending the Eucharist and Zoom Evening Prayer
Thursday	Delivering school assembly, various pastoral and outreach duties, parish Bible study.
Friday	Parish Eucharist, and pastoral outreach to elderly and housebound
Saturday	Preparing worship, study, household chores, etc.

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It is our hope that post-Lockdown each intern has a :-

- A placement with St Marks, Plymouth and the Lee Abbey Community
- A five day placement learning icon writing
- A study trip away (possibly London and Cambridge)
- A working week at the Franciscan monastery in Dorset.

STUDY PROJECT

Since June 2020 I have been organizing around dozen young theologians and Christian commentators to explore creating resources on discipleship and catechesis with a particular slant on how do faithful Christians inhabit an aggressively secular world – what do we believe in – what do we teach? The scope is to make material which both inspirational and informative for thinkers, teachers, and questioners. The time frame is still under to be set but we hope to generate three main texts over a period of years, a short 80-100 page booklet, and two other leaders/developers manuals.

As a thought experiment I ask the question – “If you woke up in Brave New World how would you carry on as a Christian and what would you pass on about your faith to enquirers?”

How does this Study Project affect St Peter’s?

Currently, our Tuesday study has been exploring the works of the American Christian commentator Rod Dreher, author of the *Benedict Option* (2017) and *Live Not By Lies* (2020). I have built up a friendship with Rod and he hopes to visit us in the UK in the summer. Alongside this, interns are encouraged to read and explore with me the following..

The Rule of Saint Benedict
Finding Sanctuary by Christopher Jamison OSB
Brave New World by Aldous Huxley
The Circle by Dave Eggers
Nineteen Eighty Four by George Orwell
The Gulag Archipelago by Alexandr Solzhenitsyn (extracts)

As part of this Oscar and Jassen have written report with facts and figures on the religious landscape of Britain and Ireland.

Christophe and Austin will work solely on this during their summer stay. Brandon will be my research intern for the autumn onwards and will also be the lead householder. As he seeks to be an academic priest my hope is to have him explore this side of a potential calling as well as some general parochial duties.