

The Parishes of Newton Abbot & Ogwell

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Annual Report and Financial Statements

of the Parochial Church Council

for the year ended
31st December 2022

Team Rector: Rev Dave Brown
Team Vicar: Rev Gareth Regan
Curate: Rev Ben Maynard

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The Parochial Church Council is a Registered Charity no: 1172055

The Parochial Church Council of the Newton Abbot Parishes

Annual Report for the year ended 31st December 2022

Aim and Purpose –

Newton Abbot and Ogwell Parochial Church Council (the PCC) together with the Incumbent, the Reverend Dave Brown and Team Vicar, Reverend Gareth Regan, and the wider congregation, share the task of building God's Kingdom in the ecclesiastical parish of Newton Abbot and Ogwell and beyond. Working through congregations in the five churches within the parish: St Paul's Devon Square, St Mary's Wolborough, St Bartholomew's Ogwell, All Saints' Highweek and St Mary's Abbotsbury, we seek to be a faithful, loving, and welcoming community of churches which are active in serving one another and the wider community, providing a wide variety of worship styles, so that all people might come to hear the Gospel and grow as disciples of Jesus.

Objectives and Activities:

The PCC is committed to enabling as many people as possible to worship in our Churches, and to become part of our parish family. When planning our activities, the PCC has considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit, and in particular the specific guidance on charities for the advancement of religion. Our services and worship seek to put faith into practice through prayer and scripture, music and

sacrament. We seek to enable ordinary people to live out their faith as part of our parish family, and to connect and build that family, through:

- Regular Sunday and weekday worship services across the Parish in a variety of styles;
- Clear, relevant Bible teaching that is applied to everyday life;
- Home groups, discipleship courses and baptism preparation courses to teach the Christian faith;
- The provision of pastoral care for the sick, infirm or housebound church members, and other people living in the parish;
- Holding services in nursing and care homes, and taking collective worship in local schools;
- Taking weddings and funerals;
- Involvement in the civic life of the town;
- Mission and outreach activities, building bridges for faith within the wider community;
- The care and maintenance of our historic buildings; and
- Managing our finances well.

The Wider Parish.

Although Sunday worship in different churches means we are really 5 worshipping communities linked as one ecclesiastical parish, there are times when we more obviously work together and worship together. This is particularly true on 5th Sundays when we rotate our services around the 6 churches of the benefice and worship in the style of that particular church. In 2022, that meant services at All Saints Highweek, St Bartholomew's Ogwell and St Luke's Milber.

Wedding and baptism preparation classes are held centrally, and 'exploring faith classes' are available to all. Across the Parish there are 3 home groups running, where members of different church communities are invited to gather for fellowship and Bible study. Both St Paul's and St Bartholomew's host monthly coffee mornings to which everyone is invited. These raise a substantial amount of money for charity. Last year we also took part in shoe box appeal with Operation Christmas Child and 50 shoe boxes were collected.

In the autumn, under the leadership of our new team rector, the PCC began working on a new Mission Action Plan which will, when complete, set goals for the wider parish and for each worshipping community. New pew and lectern Bibles were purchased, new service were books produced, and work began to ensure that we have a wider range of worshipping styles across the 5 churches in our parish, with changes being introduced in January 2023.

Electoral Roll

At present there are 152 parishioners on the Electoral Roll, 143 of whom live within the parish. 10 names were added during the year, and 12 were removed, either because of death or moving away.

PCC Structure, Governance and Management

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. The Council comprises the Incumbent, the Churchwardens, a representative of the Readers, those elected to the Deanery Synod, and other members who are elected at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting, by those on the Electoral Roll. Members of the congregation are always encouraged to join the Electoral Roll, and to consider standing for election to the PCC.

The PCC members are responsible for making decisions on all matters of general concern and importance in the parish, and for all financial matters. The full PCC met six times during the year, with the average level of attendance being 94%. Meetings begin with a short time of prayer and worship, and following the appointment of our new Rector, a standing committee was established to aid the PCC in its deliberations.

Volunteers

The members of the PCC would like to thank all the volunteers who work so tirelessly to make our Church a lively and vibrant community. Our especial thanks go to all our Churchwardens

Deanery Synod

Two members of the PCC sit on the Newton Abbot Deanery Synod – but for 2022 we had one vacancy. Deanery Synod provides the PCC with a link with the churches around us, and also with the Diocese as a whole. It also receives reports from the General Synod. During the Pandemic, these meetings were held online, but have now returned to ‘in person’. The Rural Dean Rev’d Patrick Parkes left the Deanery in September 2021 and Fr Nick Debney was appointed Acting Rural Dean. The new Rural Dean, the Rev’d Andrew Down was commissioned on 18th October 2021. Topics discussed last year included focus on welcome, a talk by the Canon Chancellor of Exeter Cathedral and a presentation by Rev’d Pete James from St Basil’s Church based on a farm in Devon.

Financial Review

Total receipts on the unrestricted General Fund were £226,490, and payments from this fund totalled £226,916 giving a deficit of £426. The income was boosted by the sale of shares, £32,084 and by applying for an energy grant from the Diocese, £7,900, plus legacies of £10,150. Without these extra one off money there would have been a large deficit. Times are tight especially with the fuel going up. Income from the Parish Giving Scheme, standing orders, contactless and weekly giving only increased by about 0.5% which is not very encouraging in a full non lockdown year. It has been good to see that people are now using contactless giving more. Our contribution to the Diocesan Parish share went up by 7% in 2022 which increased our spending. Our grateful thanks go to all who contribute financially to the life of the church. Oggwell has a magazine account which will be incorporated into the parish accounts in 2023.

Reserves Policy

It is PCC policy to try and maintain a balance on unrestricted funds of at least three months expenditure. This is equivalent to £56,000. As of the year end this is being met.

Safeguarding

The PCC has complied with the duty under section 5 of the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2016 (duty to have regard to House of Bishops’ guidance on safeguarding children and vulnerable adults).

Administrative Information

The Parish office is situated at St Paul’s Church, Devon Square, Newton Abbot, Devon TQ12 2HN and is part of the Deanery of Newton Abbot, in the Diocese of Exeter. The correspondence address is the same as the Church Office. During 2022 the Parish Office was open daily.

The PCC is a body corporate (PCC Powers Measure 1956, and the Church Representation Rules 2022) and a Registered Charity No: 1172055.

PCC members who have served from 1st January 2022 until the date this report was approved were:

Ex Officio

The Incumbent	The Rev’d Dave Brown (appointed 20.9.22)	Chair
Team Vicar	The Rev’d Gareth Regan	
Team Vicar	Rev’d Nick Debney (left the parish July 2022)	
Curate	The Rev’d Ben Maynard	
Reader	Mr Keith Butler	
Churchwardens	Mr David Dunn	
	Mr Jeremy Howell (Vice Chair)	

Ms Sharon Lawrence
Mr Peter Dunster
Mrs Stella Llewellyn
Mrs Gwyn Hughes

Deanery Synod Reps

Mrs Hilary Howell
Mrs Gwyn Hughes
Vacancy

PCC Secretary

Elected Members

Ms Barbara Garrick
Mr David Waterhouse
Mrs Sandra Dunster
Mrs Rachel Hawkins
Mr Paul Hewson
Mr Ken Purchase
Mr Brian Harding
Mrs Diana Fitch
Mr John Calderwood
Mr Reg Cross
Mrs Samantha Simmons
Mrs Margaret Batten

(resigned April 2022)

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Treasurer:

Mrs Clare Lillington (Co-opted)

Approved by the PCC on 19th April 2023 and signed on its behalf by:

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Rev'd Dave Brown (Chair)

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Mrs Clare Lillington (Treasurer)

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Financial Statements for the year ended 31st December 2022

Receipts and Payments account

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Endowment	Total	2021
	£	£	£	£	£
Receipts					
Voluntary receipts					
Regular gift aid giving	29394	0	0	29394	30640
Loose plate collections	9846	0	0	9846	7580
Capital funding	40000	0	0	40000	70000
Tax recoverable on Gift Aid	5528	0	0	5528	6265
Legacies	10150	0	0	10150	2000
VAT refund	0	0	0	0	4176
Diocesan energy grant	7990	0	0	7990	0
Other funds generated inc furlough	5956	489	0	6445	19293
Income from charitable activities					
Fees for weddings and funerals	16304	0	0	16304	15017
Charity coffee mornings	85	2907	0	2992	639
Solar panels & telephone mast	9438	0	0	9438	6523
Church hall lettings	16516	0	0	16516	13807
Investments					
Dividends	16494	0	0	16494	25938
Rent from car park	26705	0	0	26705	20542
Sale of shares	32084	0	0	32084	0
TOTAL receipts	226490	3396	0	229886	222420
Expenditure on:					
Expenditure on charitable activities					
Missionary socs & Secular charities	320	3405	0	3725	803
Ministry parish share etc	82200	0	0	82200	76824
Salary - administrator, cleaner & organist	41062	0	0	41062	36542
Working expenses of incumbent	2365	0	0	2365	4056
Church maintenance & refuse	8995	0	0	8995	16079
Upkeep of services (inc new Bibles)	12328	0	0	12328	3352
Upkeep of churchyard	8723	0	0	8723	10201
Administration	15913	0	0	15913	15416
Light, heat & water	20986	0	0	20986	17916
Insurance	19202	0	0	19202	8174
St Paul's hall maint & gas	1453	0	0	1453	2116
Church major repairs - structure	0	0	0	0	70150
Abbotsbury sound system	12397	0	0	12397	0
Accountant fees	972	0	0	972	4034
Total expenditure	226916	3405	0	230321	265663
Period surplus / (deficit)	-426	-9	0	-435	(43,243)
Add bank balance at 1st January 2022	20290	29	0	20319	63562
	19864	20	0	19884	20319
Closing bank balance at 31st December 2022	19864	20	0	19884	20319

Statement of Assets & liabilities for the year ended 31st December 2022

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Endowment	Total	2021
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Cash Funds					
Bank current account	19584	20	0	19604	20319
Cash in hand	280	0	0	280	
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Other monetary Assets					
St Lukes loan	0	3676	0	3676	3676
Investments Assets					
Held by Exeter Diocesan Board of Finance on our behalf	24117	142662	193197	359976	430569
Assets retained for church use					
Fixtures & fittings at cost	47098		0	47098	47098
Liabilities	0	0	0	0	900
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Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parishes of Newton Abbot and Ogwell

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parishes of Newton Abbot and Ogwell for the year ended 31st December 2022.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

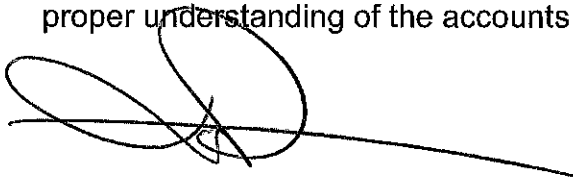
I report in respect of my examination of the Charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

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 giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

- (1) Accounting records were not kept in respect of the Charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
- (2) The accounts do not accord with those records.

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



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Dated: 25th April 2023