

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF CHAGFORD

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Details

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Activities

Objects: PROMOTING IN THE PARISH THE WHOLE MISSION OF THE CHURCH, PASTORAL, EVANGELISTIC, SOCIAL AND ECUMENICAL.

Activities: Promoting in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the Church and the maintenance of a Grade 1 listed building and associated churchyard for the benefit of the local community.

Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Organisations, Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services
- **What:** Religious Activities
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Devon

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-12-31	£211,974	£222,656	-	-
2024-12-31	£139,233	£138,526	-	-
2023-12-31	£162,304	£152,863	-	-
2022-12-31	£151,792	£144,415	-	-
2021-12-31	£120,462	£115,184	-	-
2020-12-31	£126,307	£135,080	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Rt. Revd. NICHOLAS HOWARD PAUL MCKINNELL	Chair	2024-06-01
ANN LESLEY HAIGH		2013-04-24
ANTHONY ARTHUR MILTON		2024-06-01
Clare Elizabeth Lawson Maher		2026-04-25
Elizabeth Haws		2025-06-23
Gina Franks		2026-06-01
JOHN ARTHUR WOOD		2014-03-26
Jenny Melissa Mansell O'Brien		2024-08-01
LUCY HELEN SHIELDS		2013-04-24
Linden Bruce		2025-06-23
MARGARET FLORENCE JEFFREYS		2013-04-24
Melanie Anne Holyoak		2022-04-01
Patrick Maher		2026-04-25
Phyllis Tucker		2025-06-23
ROSEMARY JEAN BLEAKMAN		2013-04-24
Rev Helen Sarah Elizabeth Blaine		2026-06-01
Rev John Parmiter		2026-06-01
TERENCE CHARLES BLEAKMAN		2013-04-23

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Accounts

ST MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL

Chagford Parochial Church Council

Registered Address

Parish Church, Chagford, TQ13 8BN

The PCC is a body corporate governed in accordance with the Parochial Church Council (Powers) Measure 1956 and the Church Representation Rules 2006.

It is a charity registered with the Charity Commission under Registration No. 1172274 and is located with the Diocese of Exeter of the Church of England.

The following Persons have served as members (trustees) of the PCC from 23rd day of March 2025 until the present.

Ex Officio Members

Incumbent	Rt. Revd. Nicholas McKinnel
Churchwardens	Mrs Rosemary Bleakman Mrs Phyllis Tucker

Elected Members

Dr Colin Barnes	<i>[died 28.08.25]</i>
Mrs Linden Bruce	
Mrs Lesley Haigh	Secretary
Mrs Elizabeth Haws	
Mrs Mel Holyoak	
Mrs Margaret Jeffreys	
Mr Anthony Milton	
Mrs Jenny O'Brien	
Mrs Lucy Shields	Lay Chairman
Mr John Wood	

Co-opted Members

Mr Terence Bleakman	Treasurer
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ANNUAL REPORT

for the
Fiscal Year
1st January – 31st December 2025



The Parochial Church Council
of the
Ecclesiastical Parish
of
Chagford
Registered Charity 1172274

ANNUAL REPORT 2025

RECTOR'S REPORT

Back in the 1980s, when I was first a vicar in this area, there were five of six full-time stipendiary clergy covering ten parishes. Our allocation is now 1.5 priests, and this puts a great deal more on the shoulders of our church wardens and PCCs. So, I would like to express deep gratitude on behalf of the clergy and congregations to all who work so hard to sustain the life and witness of our churches. There have been plenty of encouragements across the benefice this year, and thanks are due to those who have made this possible.

On my appointment two years ago, I set myself five objectives, some of which are fulfilled and others are a work in progress:

1. **The creation of a new legal benefice.** This came into effect on 1st April 2026 and is to be known informally as 'The North Dartmoor Parishes'. The official name lists eleven communities and is a bit of a mouthful.
2. **Staffing.** I am delighted that the Rev Helen Blaine is now our Associate Priest, living in Moretonhampstead Rectory and working on a half-time basis. We welcome also her husband Alastair, who is a chaplain in the Royal Navy. We are also blessed with a number of retired clergy, including Geoffrey Fenton and John and Jackie Parmiter who joined the ministry team this year, and Ros Pugsley who has been licensed as a Reader. We are fortunate for all, lay and ordained, who give their time and talents so generously.
3. **Administration.** We now have a more professional approach to communication and administration thanks to the new website and our new coordinator, Maria, ably assisted by Elinor and Heather. It will always be a challenge to engender a sense of unity and common purpose across so diverse a benefice, but we are making strides in the right direction.
4. **Families and Young People.** Overall, our congregation tends towards the older age group, but there are encouraging initiatives to bring younger people into the life of our worshipping communities. We are exploring the appointment of a part-time Families/Children's

worker to help and support us in family-friendly services and activities. To date four of our churches have offered £10.5k a year for five years towards the target of £20k per annum. Should we get nearer to the target, an advisory group will be set up to take this further.

5. **Succession.** Although new formally the Rector, I am aware that I am here on an interim basis so when the time comes for me to retire, I am keen to leave a happy and outward-looking benefice that will be attractive to applicants. Thank you to all who are helping to make that possible.

Bishop Nick McKinnel, Rector

ANNUAL REVIEW

Throughout 2025, the church has adapted its rotation of services, dictated by the numbers of people attending each of the services.

The Family Breakfast service has now ended and, in its stead, we will have four more family-orientated services during the year: Mothering Sunday, a Summer Songs of Praise with Picnic, Harvest Festival and Christingle.

We welcomed, to our Ministry Team, Geoffrey Fenton after a year of 'finding his feet' following retirement, and John and Jackie Parmiter, who are both ordained priests and have moved to Chagford. These three have been put great to use within the whole of the North Dartmoor Parishes, and we are most grateful for their service.

They join Bishop Nick, whose cheerful and positive leadership is a joy, and the patient and forbearing support of Harriet Every, Noël Walter and Nick & Edwin Fennemore.

We are so, incredibly, fortunate, to have these committed and hard-working retirees amongst us.

Congregational numbers are pretty steady and, on many Sundays, are increasing.

Our three 'less CofE traditional' services each month; The Well, Taizé Chanting and Moor Praise are developing a dedicated following, with regular numbers showing their popularity. Thanks go to everyone who helps with all of these services.

One event, in 2025, deserves a special mention; Tymescythe Theatre Company's production of Shakespeare's Henry IV Part I, in March.

Once again, Chagford church was transformed into a theatre space, this time depicting various royal locations and, finally, the battlefield at Shrewsbury!

From the 'coming of age' of the young, callow, fast-living, Prince Hal to the bawdy tavern scenes, Tom Fynn and his entire cast and crew are to be congratulated for this tremendous rendition of one of the Bard's lesser-known plays. Aren't we lucky?

The deaths of dear friends, in 2025, are being felt most keenly especially because of their huge contribution to the life of our church.

As stalwart members of the PCC, Choir, Deanery Synod and constant supporters of the life of our church, Malcolm Fish, Suzanne Walter, Maurice Jeffreys, Colin Barnes and Pam Mount are not only greatly missed, but are difficult to replace. They will all, always, be remembered.

It is worth repeating that St Michael's simply could not operate without the tireless work put in by Rosemary and Terry Bleakman. The Beatles sang about 'Eight Days a Week', but Rosemary and Terry do even more than that.

Phil Tucker's appointment as a second Churchwarden has taken a little of the strain off Rosemary's shoulders, but Terry seems ever more involved with the technical side of running the church, and a deputy must be found as soon as possible.

We must also publicly recognise the exceptional work of: Elinor d'Albiac as Sacristan and Verger, Jon Bint as Tower Captain, Roger Cleverdon as Organist, plus Jenny O'Brien for conscientiously locking and unlocking the church so regularly.

And, with the support of all those who clean, read lessons, intercede, arrange flowers, act as sidesmen, volunteer for Chagford Pantry and at Little Angels, help at fundraising events, sing in the choir, accompany hymns at services, ring the bells - and any other tasks I may have omitted (apologies) - we are indeed blessed to have such a vibrant, forward-looking and welcoming church.

Thank you all.



Lucy Shields

Lay Chairman Chagford Parochial Church Council

CHURCHWARDEN'S REPORT (FABRIC)

Every five years the church fabric is the subject of a formal Quinquennial Inspection conducted by a Chartered Building Surveyor. In general, the fabric was found to be in reasonable condition, but urgent works were required with respect to the rainwater disposal system particularly as our winters are becoming much wetter. Water ingress into the tower has been worse this winter and water damage to the bearings of one Bell caused a complete failure after just 10 years in operation. Church towers are notorious for the ingress of water, but structural changes will be necessary in the immediate future to alleviate secondary damage to expensive equipment with the church. Given the current day-to-day financial situation [See Finance Report] it will be necessary to make a Public Appeal for funds to support this work

Changing regulations for Public Use buildings also require work associated with electrical safety on associated with the Church AV system and fire/carbon monoxide detections systems particularly in the Gabriel Room complex.

A similar five yearly inspection of the churchyard trees, reported elsewhere, also identified areas of immediate work to maintain public safety and longevity of the trees themselves.

The long talked about 'reordering' of the southwest end of the church to re-create the open area adjacent to the servery, create much-needed storage space for the church portable chairs and staging, tables, pantry, Little Angels & cleaning equipment and purpose-designed units to house securely the bell ringers extensive historical records and house the churches extensive audio visual control equipment, was approved by the Exeter Diocese and work started in August.

We are truly fortunate that these works are being paid by the Friends of St Michael's from the funds raised by their Summer Music and other concerts. I know that our deceased dear PCC member Dr Colin Barnes would be delighted that, at last, these precious records would have a safe home.

Although the works will not be finished until late 2026, the initial removal of the pews from the southwest corner has been a great success providing a very visible location, noticed immediately on entry to the church for the Christmas Tree, and associated decorations, together with a forthright claim by the Little Angels as a safe activity area for both weekly meetings and generally throughout the week. It was also great to see the toddler

chairs and table being used by a group of our more elderly visitors during church coffee.

However, even when all this work is complete there will still be a substantial number of items without a proper home. How to house these together with the other needs for money to be spent elsewhere in the church and churchyard will be one of the many challenges for the future PCCs I am afraid.

Every month the 'Celebrating the Earth' team hold their 'service' in the church with the support of the Rev Edwina Fennemore. Although in principle the meetings are secular they always finish with a 'Blessing' given by Revd. Edwina, and a period of meditation/prayer before the final dismissal.

The school held the three 'end of term' service in the church. Two class groups visited to familiarise themselves with the various features of the church and create a picture of an item that takes their particular attention. Lucy Shields very kindly very often reads a story to them. The Montessori School also bring their children to church, and they also have a story read to them; quite a few parents also attend with the children.

Details of our extensive fundraising activity is reported elsewhere in the Report, but I would like to thank Tom Fynn, a member of our choir, and his extensive team of actors and supporting technicians for the creation of 'The Theatre in the Church' and its production of Henry IV. Not only does it provide for significant income to the church but also provides a unique opportunity for local people to perform alongside professional actors to create a special local attraction. The 'Theatre in the Church' is now so well known that we received an enquiry from a touring dance group to see if they could perform in 'Our Theatre.'

The Chagford Youth Project, which the church helped to create and has financially supported ever since, spent a Saturday abseiling down the church to raise funds. Many local people, of all ages kindly got sponsorship and abseiled and together with the support of local musicians and the business created a very special celebratory day for everyone.

Since the last APCM, we have had 15 funerals or thanksgiving services. Mourners are asking for very different services to ten years ago, most have recorded music as well as the organ, and many request video displays and

live streaming of the service to family friends around the world who are unable to attend on the day.

The twelve summer music concerts on a Friday lunchtime were very well attended and we are certainly grateful for the money that the concerts have raised to enhance and repair the church. We are aware of the amount of work that goes into creating these concerts, obtaining very generous sponsorship from local businesspeople and generous local people, this sponsorship pays for the musicians to perform. Creating the programme for the twelve performances in different genres takes a lot of time and effort.

The concerts also give to Chagford something to look forward to every Friday during June, July and August and many people have said how bereft they feel when it is no more until next year.

I have tried to remember most of the things that happen during the year, but I am sure I have forgotten many, but it is clear that St Michael the Archangel remains at the caring centre of Chagford's community life.

Rosemary Bleakman, Churchwarden

CHURCHWARDEN'S REPORT (CHURCHYARD)

I begin my report by thanking the good people that have been helping me to keep the Churchyard looking attractive. They quietly do these tasks without any recognition; Evan, Fran, Phil, Simon, Richard and Mike. I personally make sure they know how grateful we are.

A year ago, I did an in-depth study of the yard. It had many signs of neglect and much damage to the memorials, walls and pitted grounds, much of which had been done by the ill-conceived policy that the renegade ponies looked nice in the Churchyard.

Realising that the only way to stop such desecration, was to try and keep the ponies out, I soon found out to my cost, that these ponies were a very emotive subject to deal with.

With the help of the owners and "shut the gate volunteers", we managed to cut their visits down by more than half. We have been assured that the last cattle grid will be finished this year.

It was just as well that it was time to check the headstones, what with the ponies and the fact a child had been killed by a falling headstone (elsewhere) leading to us laying down at least fourteen.

Once again, this was an emotive subject to deal with - as the headstones started to be repaired, so did the emotions. Many are back up, with great expectations for the remaining few.

We had volunteers that helped with getting rid of the many anthills. We uncovered a lot of granite and started on the Ivy, that had become overgrown, on the Churchyard path wall. A few overgrown shrubs had to be cut down owing to the fact they were encroaching on the graves either side of them.

We hope to start a new cutting regime because of the amount of grass and raking, plus complaints from many of the visiting relations, along with trying to cut down on the amount of Oxeye Daisies that have completely taken over.

Some of the trees have had a little pruning and a branch that had broken on the Cyprus, was taken down and removed.

One of the large top stones on the main path wall was accidentally knocked off, and has been repaired by Wilf Hutchings, Master craftsman, along with holes filled in many of the walls.

We had a successful leaf clearing as well.

There has been quite a lot of damage done by children and dogs from the Friday night 'Wall'. That will, hopefully, be repaired by the time this report is completed.

Phil Tucker, Churchwarden

AIMS AND PURPOSE

St Michael the Archangel Parochial Church Council (PCC) has the responsibility of co-operating with the incumbent, in promoting within the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. The PCC is also responsible for the maintenance of the Grade I listed church building and associated churchyard.

MINISTRY AND MISSION

Children and Young People

LITTLE ANGELS

The numbers attending the sessions of 'Little Angels' has risen steadily throughout the year, and in the final months of the year were well into double figures. Whereas for many years we were just three helpers, we are delighted that Jan, Beth and Jackie have joined the team.

The 'Angels' are aged mostly between the ages of 0 to 3 years but all pre-school are very welcome. The sessions are free and the warm church provides a really lovely environment for Mums to meet and chat and their little ones to socialise. Beth brings her keyboard and the addition of 'action songs' is much appreciated by the more active of the angelic infants. It is a very busy and rewarding enterprise.

JAM CLUB

JAM (a.k.a. Jesus and Me) Club started last Summer and meets every Wednesday in term time at the school for an hour from 3.30 pm.

There are 8 children from Years 5 and 6 and usually three volunteers (all DBS checked). Attendance is voluntary and the hour-long session includes refreshments (squash and Jammie Dodgers), games and craft and discussion, often on the Bible stories covered in the school assembly that precedes it.

There is a lot of laughter but the thoughts and comments arising from the discussion are most enlightening.

Lesley Haigh

CHURCH AND SCHOOL PROJECTS

St Michael the Archangel, Chagford with Chagford Primary School.

In the North Dartmoor Parishes Children and Family seasonal booklet, we note, 'Childhood is a time for nurturing, moments of awe and wonder...Questions and questioning ...Respect and wellbeing...Self and Identity. *Children and young people need to know that they are loved by God and uniquely created by Him.*

As a benefice we have been looking at the unique spiritual places each of our churches represent within the community and what as churches we can offer the children within our specific community. One of the key aspects is how we are involved in our three local Primary schools. A benefice wide school and church logo competition was launched in mid-2025, which resulted in the beautiful logo we now have visible on child and family friendly events, services and activities.

Molly Lentern's drawing (Chagford Primary) resonated unanimously with the judges from 60 entrants. From this competition, the prize for the winning entrant was a class art project.



Year 6 completed a Creationtide project guided by Philippa O'Brien's expert creativity which enabled the pupils to make a mobile, demonstrating the balance and importance of animals, birds and plants which was displayed in St Michael's during the period of Creationtide-St Francis' Day, 4th October.



Philippa O'Brien, Artist
with Sara Chalker,
Creation Care Engagement Officer,
Diocese of Exeter.

This project has served as an opportunity to continue to work with Chagford Primary school identifying new ways we can creatively engage with the religious, spiritual heart of who we are. The liturgical year offers different ways, with different year groups to allow for engagement, pause and importantly time for silence and wonder through creative expression.

2026 holds new opportunities to continue this special kind of partnership which works alongside the RE curriculum. A creatively expressed forward plan is in development for the 2026 school year (April-December) for PCC approval, emphasising this important missional activity in the life of our church, school and within our community.

We are called to nurture and encourage one another and enable children and families to find spiritual connection and to grow in faith. We note, with thanks, the dynamic support from Mr James Green, Headteacher at Chagford Primary School, all staff and pupils.

Rev. Edwina Fennemore

CHURCH LIFE

Working with the Community

CHAGFORD COMMUNITY AND MEMORY CAFÉ

Attendance at the cafe has increased this year - with attendance now topping 50 at most sessions

Trips in 2025 - Because many of our guests do not drive, our trips provide guests with a rare opportunity to get out of Chagford for a few hours.

- A day trip to the Seaside in June - we hired a coach to Sidmouth and had morning coffee, lunch and afternoon tea at the Kingswood Hotel. Guests with good mobility enjoyed walking along the promenade on a gloriously sunny day. Other guests enjoyed conversation with friends, sea air and a beautiful sea view.
- A delicious Christmas lunch at the Fingle Bridge Inn was attended by over 40 people

Sessions in 2025 - Highlights include: A visit from The Dartmoor Shepherd in April with a chance to pet lambs and collies, a story telling session by local story teller Lisa Schneider, a fascinating illustrated talk by the Local History Society, 2 visits from the children at Chagford Primary school with delightful cross generational fun and laughter! Christmas carol singing accompanied by violin, pipes and keyboard.

The Golden Oldie Film Club launched in September 2025

Grant funding was secured to launch this CC&MC film club on the last Thursday of each month over the winter. It takes place in the dining room at The Globe and provides a second monthly event for guests at the darkest time of the year. We purchased a pull-down screen and we pay a fee to the Globe Inn to provide free tea and coffee, and to source and screen a popular oldie. Popcorn and ice cream can be purchased at the intermission! This has proved very popular with guests. We have applied for a grant to continue it for the winter of 2026/27



Poetry Book

We secured some grant funding to publish a hardback book of poems written by one of the cafe guests. It was beautifully illustrated by one of our volunteers and a copy was gifted to each guest at Christmas. The remaining books are being sold and they have already turned a healthy profit for cafe funds. The project represents the fulfilment of a lifetime dream for the author.

The cafe remains free to all. We serve hot drinks and a selection of savoury and sweet food provided by a dedicated team of volunteers as well as companionship, stimulating activities and support.

Ann Searson

CELEBRATING THE EARTH

'Celebrating the Earth' originated as a series of events in support of the UN Climate Change Conference in November 2021, and has continued with regular offerings of nature-inspired art, music, talk, folklore, poetry, prayer, and mediation ever since. The programme of events is organised by a cross-community, cross-faith group of volunteers, and all are welcome to participate. These events draw audiences from many different parts of the local community, coming together to share a love of the natural world and commitment to its future.

A brief run-down of CtE events held in 2025:

In January, we gathered for the annual Chagford Wassail on Ore Hill. Wassailing is an old tradition of 'waking up' the apple trees each year with songs, stories, laughter, and noise-making. This year's Wassail was celebrated with music from local folk musicians, plus young musicians from Chagford Primary School; storytelling by Lisa Schneidau; a talk on the history of the apple trees on Ore Hill by Eric Hodges of the Ore Hill Trust; and a closing blessing by Edwina Fennemore.

In late April (near May Day), we gathered on Ore Hill again for the annual Jack-in-the-Green Procession, led by two colourful creatures from folklore: the Green Man and the Obby Oss. The crowd processed over the hill to bagpipes and drums, then formed a circle beneath the trees for music, storytelling, and a blessing of the land at the season's turning. Once again, children from the primary school participated in the sing-along. We had fine weather and a larger-than-usual crowd this time, with children of all ages and elders included.

After the summer hiatus, we were back in September with a special event: The Great Chagford Mumm-Off! Mumming is an old form of folk drama: short, hilarious mythic plays with audience participation encouraged. Two years ago, the Strolling Mummers troupe stopped in Chagford as part of their Pilgrimage for Unity, walking east-to-west across the UK. They performed at the church, and also to the children at Chagford Primary School.

This year they stopped in Chagford again on their Pilgrimage for Peace, but this time they were met by our own Chagford Mummers. In the Great Chagford Mumm-Off, held in the church, the two groups competed to win the Mummers' crown. It was a splendid event, full of music and laughter, and our local troupe won! The Strolling Mummers also visited the primary school once again.

Our October event, also held the church, featured the award-winning American environmental author Alan Weisman discussing his uplifting new book, *Hope Dies Last*, with local naturalist Tony Whitehead. Alan has travelled all over the globe to speak with people working to save our planet from climate disaster. His fascinating talk, given to a packed church, was capped off with a piano performance of 'Gaviotas' by Dhevhdhas Nair -- a composition inspired by a previous book of Alan's. Signed copies of *Hope Dies Last* were available at the event, with all profits donated to the church.

The December event, our annual celebration of Winter Solstice, filled the church with music, stories, puppetry, and lantern light. Children from Chagford Primary School contributed handmade lanterns and Christmas songs, followed by classical and seasonal music from local musicians. An enormous tree puppet took centre stage, created by the group Elfenwild and puppeteered by William Todd Jones. Lisa Schneidau told a winter night's folk tale about how horses first came to the world...and just as she ended, three folkloric horses (Obby Osses) burst into the church, dancing in the aisles to the music of bagpipes and drums. The evening ended with reflections on hope at the dark of the year by Edwina Fennemore, followed by a closing prayer.

As we plan events for 2026, we continue to work with Chagford Primary School to include young people in these events. We're grateful for the support of the church, and strive -- through collecting donations at each event -- to support the church in turn.

Teri Windling

CHAGFORD PANTRY

The Chagford Pantry has had another successful year with a number of people supported with food and household goods at a time when it was needed by them.

The number of people who pick up what they need from with the shelves in the church or at the school is unknown due to both sites offering total anonymity to the users, but they are topped up several times during the week.

The Monday morning drop-in coffee morning has additionally supported over 30 people throughout the year.

The food and household goods donations continue with the receiving box in the back of the Church working well. The Pantry is also very grateful to the regular financial donors and the anonymous match funder. A weekly delivery from Tesco as well as a volunteer regularly shopping at Lidl replaces goods as needed. The Pantry continues to use the Trussel Trust provision list as its guide.

As a result of our very positive support, the volunteers have only held one fundraising event - a Lent lunch in Endecott House. One request via the Chagford Hub at the beginning of the winter for good quality, clean winter coats was generously supported and very gratefully received.

The Pantry has eight regular volunteers who run the Monday morning sessions and top up the shelves during the week. There is also a helper who comes along regularly but does not wish to take on more responsibility but is a great befriender. We also want to thank Terry Bleakman for continuing as the Treasurer and keeping the records up to date.

Over the last twelve months the Pantry has also:

- received vouchers from Proper Job to share and participated in a survey towards grant funding
- received a personal donation from a Black's customer for Christmas vouchers
- worked with Pam from Fruit Loop, providing vouchers for fresh food. This is currently under review
- provided vouchers for Martin's butcher for Christmas

- received fresh vegetables and fruit from the Okehampton Food Bank - due to not being able to store fresh produce this was a single donation
- received an offer for the coming season from the Community Allotment for Pantry friends to have any surplus on Mondays
- held an Open Morning to widen the reach and awareness

Hils Bush & Liz Goodwin

FINANCIAL SUPPORT

The PCC believes that we, as Christians, should provide for the support of others who are, for a variety of reasons, unable to do so for themselves. It achieves these aims through the giving of financial support, in cash or in kind, to other charitable organisations and individuals or groups of individuals.

For 2025 the PCC resolved to allocate grants, given from income, to be concentrated primarily on helping those in hardship within the local area.

At the organisation level, we cash grants were awarded to:

Children's Society - £198

St Petrocks Exeter - £450

Chagford's Youth Project - £1000

Royal British Legion 'Poppy Appeal' - £220

Working at the family level our 'Chagford Pantry' project has provided support of £7,200 in food and other items of a personal nature and provided simple one-to-one supportive discussion.

The Joyce Storey Memorial fund also provided financial support of £1,700. In the main this was used to help the Primary School with extramural facilities

EVENTS AND FUNDRAISING

FRIENDS OF ST. MICHAEL'S

During 2025, The Friends of St. Michael's continued to put on the Summer Music series of 12 free Friday lunchtime concerts, which is now a regular feature of the Chagford calendar.

The 2025 series was extremely successful, raising more than £10,000. Average attendance, at 166 per concert, was slightly down on the previous year but average donations were marginally higher, aided by a greater number made with Gift Aid.

The Faculty Application to the DAC was approved in early May. It incorporates an expanded plan for church improvements which was displayed in the church in early 2025.

In the Autumn work began on the first stage: improvements to the storage in the Gabriel Room and new cabinets on either side of the balcony for the sound system and for storage for the bellringers. Some pews were removed from the Southwest corner as part of the second phase to create a new contemplative area. These changes were achieved with minimal disruption to the normal activities in the church and promise to be a significant improvement.

Neil Loden

CHURCH EVENTS

As always, the Events Committee was kept busy throughout 2025.

February's 'Puzzling Evening' was a huge success again - it is always good to welcome new people, many from outside the parish, to this sell-out event.

It was soon followed by the Lent Charity Soup Lunches. Generally, these are not a fundraiser for the church, but they nevertheless raise awareness, as the after-church coffee money funds the hire of Endecott House for each of the lunches, so that the charities and organisations can keep all the profits for their cause. In fact, we did have one for our own funds in 2025.

Our fortnightly Tuesday Coffee Mornings - held in people's homes or the church - ran from May until October, and were very well received, as usual.

At the start of July, Rosemary and her team organised a wonderful Open Gardens again, with 17 gardens in and around the town - some of which have never been seen before.

In a change from the previous few years, we reverted to a Harvest Supper, held on the Harvest Festival weekend. Endecott House was full, with everyone enjoying a delicious two-course supper.

And we all enjoyed a very busy Christmas Coffee Morning (held in the church) at the start of December.

Thanks must go to the Events Team of: Rosemary Bleakman, Margaret Jeffreys, Caroline Coleman, Veronica Morriss, Phil Tucker, Sarah Tooley, Jenny O'Brien, Tina Thomas and Hilary Francis.

Lucy Shields for the Events Committee

CHURCH FAMILY

CHURCH CHOIR

We have had another busy year singing, and although only two weddings, we now seem to do more funerals.

Our numbers are steady at 26 singers, which means that we can have a good choir without everyone being there all the time, though a couple more tenors would still be an advantage. With these numbers we can still sing a good range of music under our wonderful Musical Director – Roger Cleverdon. We are grateful for the few who come and sing regularly with us from Sampford Courtenay too.

Last year's Coffee Morning was a great success – (my, that's a long time ago!) so, no need for another for a while.

Rehearsals went on during the summer for two identical concerts given in Chagford and Sampford Courtenay in November, and Roger hopes to repeat this with another in the Autumn.

Other services have been for Advent, and the newly re-vamped Christmas Carols – held for the first time since Covid. This was well attended and lovely to see the church full, but not stuffed, since 2019.

Recently we sang in St Andrew's, Moretonhampstead, at the Licensing of Rev'd Helen Blaine, Associate Vicar for the Moreton four. This was a joyful occasion with Bishop Mike of Exeter as well as our own Bishop Nick. How lucky for us to have two Bishops at once.

On Saturday 18th April 2026 some of us will join an augmented choir to sing a concert with an orchestra in Sampford Courtenay. Music to include Tallis, Purcell, Wesley, Rutter and Haydn. Everyone one is most welcome to join us.

Thanks for continuing to support us.

*Elinor d'Albiac
Choir Secretary etc,etc.*

SIDESMEN

I saw a quote that states: "Essentially, the sidesman is a mix of usher, security guard, social director and, occasionally, the person who knows where the spare key to the vestry is. They are indispensable, often funny, and undeniably, the church wouldn't move without them."

Our Sidesmen are certainly indispensable, and we are so very grateful for their dedication, and the service they provide in welcoming congregations to the church week by week.

The appointment of:

Terry & Jenny Arscott	Mel Holyoak
Caroline Coleman	Margaret & Maurice Jeffreys
Jan Dale	Veronica Morriss
Christopher & Penny Deane	Jenny O'Brien
John & Julie Elliott	John Roberts
David Finch	Richard & Tina Thomas
Hilary Francis	Sarah Tooley
Vanessa Garratt	Phil Tucker
Lesley Haigh	John & Sheila Williams
Gay Hill	Jo Williamson

was confirmed by the PCC at its first meeting after last year's APCM.

Since then, John & Sheila Williams have asked to have a 'year out' and Martin Philpott has been co-opted to replace the late Maurice Jeffreys.

Lucy Shields

BELLRINGERS

The last past year has been another busy one. 2025 was the Devon Association of Ringers' Centenary, and I headed up the Centenary Events Committee. Arguably the biggest event was hosted by us, on Holy Saturday, with the documentary premier screening in the Jubilee Hall, plus refreshments, accompanied by three competitions - in Chagford, Throwleigh & Gidleigh – involving 100 ringers ringing/judging. It was a mammoth undertaking, but a highly successful one. We have also welcomed a number of visiting ringers throughout the year, and also non-ringing visitors attracted over the road by the sound of the bells on practice night.

In the tower(s), the group continues to progress, with competitions playing their part in raising standards of ringing. We also frequently benefitted from the assistance of Lee & Ewan from Bow tower.

Our group continues to keep our four towers ringing, and in addition some of us help variously with South Tawton & Belstone service ringing. We ring for Chagford every Sunday, then Gidleigh, Throwleigh, & Drewsteignton once each in turn, plus the Drewsteignton monthly Family Service. I

frequently assist Dunsford with their practice, and service ringing usually monthly down Buckfast Abbey, and occasionally in Exeter Cathedral.

Although the group numbers c.15 in total, ringers are spread over 5 parishes, and the group includes several who often work on Sundays. We are always in need of new recruits. We currently have one young learner (whose grandfather rings for South Tawton & Belstone), but long days attending school in Exeter affects her attendance to practices.

The deluges at the start of 2026 saw water ingress worse than I've ever known in the tower. Typically, the long-awaited storage cupboards arrived at the same time. We are now in process of restoring some sense of order to the ringing gallery.

The demands of running the tower (& Drewsteignton) seem to increase as the years pass. We find ourselves increasingly asked to ring for funerals, which, being on weekdays, can often be challenging when it comes to finding sufficient number of ringers. Further, last November I assumed the Chairman's role for the Association, for the Triennium, so the workload will be even heavier. On Holy Saturday this year (4/4), I shall celebrate 50 years since I first rang (in Chagford), having been one of the last group of learners of the then Tower Captain, Percy Rice.

*Jon Bint
Tower Captain*

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE, POLICY AND MANAGEMENT

STRUCTURE

The process for the appointment of members to serve on St Michael's governing body, the Parochial Church Council (PCC), is set out in the Church Representation Rules Parts 1 & 2.

The PCC comprises the incumbent, curates, readers & churchwardens as ex-officio members and up to 12 elected members of the laity who are registered on the current Parish Electoral Roll.

The 10 members listed on the back page were elected on 23rd March, 2025: the role of Treasurer was filled by a co-option at the same meeting.

The PCC is a charity registered in England under reference 1172274 with all PCC Members as Trustees of the Charity.

The number on the Electoral Roll for the Parish of Chagford at the end of 2025 was 96, a substantial decrease since December 2024. [However, this has steadily grown so far, in 2026].

The PCC is responsible for all decisions on matters of general concern and importance to the parish, including deciding on how the funds are spent.

The PCC held meetings on four occasions in the year with an average attendance of over 80%.

There are two sub-committees:

the Standing Committee comprising the Preist-in-charge, Churchwardens, PCC Lay Chairman, Treasurer plus Margaret Jeffreys & Tony Milton, and the Events Committee comprising Mrs R Bleakman, Mrs C Coleman, Mrs H Francis, Mrs M Jeffreys, Mrs V Morriss, Mrs J O'Brien, Mrs L Shields, Mrs C Thomas, Mrs S Tooley and Mrs P Tucker.

These sub-committees are responsible to the PCC and formally report their progress and decisions at every PCC meeting.

To enable timely day-to-day management of the routine activities of the PCC, it has resolved that the Standing Committee has the authority to spend up to £750 on any event without the need to seek approval of the full PCC

FINANCIAL REVIEW

St Michael's PCC is a Registered Charity, and as such, has a legal responsibility to spend income that is given for an explicit or implicit purpose, irrespective of the size of the gift, only for that purpose [Restricted Use]. This responsibility applies equally for a large bequest to enable a major development of the church or churchyard fabric, and a few pence put into the collecting box at a Community & Memory Cafe monthly social gathering. The Charity Trustees [Members of the PCC] are personally liable for ensuring these funds are not misused, misappropriated, or used for general operating costs, as doing so constitutes a breach of trust. They must manage these funds with care and skill, ensuring they are not used to cover financial gaps in other areas of the charity.

To ensure fiscal transparency the PCC operates an accounting system comprising twenty main Accounting Funds, with the larger e.g. The Church Fabric and Churchyard funds, subdivided into sub-funds. As such, this Report does not try to provide a detailed explanation of the church

receipts and payments but rather an overview of the general achievements, trends and areas for action or concern.

Overall, the world financial stability steadied during the year, but financial markets remained uncertain regarding both British and USA political policies resulting in personal uncertainty and business caution. These, in turn, lead to individual/family 'belt tightening' and increasing prices for material and labour., which together with increased maintenance costs, Taking all of this into account, the total wealth [cash plus capital value of investments] of the Church increased during the year by £12,686 creating a year-end total to £326,171.

However, the capital value of the equity investments increased by £15,420 meaning that cash assets decreased by £2,734.

Further, of the £326,171, £222,127 has restricted use limitations meaning there is only £104,044 left to support day-to-day costs. A significant sum but not so when you realise that the PCC spent spend of £91,600 [£250 per day]in 2025 just to keep the church open for use and contribute to the provision of the small ministry team and the implementation of the ministry within Chagford. During 2025, we also spent £8,000 on the legally required 5-year inspections of the church and churchyard fabric and the urgent remedial work identified in these reports.

The annual challenge for the PCC is, therefore, to raise £100,000 from the people of Chagford, other supporters and visitors to our Town.

So, why does it cost this much?

A summary account of the church operating expenditure of £91,600 is shown on page II, at the back of this booklet.

Simply put, 42% [£38,700] is needed just to keep the church and churchyard open for public use. The other 56% [£52,900] being for more specific religious activity including the payment of the priests and our local ministry activity including grants to individuals with need, and other charitable organisation providing much needed social support. e.g. Farming Community Network, St Petrock's Exeter (support for the homeless) Chagford Youth project and the Chagford Pantry (foodbank).

Running a church is fundamentally the same as running your own home; it needs heating, lighting and water, fitting and fixtures to enable daily life, cleaning, painting and general upkeep: For legal and security reasons it has to be insured. The main difference is that our home is a Grade I listed

building, and together with our garden [the churchyard] is open for unsupervised use by the public. As you can imagine, these add higher levels of risk and costs of maintenance. Public use also brings its own special set of rules and regulations!

Our utility (water, gas, and electricity) cost £11,793 in 2025; 23% higher than 2024. The amount of energy used was the same but the cost per unit increased significantly. The church had been shielded from the increased energy cost as we were lucky to renegotiate our business energy supply contracts in late 2021/early 2022 just before the start of the Ukraine war. At that time, we fortunately chose 3-year fixed price contracts and thus benefited from pre-crisis costs until this year.

Insurance costs a further £5,100. This price is driven by the inherent risks of unsupervised use by the public and the cost of repair or replacement of sizeable number unique historic fixtures and fittings that make the church and churchyard 'what-it-is.'

Charity accounting procedure requires that fundraising/trading activity costs are shown separately to the takings a spend of £4,196. Of the remaining £17,100 maintenance cost, £8,300 was consumed with the humdrum of general maintenance of the church structure, organ, bells etc. and £6,400 on the churchyard: mainly cutting the grass and repairing the walls. The remaining £2,400 covers cleaning, and office services such as printing, licences, and subscriptions bank/transaction charges.

The money spent on payment of the clergy and our local ministry activity is much simpler. £41,300 is St Michael's contribution towards the provision of our team of clergy. This may appear to be a lot of money, but the cost to provide a single person is £83,000; so, we pay for approximately one-half of a person: Another £6,700 is for direct expenses incurred by the clergy team. The remaining £4,900 is split equally between grants to other organisations providing social support to the community and the local costs of services.

How effective were our efforts in raising funds to cover these expenses?

The answer is, we raised £82,300, including dividends from the church equity investment; some £7,700 short of the essential running costs and £17,600 short of the total expenditure including the essential works from

the 5-year inspections. The difference was achieved by dipping into the church reserves.

Although, this achievement does not appear to be that great., shortfalls against budget for regular donations & fees for third-party hire of the church fell short of budget by £4,300. Unfortunately, most of the people who give regularly, to support the church, are over sixty-five; meaning life expectancy is always an issue. The reason for the drop-off in hiring of the church is unclear but the increase level of charges may not have helped.

The good news lies, firstly, with the church fundraising teams who achieved £4,800 more than the budget level of £5,700. The credit for this lies firstly with the 'Theatre in the Church' team and then equally between Open gardens and Christmas Fair. Our other projects, puzzling evening, coffee mornings etc all achieved their target: a huge thankyou to all concerned.

Casual donations were up on previous years at £2,100 over budget, which with service collections, particularly funerals, and statutory funeral fees provided another £3,100.

So, with overall cash raised at £82,300, and running costs at £99,600 there was a shortfall of £17,300. The only solution was to use 12% of our Reserves funds. This was the fourth year that the budget has been balance by eating to Reserves, with the amount increasing year on year. This is obviously not sustainable in the longer term.

Overall, the **Restricted Use Funds** [Church & Churchyard] showed an increased cash level £23,656.

A bequest of £20,000 swelled the Church Fabric Receipts above the £1,654. The bequest had conditions that restrict the use to improvements to the church fabric in line with modern needs. The Payments all relate to

	Receipts	Payments	Cash Flow
Church Fabric	21,654	2,783	18,871
Churchyard	2,002	1,577	424
Total	23,656	4,360	19,295

the break-in and were covered by the insurance funds received last year.

The Churchyard gained £2,002 of investment income, and this was spent on refurbishment of the wall alongside of the pathway from New Street entrance and the Lychgate.

The PCC operates seven 'Discretionary Use' Funds, where funds are allocated and/or maintained for a specified use. The day-to-day management of these funds is delegated to a local management team but the overall responsibility for all liabilities remains with the PCC.

Overall receipts of £16,284 and payments of £15,206 resulted in an annual cash inflow of £1,078.

The three most active funds are,

· The Joyce Storey Memorial Fund, managed by the PCC Standing Committee. It was established from the investment of half of the capital from the Joyce Storey bequest to enable the church to support suitable projects in the community. Receipts of £3,477 from investment income and loan repayments and spend of £2,124 on support of the Primary school's extra-curricular facility and much lower level of hardship grants resulted in a final Fund balance of £3,684.

· Memory Café project. The project continued with monthly café meeting with a variety of themes, warmer weather excursions, and a Christmas Lunch. Expenses jumped to £4,602 with the extension of activities provided to include, old films, and increased cost of hire and group travel. However, receipts increased to match at £4,884 with higher levels of fundraising and grants resulting in a Fund year-end balance of £5,444.

· The Pantry Project continued to flourish. The social gathering every Monday to provide both food and other advice remains their major activity. The main source of income is from donations and expenditure is the purchase of food to supplement the food donations made by the public. The size of the need continued to rise expenditure £7,164. However, income of £5,670, £1,500 less than last year, results in the year-end balance dropping to £4,182. The committee are working hard on a sensible way ahead.

· **The Employment Funds** covers those activities where the PCC conducts people management activities on behalf of other organisations for,

1. Employment of the Youth Worker on behalf of the Chagford Youth project. The Management Committee although it has a constitution is not recognised as a legal entity and therefore is not allowed to function as an employer: St Michaels already operates as an employer for its paid staff.

II. Similarly, support is provided for the North Dartmoor Parishes coordinator for the same reasons.

In both cases it is the legal responsibility of the managing organisation to cover the costs incurred by St Michael's.

Normally these funds, would finish the year with net zero balance. However, However, St Michael's claims the costs incurred monthly in arrears. As these bills are paid the following month in simple receipts and payments accounting, they are shown as a negative balance, but they are legally debtors as there is a legal obligation to make the payment.

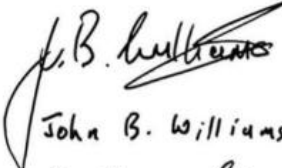
Independent Examination

The Accounts have been examined by John Williams who has issued the following Independent Financial Statement. "In the course of our examination of the financial documentation relating to St Michael the Archangel PCC for the financial year 1st January to 31st December 2025, no matter has come to our attention,

1. which give us cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements,

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act, or
- to prepare account records which accord with these accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act have not been met; or

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


John B. Williams
10 Harts Close, Chagford TA13 8FG

17-3-2026

Reserves Policy

The PCC policy is to maintain unrestricted use funds for works that inevitably occur following the quinquennial inspection & maintenance

activities that by their nature do not occur regularly.

POLICIES

SAFEGUARDING

Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility and it is always on the agenda at St Michael's PCC meetings. We continue to do all we can to ensure we are providing a safe, inclusive and nurturing environment for all children and vulnerable adults within our church community.

Safeguarding Dashboard

The Parish Dashboard is a record of our progress towards achieving our safeguarding responsibilities. The diocesan safeguarding team can view the dashboard to review our progress. The churchwardens and the PCC member responsible for safeguarding, in collaboration with the parish safeguarding rep, have worked very hard on our targets. The most urgent targets currently relate to the groups that are run by St Michael's for children and vulnerable adults (Little Angels, Jam Club, Bell Ringers and Community and Memory Cafe). All these groups are now required to have risk assessments and role descriptions for helpers and also, new volunteers need to be recruited in accordance with Safer Recruitment legislation. Most groups now have these documents in place and other groups are working hard to achieve them.

The DBS and Safeguarding Training Register

The Parish Dashboard now has a Secure Safeguarding Hub (seen only by those with access permission) which tracks the DBS certificates and training status of all church personnel. The Parish Safeguarding representative enters the data and the dashboard automatically sends alerts when individuals are due for training or DBS renewals. There are almost 80 different people involved in church groups at St Michael's - a lot of data to enter. The hub is very helpful for prompting renewals.

PCC adopting an annual cycle of safeguarding updates and reviews going forward

The PCC has a responsibility to review safeguarding action plans regularly and to review the Safeguarding Policy annually. For this reason an annual cycle of safeguarding tasks is being adopted so that reviews are automatically built into agendas.

Safeguarding cases

We continue to seek diocesan advice on our safeguarding cases and have worked closely with their advisers on some of our more complex cases over the past year.

*Ann Searson
Parish Safeguarding Representative*

DATA PROTECTION

The PCC continues to comply with the General Data Protection Regulation which took effect in May 2018.

Individuals are requested to complete the 'Keeping In Touch' form and records are maintained by the Data Privacy Officer.

Writing this report has reminded me that there are several new members of the congregation yet to be 'nabbed' to complete the form.

No Data Protection issues occurred in 2025.

*Lucy Shields
Data Privacy Officer*

HEALTH & SAFETY

There have been two health and Safety issues in the last 12 months.

On the 9th January 2026 at Little Angels where an overexcited child hit his mother on the head causing a slight cut. No Hospitalisation required and the mother self-treated.

The second was on the 19th February 2026 where a member of the church, whilst accessing the outer door storage facility/shed, fell on the unsupported wooden steps causing a bruise to her hip and soreness to her wrist. No hospitalisation required and she self-treated. Upon investigation it was discovered that the steps in question were not meant to be used to access that particular storage area.

No other incidents were in the book and I can't recall any others that occurred.

*Kathryn Wood
Health & Safety Officer*

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Section A Receipts and Payments

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds to the nearest £	Designated Funds (Rector, Choir & Little Angels) to the nearest £	Church Fabric Fund (Restricted) to the nearest £	Churchyard Fund (Restricted) to the nearest £	Employment Fund (Restricted) to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts								
A1.1 Voluntary Income								
Planned Giving (Tax efficient)	1	25,940					25,940	24,535
Planned Giving (Other)	1	1,120					1,120	1,025
Collections	1	8,209					8,209	7,271
All other giving	1	6,148					6,148	4,746
Donations & Gifts	2	1,495	10,119	20,000	200	17,490	31,814	16,876
Grants from other bodies	3	-					17,490	24,705
Legacies								
Tax recovered through Gift Aid	4	10,938	241				11,179	10,576
A1.1 Sub total		53,849	10,360	20,000	200	17,490	101,899	89,533
A1.2 Fundraising	5	14,601	1,466				16,067	18,967
A1.3 Income from Investments		4,818	4,458	1,654	1,802		12,732	12,818
A1.4 Church Activities								
Statutory Fees retained by PCC		5,663					5,663	5,527
Trading Activities	6	1,330					1,330	2,105
VAT Refund								
A1.4 Sub total		6,993	-	-	-	-	6,993	7,632
A2 Asset and investment sales, etc.	7	9,714					9,714	10,204
Total Receipts		89,975	16,284	21,654	2,002	17,490	147,405	139,233

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A3 Payments								
A3.1 Cost of Generating Funds	5	4,196	11				4,206	6,450
A3.2 Mission Giving and Donations		2,568	2,124			1,303	5,995	6,073
A3.3 Church Activities								
Diocesan Parish Share		41,320					41,320	42,087
Payments to Deanery/Mission Community		6,656					6,656	5,978
Salary/honoraria		2,900				17,085	19,985	18,181
Mission/evangelism costs		2,378	10,649				13,026	11,288
Church running Expenses		27,353	1,171	1,384	1,577	2,608	34,094	36,395
Utility costs	8	11,793					11,793	9,082
Governance Costs								
Other								
A3.3 Sub total		92,400	11,819	1,384	1,577	19,694	126,875	123,012
A3.4 Major Capital Expenditure								
Major Church Repairs/Replacements								
New Building Works								
A3.4 Sub total		-	-	-	-	-	-	-
A4 Asset and investment purchases, etc.		411	1,252	1,399			3,062	2,991
Total payments		99,575	15,206	2,783	1,577	20,997	140,138	138,526
Net of receipts/(payments)		-(9,600)	1,078	18,871	424	-(3,507)	7,266	707
A5 Transfers between funds	9	10,000	0	-(10,000)	0	0	0	
A6 Cash funds last year and Cash funds this year end		2,100	16,103	4,951	1,547	2,477	27,178	26,471
		2,500	17,181	13,822	1,971	-(1,030)	34,445	27,178

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Section A Receipts and Payments

		unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds (Rector, Choir & Little Angels)	Church Fabric Fund (Restricted)	Churchyard Fund (Restricted)	Employment Fund (Restricted)	Managed Funds (Restricted)	Total funds	Last year	
	Notes	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	
A1 Voluntary Income										
Planned Giving (Tax efficient)		25,940						25,940	24,535	
Planned Giving (Other)		1,120						1,120	1,025	
Collections	1	8,209						8,209	7,271	
All other giving	2	6,148						6,148	4,746	
Donations & Gifts	3	1,495	10,119	20,000	200	17,490	14,174	45,987	30,392	
Grants from other bodies	4	-						17,490	24,705	
Legacies		-						-	-	
Tax recovered through Gift Aid		10,938	241					11,179	10,576	
		53,849	10,360	20,000	200	17,490	14,174	116,072	103,249	
		A1.1 Sub total								
A1.2 Fundraising	5	14,601	1,466				39,567	55,634	43,069	
A1.3 Income from Investments		4,818	4,458	1,654	1,802		152	12,884	13,061	
		A1.4 Church Activities								
Statutory Fees retained by PCC		5,663						5,663	5,527	
Trading Activities	6	1,330					6720	8,050	9,294	
VAT Refund		-						-	-	
		A1.4 Sub total								
		6,993					6,720	13,713	14,821	
A2 Asset and investment sales, etc.	7	9,714					3,956	13,670	10,284	
		Total Receipts								
		89,975	16,284	21,654	2,002	17,490	64,569	211,974	184,483	

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		unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds (Rector, Choir & Little Angels)	Church Fabric Fund (Restricted)	Churchyard Fund (Restricted)	Employment Fund (Restricted)	Managed Funds (Restricted)	Total funds	Last year	
	Notes	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	
A3 Payments										
A3.1 Cost of Generating Funds	8	4,196	11				31,139	35,345	29,628	
A3.2 Mission Giving and Donations	9	2,568	2,124			1,303	48,618	54,613	24,006	
A3.3 Church Activities										
Diocesan Parish Share		41,320						41,320	42,087	
Payments to Deanery/Mission Community		6,656						6,656	5,978	
Salary/honoraria	3	2,900				17,085	-	19,985	18,592	
Mission/evangelism costs		2,378	10,649				102	13,128	11,424	
Church running Expenses		27,353	1,171	1,384	1,577	2,608	2,660	36,753	42,428	
Utility costs	10	11,793						11,793	9,082	
A3.3 Sub total		92,400	11,819	1,384	1,577	19,694	2,761	129,636	129,592	
A3.4 Major Capital Expenditure										
Major Church Repairs/Replacements		-		-				-	-	
New Building Works		-		-				-	-	
A3.4 Sub total		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
A4 Asset and investment purchases, etc.		411	1,252	1,399	-	-	-	3,062	3,275	
Total payments		99,575	15,206	2,783	1,577	20,997	82,518	222,656	186,501	
Net of receipts/(payments)		-(9,600)	1,078	18,871	424	-(3,507)	-(17,949)	-(10,683)	-(2,018)	
A5 Transfers between funds		10000	0	-(10,000)	0	0	0	0	-	
A6 Cash funds last year end		2,100	16,103	4,951	1,547	2,477	22,919	50,097	42,673	
Cash funds this year end		2,500	17,181	13,822	1,971	-(1,030)	4,970	39,414	50,097	

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Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

	Notes	Designated Funds (Rector, Choir & Little Angels)						Total funds	Last year
		Unrestricted Funds	Church Fabric Fund	Churchyard Fund	Employment Fund	Managed Funds			
		to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	
B1 Cash funds									
NatWest Current Account		484	1,619	2,936	0	-(1,030)	-(465)	3,543	5,159
Lloyds Current Account		550	4,198	461	0	0	709	5,918	1,851
Lloyds Deposit account		1,225	8,660	1,498	0	0	1,590	12,973	28,168
NDP Magazine		0	0	4,050	0	0	2,876	2,876	2,513
CBF Deposit Reserves		0	0	1,288	0	0	0	4,050	3,874
CBF Deposit Restricted Use Fabric			0	2,658	1,971			1,288	1,154
CBF Deposit Restricted Use Churchyard		0	2,704	932	0	0	509	4,629	2,827
Cash								4,146	4,156
TOTAL		2,259	17,181	13,822	1,971	-(1,030)	5,220	39,423	49,703
									51,826
B2 Other monetary assets									
Gift Aid recoverable		5,977	120	-	25	-	1,396	7,518	9,758
Debtors		691	-	-	-	-	-	691	1,258
B3 Investment assets									
Hawksmoor Investment Mgrs Capital Fund		2,055	2,146	731	-	-	-	4,931	14,306
Investment Assets @ market value (31.12.2024)	18	109,489	124,802	52,505	-	-	-	286,796	272,284
B4 Endowment Trust Assets									
Investment Assets @ market value (31.12.2021)				2788	57324			60112	64614
B5 Liabilities									
Creditors Various		(450)	0	0	0	0	(250)	(700)	(865)
Section C Net present Value									
Cash and Investment Assets		120,021	144,249	69,846	59,320	-(1,030)	6,366	398,772	411,059

SAINT MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL, CHAGFORD PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

Financial Statement

For the Period 01 January to 31 December 2025

Section D Approvals

Signed by two trustees on behalf of all the PCC

Chairman of PCC

Signature
NHPMcKinzel

Name
NHPMcKINSEL

Date
4/4/26

Hon Treasurer

Signature


Name
T.C. BRENNAN

Date
17/03/2026

Signed by Independent examiner

Signature


Name
J.B. WILLIAMS

Date
17-03-2026.

Independent Examiner's Report

to the Trustees of

Parochial Church Council of St Michael the Archangel, Chagford

Registered Charity No: 1172274

I report on the accounts of the church for the year ended 31st December 2025, which are set out on 3 pages referenced 2025-1 to 2025 -3 inclusive attached.

Respective responsibilities of the Trustees and Independent Examiner

The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- follow the procedure laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners (under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act); and
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's Statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission.

An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with the records. It also includes consideration of 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 a full audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below

Independent Examiner's Statement

In connection with our examination, no matters have come to my attention other than those detailed overleaf

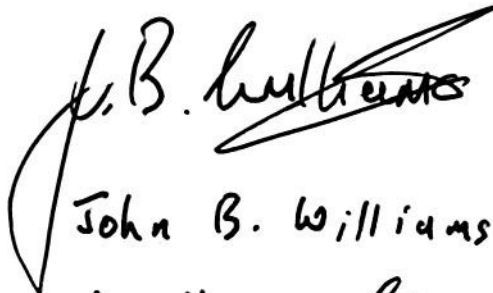
1. which give us reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; or
 - to prepare accounts which accord with these accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act have not been met, or
2. to which, in our opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed.

Full Name

Address.

Date.


John B. Williams

10 Hares Close, Chagford TQ13 8FG.

17-3-2026

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF CHAGFORD

England & Wales - Charity number 1172274

Accounts

**ANNUAL
REPORT**

for the
Fiscal Year
1st January

to

31st December
2024

**The Parochial
Church Council
of the
Ecclesiastical
Parish
of
Chagford**

**Registered
Charity**
1172274



ANNUAL REVIEW 2024

2024 dawned with the prospect of a continued vacancy but, very soon after the strains of Auld Lang Syne had faded, we were informed that we were to receive a very special Interim Priest-in-Charge, with the Rt. Revd. Nick McKinnel (retired Bishop of Plymouth) being appointed for a two-year period.

This was truly an answer to our prayers and, within days, plans began on the arrangements for his Licensing Service, which would take place on April 30th.

The service, when it came, was full of happiness. One person described it as having *“excitement, joy and even (very un-CofE!) fun”* and another that *“the warmth and love felt in the service and the Jubilee Hall was palpable, and it is because we all care and work together to achieve things.”*

It has been an absolute joy to welcome and get to know Bishop Nick and his wife Jan, and they very quickly became part of the ‘family’ – not least with Jan acting as midwife to the Parishes Coordinator’s dog, when she had puppies, within days of their arrival here!

Throughout the year, congregation numbers have remained stable across our wide range of services.

Bishop Nick has welcomed new initiatives and added to our usual rotation of services. We now have a new, more contemporary, monthly evening service; ‘Moor Praise’, which is run in conjunction with St Basil’s church (further down the Teign Valley).

However, the pressure of being a rather unwieldy group of fourteen parishes, even with Revd. Prebendary Sue Sheppard as Rector of Moretonhampstead, does put extra strain on the Ministry Team and we simply could not cope without the indefatigable assistance of Harriet, Noël, Nick and Edwina and all the Lay Team.

St Michael’s is also indebted to the tireless work put in by Rosemary and Terry Bleakman who seem to fit far more than a week’s work into every seven days. It is worth repeating that Rosemary must be joined by a second Churchwarden, as carrying this role solo is too much for anyone.

We must also publicly acknowledge the outstanding work of: Elinor

d'Albiac as Sacristan and Verger, Jon Bint as Tower Captain, Roger Cleverdon as Organist and the support of those on the cleaner's, lesson reader's, intercessor's, sidesmen's and flower arranger's rotas. Also, all those who volunteer for Chagford Pantry and at Little Angels, help at fundraising events, sing in the choir, accompany hymns at services, ring the bells - in fact, anyone at all who has helped with the highs and lows, the delights and the concerns of the past twelve months.

It is always sad to report the deaths of dear friends and, in 2024 we lost Julia Endacott whose 40+ years on the PCC, tenure as Churchwarden, Foundation Governor of Chagford School, Flower Rota Organiser, Plant Stall supremo and, of course, Tower Captain will never be matched.

And also: Pete Williamson, Mary Parker, John Vicary, Vera Wotton and Shirley Judkins, each of whom in quiet, but determined and good-humoured ways, contributed so much to the life of St Michael's for many years. They will all, always, be remembered.

Lucy Shields

Lay Chairman Chagford Parochial Church Council



CHURCHWARDEN'S REPORT

It was very exciting to learn, quite early in the year, that the 'Vacancy' created by the departure of the Revd. Paul would end with the North Dartmoor Parishes welcoming a Priest-in-Charge for a two-year period. Even more impressive was that this person was the retired Bishop of Plymouth, the Rt. Revd, Nicholas McKinnel. We were all delighted to welcome 'Bishop' Nick and Jan into our fold in April.

The full and varied pattern of church services has continued with a steady increase in attendance and encouraged by 'Bishop' Nick a new worship band lead contemporary evening service started in October. Initial indications are that this has been well received with both regular and new attendees. Other groups such as 'Celebrating the Earth' have continued to organise bi/monthly services/events, which brings into the church many of our local community who would not normally attend. The Primary School continued to hold its 'end of term' services in the Church; the service on the 18th July involved Year-6 pupils telling their own story of their life in our primary school. They were each presented with a bible funded by our Storey Memorial Fund, which was created from a legacy given by a lady whose husband had been a teacher at Chagford School.

There have been thirteen funerals/thanksgiving services and six couples have celebrated their weddings, and the church has been the home for numerous concerts, including double performance sell-out concerts by Sheku Kanneh-Mason and Harry Baker

Elsewhere in the Annual Report, you will read of high level of cash needed to run the church, and the importance of fundraising events to supplement donations and fees in our quest to raise over £90,000 in the year. This year's achievement surpassed all expectations, and I would like to thank everyone involved for their enthusiasm, creativity, and hard work. It is hard to select any particular group, but the Summer Fête and 'The Theatre in the Church' (A Midsummer Night's Dream) were particularly successful.

As well of our own events committee, we are indebted to the Friends of St Michael's, for their financial support to the church. Not only have they provided a full set of folding chairs that are extremely useful to support services, social events and performances, but they have refurbished the popular seating area outside of the main church entrance door and supported the works on the churchyard paths and hedges and other churchyard refurbishment activity.

Their June to August Friday lunch-time concert series, supported by local business sponsorship, has become an established annual festival showcasing music across the genres. Now completing its third year, these events have already raised significant funds towards their next major project to reorder the Gabriel Room & the bellringers balcony cupboards to provide much needed additional storage, and the removal of the unused pews in the southwest corner to make a carpeted, open and versatile space for social gathering, children's play and quiet contemplation. This work will also include the replacement of the mismatch of tables etcetera around the pillar with a custom-built set of cabinets matching in design those at the church entrance. The faculty application process started in October, and we are very hopeful that work will start in 2025.

As you can see our year has been very busy and very much a part of the community, and we are now just a few months away from welcoming back the weekly 'Music on the Wall', 'Chess in the Churchyard', and a new entrant of 'Pétanque on the Drive'

Our church remains at the centre of Chagford life.

Rosemary Bleakman
Churchwarden

AIMS AND PURPOSE

St Michael the Archangel Parochial Church Council (PCC) has the responsibility of co-operating with the incumbent, in promoting within the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. The PCC is also responsible for the maintenance of the Grade I listed church building and associated churchyard.

MINISTRY & MISSION **CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE**

LITTLE ANGELS

The Little Angels have continued to delight us. Friday mornings in church can be oases of calm with just a couple of babes in arms being breast fed, or bedlam with toddlers racing up and down the aisles or hiding in the pulpit. Whatever the mornings bring, it is lovely to see the little ones growing and interacting with each other and Mums (and Dads and grandparents) enjoying a hot drink and the opportunity to meet and chat with friends old and new in a warm church.

The dynamics of the group has changed considerably since it was started some ten years ago. The Little Angels are younger as many now leave us at two years old to attend nursery school.



There are currently about 30 names on the register but fortunately for those of us in charge, attendance is irregular. One thing however is constant, the enjoyment each of us feels as we close each morning with the Wiggle Song.

Lesley Haigh

FAMILY BREAKFAST SERVICES

The Team now leading the monthly Family Breakfast Service in the Jubilee Hall comprises the remnants of the former Seedlings Group, some experienced, committed Christians and some very enthusiastic and musical newcomers. This group now concentrates on planning and running the Services under the guidance of our Priest in Charge, and has demonstrated a wide range of creative ideas from public speaking, worship through music, arts and crafts and flower arranging.

Originally a spin-off from Messy Church in the local School, the aim was to attract families who were happy to join in the informal introduction to religion, and it was very successful.

Sadly, Covid enforced a break in the initiative and while the eventual move to Jubilee Hall has been supported by many of the regular congregation there are fewer new families, exceptions being for the 'specials' such as the Christingle last December.

It remains to be seen whether the Family Breakfasts can continue or whether we can devise another way to attract younger members of our community.

Lesley Haigh

CHURCH LIFE **WORKING WITH THE COMMUNITY**

CHAGFORD COMMUNITY & MEMORY CAFE

Attendance at the cafe has increased this year from an average of 38 people per session in 2023 to 41 people per session in 2024. Some of the highlights of 2024 have been:



Trips in 2024 - Because many of our guests do not drive, our trips provide guests with a rare opportunity to get out of Chagford for a few hours. Last year we organised 4 outings:

- To Jenny Tuckets Garden in Ide where we petted her heavy horses, explored her beautiful garden and enjoyed tea and homemade cake

- To Moretonhampstead Motor Museum followed by afternoon tea at Baskervilles
- To the Devon Rural Archive on the Shilstone estate followed by lunch
- A Christmas lunch at the Fingle Bridge Inn

Sessions in 2024 - Highlights: Annie Lambert from The Devon Library Service led a reminiscence session using memory boxes, The Dartmoor Shepherd brought lambs and collies to pet in spring, Elizabeth Jane Baldry gave a harp recital, Dartmoor Bill entertained us with folk songs and stories, Stephi from Artisan led a printmaking workshop, Proper Job led 2 craft workshops, Christmas Carol singing led by 3 local musicians.

Other News

We purchased a large promotional feather flag using a grant from the Parish Council to create an awareness of the cafe. We use it outside the hall at Cafe sessions and at fundraising events. We purchased a large promotional A frame using a grant from the Chagford Community Trust which we put out in The Square in the days before each monthly Cafe session to remind guests that the next session is the coming Thursday. We have purchased a Companion Cat from our own funds (that purrs and raises its paw) for the enjoyment of guests with more advanced dementia.

The cafe remains free to all. We serve hot drinks and a selection of savoury and sweet food provided by a dedicated team of volunteers as well as companionship, stimulating activities and support for carers.

CHAGFORD PANTRY



The Chagford Pantry has had another good year supported by the Church and the community. Throughout the year it has actively helped a number of families and individuals by providing essential food and household items both at the Monday morning open coffee session and with discreet provisions available at all times in the Church and school. A small band of volunteers ensure the smooth running of the Pantry and are there to respond quickly in the event of a crisis situation.

The work of the Pantry is always evolving and currently provides a regular and popular weekly coffee morning in the Church to help with emotional and social support that is often needed when times get tough. We have had

visitors who attend rarely or infrequently, and others who come along every week and now help out too.

At Christmas we moved away from providing hampers to gifting vouchers for the butcher and greengrocer in Chagford. This allows for the recipient to choose their food and support our local businesses. From Christmas we have been able to carry on giving fresh fruit and vegetables by continuing with the voucher system through Fruit Loop - and thanks to them for the additional admin that this obviously creates. We are aware that this may have to be reduced as it requires funds rather than relying on donations, but the committee consider it important to enable easy access to fresh food.

The Pantry has also provided activities throughout the year that promote social interaction, creativity and cross-organisational contact (the School, the Community Allotment and Memory Café) and have been represented at research and information events.

With grateful thanks to a grant from the Chagford Community Trust, we were able to purchase and distribute eight heated throws at the beginning of the winter and have had very positive feedback from all the recipients.

We remain very grateful to the regular local donors and the support of the church and community for the funds to keep going, the food and household items donated regularly and the space gifted to display and operate at the rear of the Church.

Hils Bush & Liz Goodwin

CHAGFORD SANCTUARY

Final Chagford Sanctuary Report for January 2024-2025

The Chagford Sanctuary project was set up in early April 2022 to support Ukrainians and their hosts in the Chagford area.

Over the two years of the project the main activities were:

- a) Providing pastoral care for Ukrainians and their hosts as needed
- b) Providing English language teaching to those Ukrainians without good language skills
- c) Providing small grants (around £500) to Ukrainians for essential items
- d) Organising social events to bring Ukrainians and hosts together in the Chagford area
- e) Providing transport via a list of DBS checked volunteers, contactable

via a WhatsApp group

f) Providing respite accommodation

g) Fundraising to support the above activities

There were also regular gatherings over tea and cake organised to provide peer support between host families and as information sharing sessions. These were generously hosted at the Barefoot Barn by Claire and Roger Ash-Wheeler.

The Chagford Sanctuary Project benefitted from its strong links with St Michael's Church, because the Church provided a venue for fundraising events, advice on safeguarding and DBS checks and, importantly, was custodian of the funds raised by the project. There were a total of 20 Ukrainians who were in close contact with Chagford Sanctuary, and benefited directly from some or all of the key activities listed above.

During the summer and autumn of 2023, the majority Ukrainians who had been hosted in the Chagford area either decided to return to Ukraine to be with their families again or moved to their own independent accommodation. We remained in touch with five Ukrainian families locally who are now living independently.

At the beginning of 2024 we began the process of closing Chagford Sanctuary as a formal 'project' with regular meetings. Although of course hosts and some volunteers have remained in close contact with the Ukrainians being supported.

We provided some further small grants to Ukrainians in the area who were establishing their own independent homes and the very small amount of remaining funds was donated to the Chagford Hospitality Network who also support asylum seekers.

At the end of February 2024, we held a tea at Endecott House to thank all the hosts and volunteers who had supported Ukrainians locally. A few days later Nick Fennemore led a time for meditation and quiet reflection in the church to mark two years since Russia's full-scale attack on Ukraine. At this event the Ukrainian flag (that had been displayed in the church) was carefully folded into a beautiful box that had been specially designed for its safe keeping.

Jane Elliott
Chagford Sanctuary volunteer Co-ordinator

FINANCIAL SUPPORT

The PCC believes that we, as Christians, should provide for the support of others who are, for a variety of reasons, unable to do so for themselves. It achieves these aims through the giving of financial support, in cash or in kind, to other charitable organisations and individuals or groups of individuals.

For 2024, the PCC resolved to allocate grants, given from income, to be concentrated primarily on helping those in hardship within the local area.

At the organisation level, cash grants were awarded to:

Farming Community network - £416

St Petrocks Exeter - £417

Chagford's Youth Project - £1000

Royal British Legion 'Poppy Appeal' - £460

Working at the family level our 'Chagford Pantry' project has provided support of £6,800 in food and other items of a personal nature and provided simple one-to-one supportive discussion.

The Joyce Storey Memorial fund also provided financial support of £2,400. In the main this is provided by direct payment of bills rather than 'cash-in-hand'

CELEBRATING THE EARTH

'Celebrating the Earth' originated as a series of events in support of the UN Climate Change Conference in November 2021, and has continued with regular offerings of nature-inspired art, music, talk, folklore, poetry, prayer and meditation ever since.

The programme of events is organised by a cross-community, cross-generational, cross-faith group of volunteers, and all are welcome to participate. These events draw audiences from many different parts of the local community, coming together to share a love of the natural world and commitment to its future.

A brief run-down of CtE events held in 2024:

In February, we gathered for the annual Chagford Wassail on Ore Hill.

Wassailing is an old tradition of 'waking up' the apple trees each year with songs, stories, laughter, and noise-making. This time we were joined by the folk drama group The Chagford Mummers, presenting their seasonal rendition of Gawain and the Green Knight. In March, we celebrated Chagford's long association with sheep and wool. The Dartmoor

Shepherd's Lewis Steer discussed sustainable farming practices, and textile artist Yuli Somme discussed wool in Chagford, past and present. Nicky Scott performed farming songs, Deirdre Skilton read shepherd poetry, and children from Chagford Primary School came dressed as sheep.

In late April (close to May Day), community members young and old gathered at Ore Hill Gate for the annual Jack-in-the-Green Procession, led by two colourful creatures from folklore: the Green Man and the Obby Oss. The event included storytelling by Lisa Schneidau, music by Damien Hackney and Thomas Fynn, a sing-along, and a blessing of the land for the season's turning by Edwina Fennemore. In June's event, Notes from Wild Places, composer Helen Habershon performed her nature-inspired music for clarinet and piano, interspersed with her father's poetry, read by dramatist Howard Gayton. Helen also discussed the ways the natural world influences and supports creativity. After the summer hiatus, we were back in September with a celebration of The Glorious Oak. Elizabeth-Jane Baldry and Thomas Fynn presented a programme of harp music, folklore, and poetry inspired by oak trees, along with a discussion of the Community Feasting Table that Elizabeth-Jane is building among the trees of her Chagford woodland.

In October's event, Senses of Belonging, three photographic artists (Sam Carder, Jack Johnson, and Hannah Fletcher) shared images from their six-year project exploring community, ecology, sustainability, and creativity on Dartmoor. Their photographs of the flora, fauna, and people of Chagford were accompanied by a Wild Chorus tapestry of sound led by vocalist Alice Louise. In December we celebrated the Winter Solstice with seasonal music (performed by Lisa Rowe and her talented group of young Chagford singers), the annual Yule Log Procession, and a new folk drama from The Chagford Mummers based on Robin Hood, plus solstice poetry, a blessing, and a meditation for the dark of the year.

And in late January, we gathered to Wassail the apple tree of Ore Hill once again.

As we plan events for 2025, we continue to work with Chagford Primary School to include young people in these events. We're grateful for the support of the church, and strive (through collecting donations at each event) to support the church in turn.

Terri Windling

EVENTS & FUNDRAISING

2024 was a busy year for the Events Committee.

Another successful (and hard-fought!) Puzzling Evening in February was closely followed by the season of Lent Charity Soup Lunches. One could say that these are part of the church's 'outreach', in that the Sunday after-church coffee money funds the hire of Endecott House for each of the lunches, so that the charities and organisations can keep all the profits for their cause.

From the start of May until mid-October, the fortnightly Tuesday Coffee Mornings were held, some in people's homes, others in the church. As always, they were well attended and enjoyed by numerous people.

It was a joy to revive the Summer Fête at Chagford House, this year. With very grateful thanks to Belinda Hayter-Hames for her kind hospitality and to Phil Tucker, Veronica Morriss and their magnificent team for their amazing hard work, the whole day was a tremendous success.

Our Harvest Festival service this year, was followed by a Harvest Lunch of soups, bread & cheese and puddings in church. This was greatly enjoyed by over 50 people.

For a Christmas fundraiser, we had an extremely successful Coffee Morning in the Jubilee Hall which even Storm Darragh wasn't able to spoil! Thanks have to go to all those who worked so hard putting this together.

During the following week, the Okehampton Excelsior Silver Band returned (after entertaining us at the Fête) and a full church enjoyed terrific, seasonal concert, with mulled wine and mince pies in the interval.

Many other performances also took place, which are detailed elsewhere in this Report, with the church being transformed into "a wood near Athens" for Tymesythe Theatares production of 'A Midsummer Night's Dream', the Friends' Summer Concert Programme, Whiddon Autumn Festival, Two Moors Festival, and individual concerts including Jim Causley and the superb Sheku Kanneh-Mason.

*Lucy Shields,
for the Events Committee*

FRIENDS OF ST MICHAEL'S

(Officially Chagford Church & Churchyard Trust)

During 2024, The Friends of St. Michael's continued to put on the popular Summer Music series of 12 free Friday lunchtime concerts, which has now become an anticipated feature of the Chagford calendar.

The Friends were also approached by Music in Country Churches (MICC), a charity whose patron is the King, to put on a concert in the Spring. The concert on 1st June resulted in a donation from the charity of £2,000.

The 2024 Summer Music series was extremely popular and successful, raising almost £10,000, which was supplemented by sales of tea towels incorporating Virginia Lee's attractive poster design. Average attendance, at 170 per concert, was slightly down on the previous year but average donations were higher, in part due to a greater proportion made with Gift Aid. A small private concert in September for the charity Path North raised a further £500.

A formal Faculty Application to the DAC was finally made late in the year. It incorporates an expanded plan for church improvements which went on display in the church in early 2025. The cost of these will be substantially covered by the accumulation of funds from the previous years, but as the work will need to be staggered over a couple of years so as not to interfere with the day-to-day workings of the church, the Friends anticipate being able to raise any shortfall in the meantime.

During 2024 the Friends made a substantial contribution to the restoration of some of the paths in the churchyard as well as repairing and re-instating the curved wooden seating outside the West Door.

Neil Loden

CHURCH FAMILY

CHURCH CHOIR

We have had a busy year singing and, although not with many weddings, a couple of quartets have been asked to help at small weddings. Some of us attended RSCM and Devon Choral Association events during the year, held in Exeter Cathedral, Buckfast Abbey and Crediton Church.

Our numbers have risen to 26 singers with a healthy quota on each part, though a couple more tenors would be an advantage.

This allows for a few people to be absent without depleting the numbers too drastically, and therefore still allowing us to sing a good range of music under our wonderful Musical Director - Roger Cleverdon. We are grateful to those who come and sing regularly with us, from Sampford Courtenay.

Rehearsals went on during the summer for two identical concerts given in Chagford and Sampford Courtenay in November, and Roger hopes to repeat this with another in the Autumn.

Not quite in time for the first concert, we bought new choir folders - the others having been around for about 25 years, and now passed their best, in every sense. Also, with the increased numbers it was cheaper to replace them all, than to get repeats of the old ones. So now they are black with our church name printed on the front.

We have sung for various special occasions - including Bishop Nick's Licensing. Other services have been for Advent, Christmas, and sadly, for several funerals including one of our former members - Malcolm Fish.

The next thing for us is a Coffee Morning on April 5th 2025. Not held for many years, this will help replenish the account so that we can buy and replace music.

Thanks for continuing to support us.

*Elinor d'Albiac
Choir Secretary*

BELLRINGERS

Another eventful year for our towers, but which sadly included the sudden death of my predecessor as Tower Captain @ St M's, Julia Endacott.

Ruth & I rang the new year in at Holy Trinity Drewsteignton, with four from the parish, and followed this up a few days later with Friday night's annual dinner down Fingle. In fact, we made a weekend of it, with a Saturday outing on downstream – a first for several of our nascent group – and a Sunday Epiphany ring at Buckfast Abbey.

We continue to operate as a squad across the four Parishes, based around regular (usually well-attended) Tuesday practice & Sunday morning service Ringing in Chagford, and usually manage to ring for a Sunday service in Drewsteignton, Gidleigh, & Throwleigh in rotation. On occasions when unable to practise in Chagford, we generally decamp to Drewsteignton. We continue to be grateful for the ongoing assistance of experienced

ringers – Martin, Eddie, Lee, Autumn, & Ewan – which has really aided the progression of our ever-improving group. We have benefited from a special evening's training run by the Devon Association of Ringers' Training Officer, and again taken part in a good many of the annual competitions that run throughout the 'season', which provide further experience, including hosting the DCBRF Competition (& tea) in Drewsteignton.

Ringling for weddings has seemingly been overtaken in frequency by ringling for funerals & thanksgiving services, although it is not so easy to raise a team weekdays, and again we are grateful for the assistance given by ringers from the Moreton benefice & Bovey. Other special occasions for which we have rung include the Induction of our Rt Rev't Priest in Charge, D-Day 80th Anniversary, & the reopening of the Drewe Arms as a Community Pub – we are also shareholders.

Julia 'Auntie' Endacott's death in July was a huge shock, not just to the local ringers, but also to the wider Ringling community. Purely by chance we had an ASCY full 3-hour Peal booked a couple of days after Auntie's passing, and which they readily agreed to dedicate to her memory. I was honoured to be tasked with the Eulogy to her, and grateful for the many ringers who knew her for joining in the ringling at her funeral.

We have welcomed several visiting teams & bands to the tower(s) over the course of the year, and likewise individual visiting ringers to our practices. We ran a successful Coffee Morning to boost our funds, we have installed a 'new' set of ropes, reducing the cost by having new sallies & tail ends spliced on to an old set of ours. We put on an evening tower visit for the local Youth Club. One of the year's biggest undertakings personally was co-organising with Wren Trust a day's Ringling event in October as part of the Sabine Baring-Gould Centenary. This centred around a well-known ringling folk song that he had collected, ringling in the five towers in West Devon & East Cornwall named in the song.

In addition to the wearing out of the set of ropes which were new with the 2017 rehang, the clock continues to be silent due to the broken wire on the clock hammer, we have had the tenor clapper break & are still awaiting its new replacement, meanwhile reinstalling an old one we fortuitously had. We are also hoping for the reinstatement of one of our ringers, and grateful to Rt Rev'd Nick for his work towards this, and to the Drewsteignton Church leaders for their support. This year has seen

Dr Chris Smallwood retire from ringing & passing the Gidleigh Tower Captaincy to one of new ringers, Ian. I cannot overstate my gratitude for the help that Chris has given me and the Chagford Tower over the past twenty or so years, in addition to his considerable work for Gidleigh and, in particular, the huge part he played in the Chagford rehangng project. Ian & I were pleased to present him with a suitably inscribed bell memento at a recent Gidleigh service.

In 2025 the Devon Association of Ringers is celebrating its Centenary, and as Vice Chairman I am heading up the group organising the celebratory events, the key one of which we will be hosting in Chagford on April 19th (Holy Saturday), which includes the premier of a special film documentary of the Association & the vernacular Devon Call Change tradition for which it exists to represent. As a consequence, an already full-on Ringing Life has become even busier. I have, however, still made time to begin training up the daughter & (particularly) the small granddaughter of one of the old South Tawton ringers who regularly assists with Throwleigh service ringing. Meantime, the core of our squad has been together now for a couple of years, and I am grateful for their commitment & proud of their progress.

Jon Bint Tower Captain

SIDESMEN

Rather dauntingly, the Church of England states that: "It shall be the duty of the sidesmen to promote the cause of true religion in the parish and to assist the churchwardens in the discharge of their duties in maintaining order and decency in the church and churchyard, especially during the time of divine service."

In reality, Sidesman are the first people seen on entering the church for a service and, therefore, are the friendly and welcoming faces who greet our visitors and regular congregation alike.

In Chagford we are so grateful to this loyal and committed band who give up their time to 'meet and greet'.

The appointment of:

Terry & Jenny Arscott

Caroline & Emily Coleman

Christopher & Penny Deane

John & Julie Elliott

Gay Hill

Margaret & Maurice Jeffreys

Veronica Morriss

John Roberts

Evan Endacott
Hilary Francis
Aileen & Vanessa Garratt
Lesley Haigh

Richard & Tina Thomas
Sarah Tooley
Phil Tucker
John & Sheila Williams

was confirmed by the PCC at its first meeting after last year's APCM.

From January 2025, we are sorry to lose Aileen Garratt, as she has moved abroad, Emily Coleman, as other weekend work commitments have caught up, and Evan Endacott who, after decades of dedicated service, has chosen to retire. We wish all of them well and thank them for their commitment for so many, many years.

However, we are delighted that Jan Dale, Mel Holyoak, Jenny O'Brien and Jo Williamson have agreed to become Sidesmen, from the start of 2025.

HERITAGE

CHURCH FABRIC

We are extremely grateful to the small band of people who tirelessly open and close the church every day regardless of the weather. Once again, we owe thanks to our dedicated volunteer cleaners, who keep our building so spick and span, and the flower arrangers who weekly surprise us with their skills. The hard work by these and many more volunteers who contribute to the praise that St Michael's receives for its warm welcome, both human & spiritual, and its well-kept appearance is evident, from the continuous comments in the Visitors Book.

The PCC's diligent approach to tackling issues as they occur results in there being very few major issues in any year. The main surprise was the structural failure of the 'well-used' bench seating by the church entrance doorway. Fortunately, the 'Friends' Group volunteered immediately to cover the costs, and the work was completed in the early Autumn.

A second surprise, the need to replace the bell rope tails was, with the negotiating skills of the Tower Captain, completed within the budget for general maintenance. The final surprise, given the 'high-tech' nature of the church organ was failure of part of the bellows system due to a mouse chewing through one of the control pieces of 'string'.

The final part of the repair work resulting from the September 2023 office break-in, the repair of the leaded window, was completed late in the year.

EXTERNAL MAINTENANCE

Last year's report covered the extensive discussion that had taken place to find a resilient solution to the churchyard path erosion problems, by creating granite gutters to one side of the pathways with pathways surface sloping towards the gutter. Work on the project was completed in late January on two of the most troublesome paths, (High Street to Lychgate and Cross Tree to church east end). With one minor problem, caused by a cost-cutting use of old material, the project has proven very successful. However, at a cost of at just over £7,600, of which the Friends paid 40%, means that the PCC has insufficient funds, at present to continue the work on the longer Yew Tree and new churchyard pathways pathway at an estimated cost of over £18,000.

The biodiversity management programme for the churchyard maintenance was poorly managed at the start of the year. However, under the enthusiastic management of Jenny O'Brien a recovery programme has been successfully started. This will see some areas of the churchyard retaining the flower/grass growth until the summer months but safe routes to all regularly visited grave will be maintained. We remain very grateful to all the volunteer helpers and, particularly, to Phil Franklin.

It is nearly 8 years since the large trees along the High Street wall were thoroughly inspected and, following a ground level inspection that indicated some possible deterioration of several trees, estimates for a full climbing inspection have been requested so that the work can be conducted in early 2025.

An increase in the level of dog fouling in the churchyard has been noted and the PCC will be taking action to remind all users that it is a condition of using the churchyard that dogs must be on a lead at all times, and it is an offence to not pick-up deposits of a dog in your care. West Devon council dog wardens are to support this activity.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE, POLICY AND MANAGEMENT

The process for the appointment of members to serve on St Michael's governing body, the Parochial Church Council (PCC), is set out in the Church Representation Rules Parts 1 & 2.

The PCC comprises the incumbent, curates, readers & churchwardens as ex-officio members and up to 12 elected members of the laity who are registered on the current Parish Electoral Roll.

The 9 members listed on the back page were elected on 21st March, 2024: the role of Treasurer and a further working member were filled by a co-option at the same meeting.

The PCC is a charity registered in England under reference 1172274 with all PCC Members as Trustees of the Charity.

The number on the Electoral Roll for the Parish of Chagford at the end of 2023 was 110, an increase of three since December 2023.

The PCC is responsible for all decisions on matters of general concern and importance to the parish, including deciding on how the funds are spent.

The PCC held meetings on five occasions in the year with an average attendance of 74%.

There are two sub-committees:

the Standing Committee comprising the PCC Chairman, Churchwarden, PCC Lay Chairman, Treasurer and Margaret Jeffreys & Tony Milton, and the Events Committee comprising Mrs L Shields, Mrs R Bleakman, Mrs C Coleman, Mrs J Endacott, Mrs H Francis, Mrs M Jeffreys, Mrs V Morriss, Mrs J O'Brien, Mrs C Thomas, Mrs S Tooley and Mrs P Tucker.

These sub-committees are responsible to the PCC and formally report their progress and decisions at every PCC meeting.

To enable timely day-to-day management of the routine activities of the PCC, it has resolved that the Standing Committee has the authority to spend up to £750 on any event without the need to seek approval of the full PCC

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Overall, the world financial stability improved in 2024 compared with the previous 12 months, but material and wage costs continue to rise if somewhat more slowly. Despite this there a feeling with many people that they had significantly less disposable cash together with a feeling of financial uncertainty about the future; particularly around and following the General Election. These factors resulted in a weighty drop in the church income from visitor donation and service collections, which together with

increased maintenance costs, resulted in the need to use £15,460 of Reserves Funds to balance the operating receipts against payments.

Despite all this gloom, the church fundraising achievements were exceptional. Against a target net income of £5,300 the various fundraising teams achieved £11,809. Noteworthy were the Summer Fair and 'Theatre in the Church (Shakespeare)' but we could not of reached these levels without the 'Puzzling Evening, Coffee Mornings and the new form Christmas Coffee Morning and Evening Concert.; a huge thankyou to all concerned.

At the end of the year, 31st December, the total Church PCC worth was £313,485, an increase of £6,356 during the year. £5,649 of this comes from the improvement in the Capital value of the Equity investments: These actually improved by £15,933 but were reduced by the sale of £10,248 of equities to provide sufficient cash to cover the general £9,577 cash outflow of funds during the year.

In addition to the 7% increase in capital value, these investments also provided the PCC with a cash income of £9,659 which is equivalent to an Annual Equivalent Rate (AER) interest rate of 3.66%.

The overall PCC liquid cash assets increased during the year by £707. As this includes income of £10,248 from the asset sale the real cash outflow in the year was £9,577.

This was distributed between the cost centres as shown in Table I.

The Operating Fund, the day-to-day running of the church ministry and church/churchyard maintenance, spent £15,460 more than was received.

The planned budget and actual achievements income and expenditure are detailed below.

TABLE I	
Operating Fund	(£10,494)
Reserves	(£480)
Restricted Use	£2,344
Designated	£744
Employment	£(1,691)
TOTAL	£(9,577)

	Receipts (£)	Payments (£)	Shortfall (£)
Budget	64,524	85,240	20,716
Actual	76,747	92,207	15,460
Difference	12,223	6,967	(5256)

The £12,223 improvement in Receipts involved all the cost centres. Fundraising as described earlier exceeded budget by £6,509. 'Regular Giving' also exceeded budget mainly because of the response of new and previous regular givers to the November Stewardship service.

Although Statutory Fee receipts from Wedding and Funeral services were slightly better than budget this was more than offset by significant reduction of 'full body' burials and associated memorial stones. Overall, Statutory Fees made a loss of £1,273 against budget.

Although 2024, showed a halt to the previous steady decrease in the level of service collections, visitor giving continued the reducing levels noted in the last quarter of 2023 and was £516 (10%) less than budget. Fortunately, this loss was offset by a similar improvement in the hire of the Church by third-party organisations.

The level of Payments also increased compared with budget. Much of the increase was in the cost of Utilities (Gas, Electricity & Water). The renewed Electricity Contract has not only increased the cost per unit costs by 70% but massive increases in daily standing charges (the result of regulatory changes introduced by Ofgem) has added over £400 to the annual electricity cost. Our renewed Gas Contract had a slight increase in unit costs but also saw a £30 per month increase in standing charge. These changes resulted in a £2,947 overspend against budget.

There has also been above inflation increases in the cost of printing materials and particularly Subscription and Licenses without which the church cannot continue to operate. This again resulted in a £1,148 overspend against budget.

Finally, the cost of churchyard maintenance exceed budget by £680 even with grants of £500 from the Parish Council and £500 from a parishioner being used to support the total cost of costs £5,730.

In all other accounting areas, the actual spend was held within the budgeted levels.

The overall effect of these issues resulted in the actual expenditure increasing by 13%, compared to 2023, to £92,207 [£253 per day].

The major expense for the **Reserves Fund** was the use of £15,460 to support the Operating Fund. Most of the remaining £1,034 expenditure was used to enhance the church sound & video projection system.

Income for the investments of £5,731 and the sale of £10,284 of Investment assets resulted in an overall cash outflow of £480.

Overall, the **Restricted Use Funds** [Church & Churchyard] showed an increased cash level £2,344.

	Receipts	Payments	Cash Flow
Church Fabric	5,340	839	4,501
Churchyard	5,460	7,617	(2,157)
Total	10,800	8,456	2,344

The Church Fabric Receipts include £1,442 income from investments, £1000 of bequests and £2,898 insurance settlement relating to the Office Break-in. The Payments all relate to the break-in. There were costs associated with the purchase of stolen items in the 2023 accounts and the work to repair the window remains to be paid in 2025

The Churchyard Receipts comprise £1,860 of investment income, £500 grants towards maintenance of the Churchyard and £3,100 grant from the friends to support the work to refurbish the pathways. Other than the spend of £500 to support the grass cutting the remaining expenditure relates to the pathway refurbishment.

The PCC operates seven '**Discretionary Use**' Funds, where funds are allocated and/or maintained for a specified use. The day-to-day management of these funds is delegated to a local management team but the overall responsibility for all liabilities remains with the PCC.

Overall receipts of £13,177 and payments of £12,433 resulted in an annual cash inflow of £744.

Three of the funds account or most activity. These are:

- The Joyce Storey Memorial Fund, managed by the PCC Standing Committee. It was established from the investment of half of the capital from the Joyce Storey bequest to enable the church to support suitable projects in the community. An opportunity was taken at the start of the year to transfer £5,100 of the cash balance to the PCC Equity Investment Funds reducing the opening cash balance to £483. Receipts of £3,477 from investment income and loan repayments together and spend of £2,381 on hardship grants resulted in a final balance of £1,578. Grants were rarely paid as cash; the usual practice being the payment a specific debt, where such action will make a significant difference in the ability of the recipient

to manage their financial future. One of the grants was on a loan basis and is being repaid monthly.

- The Café committee manages the Memory Café project. The project continued with monthly café meeting with a variety of themes, warmer weather excursions and a Christmas Lunch. The level of expenses increased this year to £2,717 because of the team investing in additional resources to support its planned programme. Receipts were lower than last year at £1,8885 mainly due to lower grant levels, leaves the project with a healthy year-end balance of £5,145.
- The Pantry Project reached a state of maturity during the year and now concentrates on using a social gathering every Monday to provide both food and other advice. A voucher scheme for fresh vegetables has been introduced. The project is managed by the Chagford Pantry Team initially under the leadership of Tony Milton until he chose to retire due to ill health; Liz Goodwin and Hils Bush are sharing this role for the time being. The main source of income is from donations and, other than training and some basic supporting resources, all the outgoings are for the purchase of food to supplement the food donations made by the public. The size of the need is clear from the expenditure of £6,975; up by over £1,000 from last year. However, income of £7,084, £2,000 less than last year, results in a year-end balance of £5,730. This balance would enable 8 months of support even if donations dropped to zero.

The Employment Funds covers those activities where the PCC conducts people management activities on behalf of other organisations for,

- I. Employment of the Youth Worker on behalf of the On-the-Edge project. The Management Committee although it has a constitution is not recognised as a legal entity and therefore is not allowed to function as an employer: St Michaels already operates as an employer for its paid staff.
- II. Purchase and maintenance activities for the Whiddon family of parishes. As the co-ordinator is based in Chagford it is sensible to locate these services at St Michael's

In both cases it is the legal responsibility of the managing organisation to cover the costs incurred by St Michael's. Normally these funds, the

Employment Fund, would finish the year with net zero balance.

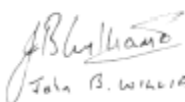
However, the youth project has continued with its request for the PCC to

hold their surplus income whilst they are sorting a better banking arrangement for themselves. Their new bank account was opened at the end of 2024 and the surplus fund are being transferred to this account in accordance with Charity Commission Guidance.

Independent Examination

The Accounts have been examined jointly by John Williams who has issued the following Independent Financial Statement. "In the course of our examination of the financial documentation relating to St Michael the Archangel PCC for the financial year 1st January to 31st December 2024, no matter has come to our attention,

1. which give us cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements,
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act, or
 - to prepare account records which accord with these accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act have not been met;
2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.


John B. WILLIAMS
10 Hayes Close
Chuyford
TQ13 8FG
24.2.2025

Reserves Policy

The PCC policy is to maintain unrestricted use funds for works that inevitably occur following the quinquennial inspection & maintenance activities that by their nature do not occur regularly.

POLICIES

DATA PROTECTION

The PCC continues to comply with the General Data Protection Regulation which took effect in May 2018.

Individuals are requested to complete the 'Keeping In Touch' form and records are maintained by the Data Privacy Officer.

No Data Protection issues have occurred during the past year.

Lucy Shields
Data Privacy Officer

SAFEGUARDING

Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility and it is always on the agenda at St Michael's PCC meetings. We continue to do all we can to ensure we are providing a safe, inclusive and nurturing environment for all children and vulnerable adults within our church community.

Safeguarding Training

The vast majority of our voluntary personnel at St Michael's are up to date with their safeguarding training. We ran our own training session on Domestic Abuse in April to help people who find it hard to access training courses online. It was well attended.

DBS Register

There are about 30 who hold a DBS for their role at St Michael's. A large number of these are due for renewal in 2025 and will be contacted in due course.

Policy Review

The policy was reviewed and updated in June 2024 and is available on the church website

Safeguarding cases

We continue to seek diocesan advice on our safeguarding cases and have worked closely with their advisers on some of our more complex cases over the past year.

*Ann Searson
Parish Safeguarding Representative*

HEALTH & SAFETY

There have been no reported incidents since the last APCM.

The Health and Safety Policy is kept in a black file in the church office.

*Kathryn Wood
Health & Safety Officer*

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Section A Receipts and Payments

	Notes	unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds (Rector, Choir & Linn Angels)	Church Fabric Fund (Restricted)	Churchyard Fund (Restricted)	Employment Fund (Restricted)	Total funds	Last year
		to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £
A3 Payments								
A3.1 Cost of Generating Funds	6	6,440	9				6,450	4,030
A3.2 Mission Giving and Donations	10	2,871	2,381			820	6,073	12,647
A3.3 Church Activities								
Dioecesan Parish Share	11	42,087					42,087	40,030
Payments to Deanery/Mission		5,978					5,978	5,037
Community	12	2,460				15,721	18,181	23,573
Salaries/worship	13	2,402	8,887				11,288	3,113
Mission/evangelism costs	14	18,564	360		7,617	9,855	36,395	24,526
Church running Expenses	14	9,082					9,082	5,077
Utility costs								
Governance Costs								
Other								
A3.3 Sub total		80,573	9,247		7,617	25,576	123,012	101,355
A3.4 Major Capital Expenditure								
Major Church Repairs/Replacements								
New Building Works								
A3.4 Sub total								
A4 Asset and investment purchases, etc.								
		1,356	796	839			2,991	2,258
Total payments		91,241	12,433	839	7,617	26,396	138,526	120,290
Net of receipts/(payments)		-(690)	744	4,501	-(2,157)	-(1,691)	707	2,255
A5 Transfers between funds		0	0	0	0	0		
A6 Cash funds last year end		2,790	15,359	450	3,704	4,140	26,471	24,216
Cash funds this year end		2,100	16,103	4,951	1,547	2,477	27,178	26,471

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	Notes	Unrestricted Funds to the nearest £	Designated Funds (Income, Charities, Loans, Grants) to the nearest £	Church Fabric Fund (Restricted) to the nearest £	Churchyard Fund (Restricted) to the nearest £	Employment Fund (Restricted) to the nearest £	Total Funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
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Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Notes	Unrestricted Funds	Diocesan Funds (Mission, Clergy & Lenten Angels)	Church Fabric Fund (Restricted)	Churchyard Fund (Restricted)	Employment Fund (Restricted)	Total funds	Last year
	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £
B1 Cash funds							
NatWest Current Account	0	1,632	1,000	0	1,264	3,097	1,951
Lloyds Current Account	0	1,051	0	0	0	1,051	1,470
Lloyds Deposit Account	555	7,391	2,269	0	984	11,199	13,311
CBF Deposit Reserves	100	3,274	-	-	-	3,074	740
CBF Deposit Restricted Use Fabric	-	0	1,154	-	-	1,154	1,020
CBF Deposit Restricted Use Churchyard	-	1,281	-	1,547	-	2,827	8,966
Cash	213	1,012	528	0	229	1,982	3,247
Creditors/Debtor	1,232	(835)	0	0	0	393	(4,236)
TOTAL	2,100	16,103	4,951	1,547	2,477	27,178	26,471
B2 Other monetary assets							
Hawthornor Investment Plghs, Capital Fund	8,515	8	5,726	57	-	14,306	10,294
B3 Investment assets							
The Vanbrough C. Inc	-	97,620	30,755	-	-	128,374	121,532
Marland Institutional Services Hawthornor	59,799	7,818	8,836	-	-	76,453	83,276
Marland Institutional services Twentyfour	4,097	6,970	-	-	-	11,067	10,855
AP1 Placement Board	7,540	-	-	-	-	7,540	7,293
Durston Global High Yield	6,531	-	-	-	-	6,531	7,986
RI Infrastructure Ord	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Schroder Unit trust - Strategic Credit L Dis	9,233	-	-	-	-	9,233	8,791
CT (UK) ICVC CT Res Global Equity Dis	12,100	3,049	-	-	-	16,037	10,647
Close Discretionary Funds Close Selection Fixed Income	9,750	-	-	-	-	9,750	9,679
UK Govt (of) 5% SNR 07/03/2025 GBP 1000	6,905	-	-	-	-	6,905	10,306
accrued interest on above	110	-	-	-	-	110	-
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	116,153	116,256	39,590	-	-	272,000	270,363

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Notes	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds (Parson, Choir & Little Angels)	Church Fabric Fund (Restricted)	Churchyard Fund (Restricted)	Employment Fund (Restricted)	Trust Funds	Less year
	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £
Cash and Investment Assets	17	126,768	132,368	50,268	1,604	2,477	316,563
Section C Net present Value							
Section D Trust Investments held by Exeter Diocesan Board of Finance							
Investment Value							
			2904	61710		62616	40720
Section E Notes							

Notes 1: An increase in new donors particularly following a 'Sewarship' Service in church.

Notes 2: General Service collections continued to fall with collections at Weddings and Funerals remaining level.

Notes 3: Visitor donation level fell for both amount given and number of donations.

Notes 4: Increase due to the work of the Pwenty in its first full year of operation

Notes 5: Reflects the higher level of 2023 donations and an increase in the use of the Parish Giving Scheme, where Gift Aid is claimed monthly.

Notes 6: Fundraising increase as a result of very higher income levels for the Summer Fair and 'The Treasures in the Church' with associated increase in payments.

Notes 7: The drop in receipts is due to a continued reduction in the level of full body burials and associated monuments. There was only 1 in 2024.

Notes 8: Increased hire of Church by third-parties

Notes 9: Equity Investment Sales to release cash assets to fund continuing cash outflow to balance the operational activities of the church.

Notes 10: Much of the realisation relates to the lower level of support for hardship for the Joyce Searcy Memorial fund.

Notes 11: Payments of the full Parish Share in both years

Notes 12: The lower spend is due to the stopping of the Wedding Coordinator Role and reduced hours for the Whiddon Passion Coordinator role.

Notes 13: Reflects the significant increase in their work being undertaken by the Memory Café and Pwenty.

Notes 14: The increases reflect the continuing increase in the costs of material and hourly rates over the last 2 years. This particularly the case for Gas & Electricity where not only has the cost per unit increased but the amount of usage has also increased.

Notes 15: Increase in level of activities due to increased bank working days in Christmas to New Year period offset by late receipt of one regular deposit

Notes 16: Improvement in Capital value of assets offset by sale of over £10,000 of value.

Notes 17:

ST MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL

Chagford Parochial Church Council

Registered Address

Parish Church, Chagford, TQ13 8BN

The PCC is a body corporate governed in accordance with the Parochial Church Council (Powers) Measure 1956 and the Church Representation Rules 2006.

It is a charity registered with the Charity Commission under Registration No. 1172274 and is located with the Diocese of Exeter of the Church of England.

The following Persons have served as members (trustees) of the PCC from 21st day of March 2024 until the present.

Ex Officio Members

Incumbent	Rt. Revd. Nicholas McKinnel <i>[from 30.04.2024]</i>
Churchwarden	Mrs Rosemary Bleakman

Elected Members

Dr Colin Barnes	
Mrs Julia Endacott	<i>[died 24.07.24]</i>
Mrs Lesley Haigh	Secretary
Mrs Mel Holyoak	
Mrs Margaret Jeffreys	
Mr Anthony Milton	
Mrs Jenny O'Brien	
Mrs Lucy Shields	Lay Chairman
Mr John Wood	

Co-opted Members

Mr Terence Bleakman	Treasurer
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Section A Receipts and Payments

	Notes	unrestricted Funds to the nearest £	Designated Funds (Rector, Choir & Little Angels) to the nearest £	Church Fabric Fund (Restricted) to the nearest £	Churchyard Fund (Restricted) to the nearest £	Employment Fund (Restricted) to the nearest £	Managed Funds (Restricted) to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts									
A1. Voluntary Income									
Planned Giving (Tax efficient)	1	24,535						24,535	22,068
Planned Giving (Other)		1,025						1,025	1,010
Collections	2	7,271						7,271	10,316
All other giving	3	4,746						4,746	5,508
Donations & Gifts	4	970	8,268	3,939	3,500		13,716	30,392	12,699
Grants from other bodies	5	-		-	-	24,705		24,705	43,267
Legacies		-		-	-			-	-
Tax recovered through Gift Aid	6	10,129	447	-	-			10,576	9,189
A1.1 Sub total		48,675	8,715	3,939	3,500	24,705	13,716	103,249	104,056
A1.2 Fundraising	7	18,149	818				24,102	43,069	17,392
A1.3 Income from Investments		5,811	3,645	1,402	1,960	-	243	13,061	13,247
A1.4 Church Activities									
Statutory Fees retained by PCC	8	5,527						5,527	8,438
Trading Activities	9	2,105		-	-		7189	9,294	18,766
VAT Refund		-		-	-			-	405
A1.4 Sub total		7,632	-	-	-	-	7,189	14,821	27,609
A2 Asset and investment sales, etc.	10	10,284	-	-	-			10,284	-
Total Receipts		90,551	13,177	5,340	5,460	24,705	45,250	184,483	162,304

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A3 Payments									
A3.1 Cost of Generating Funds	11	6,440	9				23,178	29,628	4,030
A3.2 Mission Giving and Donations	12	2,871	2,381			820	17,934	24,006	19,471
A3.3 Church Activities									
Diocesan Parish Share	13	42,087						42,087	40,030
Payments to Deanery/Mission Community		5,978						5,978	5,037
Salary/honoraria	14	2,460				15,721	410	18,592	23,573
Mission/evangelism costs		2,402	8,887				136	11,424	3,113
Church running Expenses	15	18,564	360	-	7,617	9,855	6,033	42,428	50,275
Utility costs	15	9,082						9,082	5,077
A3.3 Sub total		80,573	9,247	-	7,617	25,576	6,579	129,592	127,104
A3.4 Major Capital Expenditure									
Major Church Repairs/Replacements		-		-				-	-
New Building Works		-						-	-
A3.4 Sub total		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
A4 Asset and investment purchases, etc.		1,356	796	839	-	-	284	3,275	2,258
Total payments		91,241	12,433	839	7,617	26,396	47,975	186,501	152,863
Net of receipts/(payments)		-(690)	744	4,501	-(2,157)	-(1,691)	-(2,725)	-(2,018)	9,441
A5 Transfers between funds		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-
A6 Cash funds last year end		2,790	15,359	450	3,704	4,168	25,643	52,114	42,673
Cash funds this year end		2,100	16,103	4,951	1,547	2,477	22,919	50,097	52,114

SAINT MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL, CHAGFORD PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

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Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds to the nearest £	Designated Funds (Rector, Choir & Little Angels) to the nearest £	Church Fabric Fund (Restricted) to the nearest £	Churchyard Fund (Restricted) to the nearest £	Employment Fund (Restricted) to the nearest £	Managed Funds (Restricted) to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
B1 Cash funds									
NatWest Current Account		0	1,632	1,000	0	1,264	1,262	5,159	4,735
Lloyds Current Account		0	1,851	0	0	0	0	1,851	7,898
Lloyds Deposit account		555	7,391	2,269	0	984	16,969	28,168	26,273
NDP Magazine							2,513	2,513	308
CBF Deposit Reserves		100	3,774	0	0	0	0	3,874	740
CBF Deposit Restricted Use Fabric				1,154				1,154	1,020
CBF Deposit Restricted Use Churchyard			1,281		1,547			2,827	8,968
Cash		213	1,012	528	0	229	2,175	4,156	6,409
TOTAL		868	16,942	4,951	1,547	2,477	22,919	49,703	56,351
B2 Other monetary assets									
Gift Aid recoverable		6,844	250	-	-	98	2,566	9,758	8,006
Debtors		1,258	-	-	-	-	-	1,258	477
B3 Investment assets									
Hawksmoor Investment Mgrs Capital Fund		8,515	8	5,726	57	-	-	14,306	10,294
Investment Assets @ market value (31.12.2024)	18	116,153	116,256	39,590	-	-	284	272,284	270,363
B4 Endowment Trust Assets <i>(held by Exeter Diocesan Board of Finance)</i>									
Investment Assets @ market value (31.12.2021)				2904	61710			64614	61214
B5 Liabilities									
Creditors Various		(26)	0	(838)	0	0	0	(865)	(4,713)
Section C Net present Value									
Cash and Investment Assets		133,612	133,456	52,334	63,314	2,575	25,769	411,059	401,991

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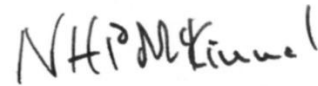
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Section D Approvals

Signed by two trustees on behalf of all the PCC

Chairman of PCC

Signature



Name

NICHOLAS
MCKINNEL

Date

5th February 2025

Hon Treasurer

Signature



Name

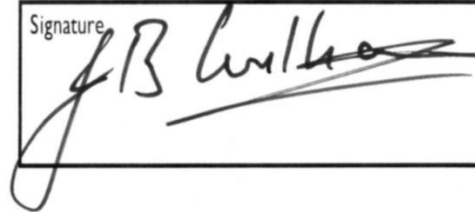
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Date

5th February 2025

Signed by Independent examiner

Signature



Name

JOHN B.
WILLIAMS

Date

24-2-2025

Independent Examiner's Report

to the Trustees of

Parochial Church Council of St Michael the Archangel, Chagford

Registered Charity No: 1172274

I report on the accounts of the church for the year ended 31st December 2024, which are set out on 3 pages referenced 2024-1 to 2024-3 inclusive attached.

Respective responsibilities of the Trustees and Independent Examiner

The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- follow the procedure laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners (under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act); and
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's Statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission.

An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with the records. It also includes consideration of 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 a full audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below

Independent Examiner's Statement

In connection with our examination, no matters have come to my attention other than those detailed overleaf

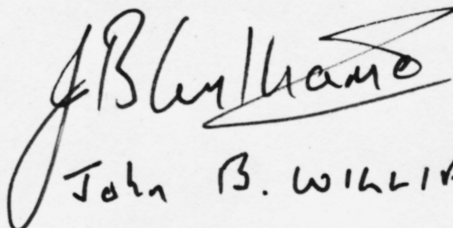
1. which give us reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; or
 - to prepare accounts which accord with these accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act have not been met, or
2. to which, in our opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed.

Full Name

Address.

Date.


John B. WILLIAMS

10 Hares Close
Chagford
TQ13 8FG

24-2-2025

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF CHAGFORD

England & Wales - Charity number 1172274

Accounts

**ANNUAL
REPORT**
for the
Fiscal Year
1st January
to
31st December
2023

**The Parochial
Church Council
of the
Ecclesiastical
Parish
of
Chagford**

**Registered
Charity
1172274**



ANNUAL REVIEW 2023

The obvious place to start this Annual Review, is with an ending(!) ... that of Revd. Paul Seaton-Burn's incumbency – although Paul's leaving 'do' and final service were actually documented in the previous Annual Review.

The church and all that it is, is coping without him.

Many things he instigated, or welcomed, have stayed the same, and even blossomed: The Well, Taizé Chanting and Church Family Breakfast services continue to attract new people, with one member of the Taizé Chanting group stating (with pride and a certain degree of surprise); *'we're developing our own little congregation!'*

Congregation numbers for our regular services are pretty stable and the weekly, Celtic-themed, Prayer Services for a New Rector have a small, but loyal, following.

In March, we welcomed Bishop James & Archdeacon Douglas to a meeting with representatives from all the North Dartmoor Parishes. This was a positive evening with much discussion between those attending.

The Archdeacon stated that he was optimistic that we could have someone *'by the summer'* and, while Bishop James described the role as the *'crème de la crème'* of jobs, he also counselled that it is *'better to have a year's vacancy than the wrong person, quickly'*.

However, despite the post being advertised several times now, at the end of 2023, we are little closer to finding anyone to even apply for the rôle. This is both frustrating and it continues to pile an even bigger workload onto our retired Clergy and Lay Ministry Teams, although the promise of an Interim Priest is an exciting prospect.

It must be noted that we are **unceasingly** grateful to Harriet, Noël, Nick and Edwina – as well as the Lay Team – for working so hard to keep our services going. It is perfectly clear that we simply could not have survived without them.

Two other people without whom the church simply would not function are, of course, Rosemary and Terry Bleakman.

Rosemary has carried the Churchwarden's Staff on her own for the whole year and really must be aided by a second Warden from the Annual

Parochial Church Meeting. Despite assistance from several quarters, particularly Margaret Jeffreys and Tony Milton, it is too big a responsibility for one person to carry on their own for long.

That Terry was honoured with a St Boniface Award by the Bishop of Exeter this year, is testament to his enormously hard work and dedication to St Michael the Archangel.

From late Spring until late Autumn, we discovered just how much Elinor d'Albiac does for our church, when she was indisposed following an accident. It is so good to have her 'back in harness again' now.

Under other major *thank you's*, we must include Jon Bint for his unswerving dedication to the church bells. His skill at both making the bells 'sing' and encouraging new ringers, is second to none.

We are very fortunate that Roger Clevedon continues as organist for Sung Holy Communion and Choral Evensong services and delighted that Lisa Millett (and, more recently, Tom Fynn) are willing to play the piano for other services each month.

In early March, Tom also directed Tymesythe Theatre Company's rousing production of Shakespeare's Henry V, transforming the church into the Royal Courts of early 15th century England and France, not to mention the battlefield of Agincourt.

With a cast of around 30, plus musicians, technicians and an energetic back-stage crew, the four performances played to sold-out houses.

Then, almost as if by Shakespearian magic, ('though, actually, a brilliant working team!), the church returned to its quiet and spiritual space, albeit with the regular, but very varied, schedule of services, toddler group, youth drama, bell-ringing, coffee mornings, choir practice, concerts and other events organised by cross-community, cross-generational groups.

Two months after Henry V, we celebrated Charles III, when the church was 'dressed overall' with hundreds of red, white & blue paper pompoms and flowers, strung across the aisle. These had been made by all sorts of people throughout the community and were Chagford's way of honouring the King and Queen on their Coronation, in May.

Another stand-out of the year was the donation, by artist Philippa O'Brien, of her sculpture of the Holy Family. Constructed from paper and card, and

originally designed to be placed in the Market House, Philippa needed a new home for the figures and we were delighted to receive them into the church. Throughout Advent and until after Epiphany, they resided by the font and delighted all visitors who entered the church. We are very privileged to be the custodians of these figures, which will be enjoyed for many years.

The forecast heavy rain meant the planned outdoor Carol Service had to be in the church again, but the shoehorns were out(!) and the church full to bursting for a wonderful service. It was quieter, but no less meaningful, for both the Midnight Eucharist and Christmas Day Family Communion.

In accordance with the PCC's resolution, collections from the Christmas services were distributed equally to the Chagford Pantry and St Petrock's (Exeter). As these totalled £1352.16, each benefited from £676.08.

We must also thank the bellringers, flower arrangers, intercessors, lesson-readers, cleaners, lay worship leaders, Pantry helpers, Little Angel organisers ... in fact, everyone and anyone else who has contributed to the festivals and the needs, the pleasures and the worries of our beautiful and ancient church these past twelve months.

The Church Family was deeply saddened by the deaths, during 2023, of five men who, each in their own way, gave so much to the life of our church. Tim Garratt, Kit Cooper, John Haws, Tony Dunn and Tony McCrum will never be forgotten.



*Lucy Shields,
Lay Chairman Chagford Parochial Church Council*

AIMS AND PURPOSE

St Michael the Archangel Parochial Church Council (PCC) has the responsibility of co-operating with the incumbent, in promoting within the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. The PCC is also responsible for the maintenance of the Grade I listed church building and associated churchyard.

MINISTRY & MISSION

During 2023, despite having no Rector, church services continued under the pattern established by Revd Paul Seaton-Burn.

Congregational numbers not only remained steady but, on many occasions, actually increased - thus bucking the trend in the Church of England throughout the country.

Each month, on first Sundays, the morning Holy Communion (usually accompanied by recorded hymn tunes) maintained a steady number of attendees, whilst numbers at Choral Evensong increased.

Numbers at Family Breakfast services (in the Jubilee Hall) on 2nd Sundays, have fluctuated a bit. Occasionally, several families have attended but, on some months, there have been few young people. For the service in July, we were honoured and delighted to welcome Bishop James, who seemed to enjoy what he saw. In December, the hall was full to bursting for a special Christingle Family Breakfast with special contributions from many children from Chagford Primary School.

We are very grateful to Roger Cleverdon and the choir for leading us both at the monthly Choral Evensong, and for the Sung Holy Communion services on 3rd Sundays.

Celtic Morning Prayer services (on 4th Sundays) have been lay-led by several different people, which allows us to view things from a new perspective at times.

By contrast to the morning services, The Well (on 2nd & 4th) and Taizé Chanting (on 3rd) Sunday evenings, offer a time of quieter, more contemplative, worship.

Among other, special, extra services during the year, were Compline each evening throughout Holy Week, Words & Music for the Passion on Good Friday, the sunrise service on Nattadon, on Easter Morning, Remembrance Day Commemorations, and the Christmas Eve Carol Service.

In June, a weekly service of Celtic Prayer for a New Rector began. Continuing every Monday evening (apart from Christmas Day) for 33 weeks, this was a source of solace and hope and, with the assurance of an Interim Priest-in-Charge, our prayers were answered (albeit not exactly as we had imagined).

The church also welcomes the regular 'Celebrating the Earth' events most months, for an offering of 'nature-inspired art, music, talk, and mediation'.

This is all proof that our Ministry and Mission is alive and flourishing.

CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE

LITTLE ANGELS

Little Angels, our toddler group in church, is a joy.

Numbers attending fluctuate as we lose a percentage when they are old enough, to the Montessori and Church schools, but most are babes in arms when they start and it is a delight to see them taking their first steps, forming their first words and learning to socialise.

The majority are too young to listen to Bible stories but we always have some worship music and action songs and close with the 'Wiggle Song'!

Everyone is welcome.

We are open on Friday mornings between 9.30 and approximately 11.00 am. The toddlers play beautifully together and their carers (mums, dads and grandparents), enjoy coffee, tea and biscuits and, most importantly, a chat.

SEEDLINGS

This small group changed at the start of the year as several members moved on, for very good reasons. Instead, we were joined by some younger folk with new talents.

With the departure of the Rector, the group has concentrated on meeting monthly to plan our regular informal Family Breakfast Service in the Jubilee Hall.

While we have missed our shared suppers and Bible discussions, we have grown new skills: public speaking, worship through music, children's activities, Service planning and breakfast (coffee, tea, croissants and jam and fruit) preparation.

Many of the attendees are regular members of the congregation but everyone is welcome and the service has attracted some new families and

visitors, notably the Christingle Service that was packed.

We are grateful to have the support of our musicians and sound technician.

CHURCH LIFE

WORKING WITH THE COMMUNITY

CHAGFORD COMMUNITY & MEMORY CAFE

Attendance at the cafe has increased this year from an average of 26 people per session in 2022 to 38 pps in 2023.



Some of the highlights of 2023 have been:

- A day trip to Sidmouth in July with coffee, lunch and afternoon tea at the Belmont Hotel and a chance to walk along the promenade and take in the sea air or chat with friends while enjoying the sea view.
- A Coronation themed trip on the Seaton tramway in May with afternoon tea.
- A trip on the Wetlands Explorer Tram in September led by dementia experts who led relaxing and enjoyable sensory activities immersed in nature.
- A trip to the Museum of Dartmoor Life in Okehampton in October to see our Memory blanket, followed by lunch at Farmer Luxtons
- A coronation tea at Chagford Primary School and a coronation party in Jubilee Hall.
- A Christmas lunch at the Fingle Bridge Inn.
- A collaboration with Camilla Rooney from Wellmoor to support unpaid carers.
- A visit from the Dartmoor Shepherd in April with lambs and Moss the collie.
- Singing for the Brain in August.
- 2 craft workshops sponsored by Proper Job.

Other sessions have included music, quizzes, singing, games and craft
We secured a grant of £300 from the Chagford Community Trust.

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Section A Receipts and Payments

		unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Church Fabric Fund (Restricted)	Churchyard Fund (Restricted)	Employment Fund (Restricted)	Managed Funds Fund (Restricted)	Total funds	Last year
	Notes	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £
A1 Receipts									
A1.1 Voluntary Income									
Planned Giving (Tax efficient)		22,068						22,068	20,087
Planned Giving (Other)		1,010						1,010	2,466
Collections	1	7,621	1,137				1,558	10,316	8,260
All other giving		5,508					-	5,508	5,521
Donations & Gifts	2	1,237	10,061	-	1,400			12,699	9,756
Grants from other bodies	3	-		-	-	25,448	17,819	43,267	40,647
Legacies		-		-	-			-	-
Tax recovered through Gift Aid		9,029	48	-	-	113		9,189	8,913
A1.1 Sub total		46,473	11,246	-	1,400	25,561	19,377	104,056	95,651
A1.2 Fundraising	4	13,800	1,591				2,001	17,392	30,056
A1.3 Income from Investments	5	5,625	3,895	1,767	1,843		117	13,247	9,953
A1.4 Church Activities									
Statutory Fees retained by PCC		7,268					1,170	8,438	7,358
Trading Activities	6	1,671		-			17,094	18,766	8,773
Transaction Charge Refund	7	405		-				405	-
A1.4 Sub total		9,344	-	-	-	-	18,264	27,609	16,131
A2 Asset and investment sales, etc.		-	-	-	-			-	-
Total Receipts		75,243	16,732	1,767	3,243	25,561	39,759	162,304	151,792

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	Notes								
A3 Payments									
A3.1 Cost of Generating Funds	8	4,030					-	4,030	15,634
A3.2 Mission Giving And Donation	9	3,012	9,635				6,824	19,471	11,050
A3.3 Church Activities									
Diocesan Parish Share	10	40,030						40,030	36,659
Payments to Deanery/Mission Community		5,037						5,037	5,822
Salary/honoraria		3,012				20,561		23,573	26,352
Mission/evangelism costs		3,113	-					3,113	2,331
Church running Expenses	11	18,092	1,456	4,667	310		25,749	50,275	39,013
Utility costs	12	5,077						5,077	5,516
A3.3 Sub total		74,360	1,456	4,667	310	20,561	25,749	127,104	115,692
A3.4 Major Capital Expenditure									
Major Church Repairs/Replacements		-		-				-	-
New Building Works		-						-	-
A3.4 Sub total		-	-	-	-	-		-	-
A4 Asset and investment purchases, etc.		1,626	632	-	-	-	-	2,258	2,040
Total payments		83,027	11,724	4,667	310	20,561	32,573	152,863	144,415
Net of receipts/(payments)		-(7,784)	5,008	-(2,900)	2,932	4,999	7,187	9,441	7,376
A5 Transfers between funds	13	6895.04	-6895.04	2420.23	-2420.23	0	0	0	-
A6 Cash funds last year end		3,679	17,246	930	3,192	-(831)	18,457	42,673	35,297
Cash funds this year end		2,790	15,359	450	3,704	4,168	25,643	52,114	42,673

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Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

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B1 Cash funds									
NatWest Current Account		2,521	0	(570)	0	0	2,785	4,735	4,952
Lloyds Current Account		0	0	0	0	1,470	6,427	7,898	2,261
Lloyds Deposit account		3,405	7,639	0	98	2,169	12,961	26,273	20,029
NDP Fees							308	308	0
CBF Deposit Reserves		740	0	0	0	0	0	740	717
CBF Deposit Restricted Use Fabric		0	0	1,020	0	0	0	1,020	912
CBF Deposit Restricted Use Churchyard		0	5,820	0	3,147	0	0	8,968	7,125
Cash		360	1,900	0	458	529	3,162	6,409	7,503
TOTAL		7,026	15,359	450	3,704	4,168	25,643	56,350	23,470
B2 Other monetary assets									
Gift Aid recoverable		6,405	447	-	100	128	926	8,006	6,770
Debtors		477	-	-	-	-	-	477	0
B3 Investment assets									
Hawksmoor Investment Mgrs Capital Fund		5,795	6	4,436	57	-	-	10,294	7,080
Investment Assets @ market value (31.12.2022)	18	115,643	117,122	35,168	2,431	-	-	270,363	275,013
B4 Endowment Trust Assets (held by Exeter Diocesan Board of Finance) A. (held by Exeter Diocesan Board of Finance)									
Investment Assets @ market value (31.12.2021)				2839	58375			61214	55908
B5 Liabilities									
Creditors Various		4713	0	0	0	0	0	4713	2
Section C Net present Value									
Cash and Investment Assets		130,633	132,933	42,893	64,667	4,296	26,569	401,991	361,469


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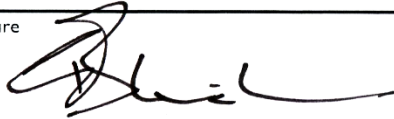
L.A.Y. Chairman of PCC

Signature 

Name
L.A.Y. SHIELDS

Date
FEBRUARY 28th 2024

Hon Treasurer

Signature 

Name
T.C. BLEAKMAN

Date
28th February 2024

Signed by Independent examiner

Signature 

Name
J.B. WILLIAMS

Date
14-3-2024

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Respective responsibilities of the Trustees and Independent Examiner

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It is my responsibility to

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- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's Statement

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Independent Examiner's Statement

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Full Name

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ANNUAL REPORT 2021

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ANNUAL REVIEW 2021



What strange times we live in. The year under review has been marked by times of real sadness and anxiety and also joy and a renewed sense of our common life. I am pleased to say that, in the midst of it all, our parish church and family have been at the heart of community life and bringing people together again.

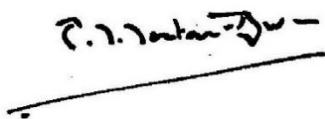
Aside from hosting Sunday worship encompassing different traditions – from Choral Evensong to Celtic Morning Prayer to Sung Holy Communion to contemplative space at The Well – we have also continued to provide weekly online worship via YouTube, which is appreciated by a wide range of people, near and far. Engagement with our growing town has been frequent and in numerous ways, including another outdoor Remembrance Sunday service (with increased attendance), a wonderful Christmas Eve in the Square (for the first time), a brilliant Open Gardens, and the resuming of weekly visits to our school, coffee mornings and our Advent Calendar. The fourteen days of the COP26 Climate Change conference were marked by a new group of church and non-church friends from the parish and attracted almost a full church most evenings – with local musicians, artists, schoolchildren, and speakers involved – alongside our wonderful organist Roger Cleverdon and members of our choir – and included an hour of candlelit prayer and reflection, praying for our world and all its species.

Adapting in times of such change requires much energy and creativity and this would not have been possible without the tireless commitment of our churchwardens, Ministry Team, Treasurer (and sound, lighting & video expert), and fund-raising committee. Together they have done a remarkable job, at a time when many rural churches are facing real difficulties. At our APCM this year we will pay tribute especially to Timothy and Vanessa Garratt, John Roberts and Linden Bruce as they step down. We owe them a great debt and they have piloted our congregation and building through tough times. It has been very much appreciated.

Ministry comes in all sorts of shapes and sizes and can be overlooked or underestimated. Liz Watrous has given much time and thought and energy as our Weddings Co-ordinator (unpaid); she steps down this year after being the welcoming face of our church to numerous wedding couples here (and across our mission community) and a great help to the Ministry Team. During this time of growing together with the parishes of the Moreton

group, Elinor d'Albiac has provided invaluable support and dedication and, like Terry Bleakman, hours of her time for the good of churchgoers and non-churchgoers alike in myriad ways. Roger Cleverdon has also made a unique contribution to our worshipping life and has been, along with Christine, such a good and hard-working friend to St Michael's. Finally, I must also pay tribute to our Tower Captain, Jon Bint, and enthusiasm in his playing of the Ellingham chimes and keeping the bells of St Michael's ringing through the year (with all our bellringers, young and not so young). It was wonderful to hear them ring out on Radio 4 and BBC Radio Devon too.

Despite the real challenges to our national and community life, this year has been notable for the generous hospitality, varied worship, hard work and kindness of many people both across our church family and those who have supported us in the wider community. Thank you everyone.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'P. Seaton-Burn', written over a horizontal line.

Revd Paul Seaton-Burn, Team Rector

This Report has been approved by the PCC and signed on its behalf
by the Reverend Paul Seaton-Burn (PCC Chairman)

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AIMS & PURPOSE.

St Michael the Archangel Parochial Church Council (PCC) has the responsibility of co-operating with the incumbent, the Reverend Paul Seaton-Burn, in promoting within the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. The PCC is also responsible for the maintenance of the Grade I listed church building and associated churchyard.

DEANERY OF OKEHAMPTON

The Deanery was effectively re-launched after the disruption of Covid restrictions, and a new format has been well-received over the year under review. A pattern of two Deanery gatherings – which have focussed on matters such as contactless giving, youth and children's ministry – and a Joint Communion & Cream Tea each year (with other housekeeping dealt with via email and zoom) has been established. Ruth Cartlidge of Okehampton has been appointed Lay Chair, following the retirement of Maurie Webber, and the Deanery Steering Group includes our Team

Rector (who is Rural Dean) and Philip Lynn from South Zeal, our Benefice Treasurer. It has been good to welcome the four Moreton parishes to our Deanery during the year, too.

MINISTRY AND MISSION

Although COVID restrictions were in place throughout most of the year, St Michael's has been open daily for private prayer and there has been a Holy Communion service on at least 3 Sunday mornings per month with a simple Celtic morning prayer on other Sundays. Said communion was celebrated on alternate Wednesdays (weekly in Lent and Advent) and Choral Evensong once a month. It was with great pleasure that we were also able to restart Church Family Breakfast in December and the church has continued to develop a range of alternative forms of worship to reach further out into the community and younger age ranges.

The 2020 'well received' outdoor Remembrance Service was repeated with even greater support and for the first time our Christmas Eve Carol service was held in the Town Square. The weather finally cleared, and more than 200 people, of all ages gathered to sing and pray together.

Online Services

In 2020, it had become apparent that our weekly on-line worship, even after the pandemic had receded and restrictions had been lifted was being viewed each week by way more than the number who come to our church services on a typical Sunday, thus reaching a significant number of people for whom this has become their church. The decision, not stop and deprive them of this contact, was made easily and we continue to look at ways to improve what we offer, also find ways of reaching those we currently miss – thinking particularly of the younger age groups.

We were sorry to lose Flora Searson as our on-line technical editor due to the pressure of other work: We wish her well for the future and welcome Cassie Long into this role

CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE

Little Angels (Under five-year olds)

With the restrictions relating to gathering indoors in groups Little Angel's was suspended until our very joyful to restart just before Christmas. Of course, so many of our previous 'little ones, have moved on to school, but what is so delightful, we now have between 6 and 14 little ones coming each week, including many scrumptious little 🍼 babies. You could tell that the mums and dads needed the peer support offered by our weekly gathering

as well as the children; it must have been a very lonely time during covid lock down. We have been short of helpers, but we seem to be limping along successfully.

In 2022, it will be lovely to be able to integrate some of the families into our Church Family Breakfast and develop our relationships with one another as well as sharing our Christian faith through songs and stories.

Church Family Breakfast

The last service held in St Michael's before lock-down was Church Family Breakfast. The church was full of people from both CFB and Holy Communion congregations for a positive shared worship time. With the coming of lock-down we have tried to incorporate elements of CFB merged into the online services and are still working to improve.

Messy Church

The Covid restrictions and reorganisation of staff at the primary school have made holding of these sessions impossible. This has given us the opportunity to review the needs of these young people and how the church may best help.

Direct School Work

Our weekly visiting to our Church of England Primary school resumed during the year, as well as end of term worship in our parish church. Linden Bruce has joined Revd Paul and Revd Mark in leading collective worship and Revd Paul also attends the revived Ethos Forum meeting, attended by parents and the Principal, Ed Finch.

OTHER WORSHIP & OUTREACH

The Well

This gentle time of prayer and reflection by candlelight continued to attract a steady number of people (10-20) throughout the year and, importantly, many are not usual churchgoers. An hour of silence, music and some Scripture and poetry is curated by the Rector, Revd Mark and Fiona Law and has attracted several people who have been bereaved in recent years, visitors to Chagford and parishioners from nearby Moretonhampstead. This remains a key outreach to those on the edge and beyond the Church who increasingly feel that they belong to St Michael's.

Seedlings

The group continued to meet during the year when it was possible given Covid restrictions. The group meets on a fortnightly basis to eat, discuss the Bible and faith matters, and pray together in various homes in the town.

They share a simple Eucharist on a regular basis, around the dining table. The group arranged an Alpha Course during the Autumn, devised a community engagement Easter trail and set up prayer stations in the church during Holy Week. They also planned and led our main Sunday service on several occasions.

Alpha Course,

The Seedlings group organised ten Alpha Course sessions – held at Endecott House - plus a Day Away at Waye Farm. “Is there more to life than this?”, “Why and how do I pray?”, “Does God heal today?” Alpha looks at these and other questions providing a practical introduction to the Christian faith. Every Alpha has three key elements, Food, Talk and Discussion. All are welcome and the sessions are open to anyone, and everyone, interested in exploring matters of life and faith and meaning, to those of all spiritual traditions and none.

Initially there were nine guests on this pilot initiative but as the weeks went on our numbers grew and by the last session there were 12 guests plus the four helpers. We all learned a lot!

CHURCH LIFE

WORKING WITH THE COMMUNITY

Chagford Memory Café

The Covid pandemic prevented our meeting until August. We have moved to the Jubilee Hall to allow for better social and changed the start time to 1:30pm has enabled the transition into a lunchtime café with plenty of savoury options as well as cakes and biscuits.

In the spring of 2021, Ann Searson and Caroline Coleman took over the leadership of the Café from Marian Barnes who had the idea to start the café in 2018. We are all indebted to her for her determination and energy in getting it off the ground. We currently have 17 guests registered and 21 volunteers which allows for a vibrant and sociable café feel to our sessions.

Recent sessions have included: Singing led by local musicians, Desert Island Discs –favourite music requests and discussion of luxury items etc, craft workshop, quizzes, poetry and reminiscence with artefacts. 33 guests and volunteers came to our Christmas Lunch at the Fingle Bridge Inn.

Future sessions include lambs and chicks visiting in April, and a Queen’s platinum jubilee party in June. We plan to hold a volunteer’s lunch in May – to be both a “thank you” and an opportunity to feedback, discuss future plans and gather ideas for improvements. We are also hoping to organise a

trip to the Seaside for July/September.

In line with the new SR&PM policy, we have created a register of Memory Café volunteers and circulated role/job descriptions for the various tasks at the café. All volunteers have been given a St Michael's Safeguarding Pack and the majority are up to date with their Safeguarding training. The remainder will be invited to face to face training as soon as possible.

Supporting others

The PCC believes that we, as Christians, should provide for the support of others who are, for a variety of reasons, unable to do so for themselves. Even with the restricted income of 2021, the PCC gave grants, from its income, totalling £3,084 to the following worthy individuals and charitable organisations;

Organisation	Grant (£)
On-the Edge	1000
Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal	442
Crisis at Christmas	290
Farming Community Network	267
St Petrocks Exeter	254
Okehampton Foodbank *	131
Individual amounts	700

- * St Michael's also acts as a collection centre for individual donations of foodstuffs

In 2020 St Michael's started a food voucher scheme 'Archangel Food Tokens' with the support of a local grocer to support families and individuals suffering because of the COVID restrictions. This continued into 2021 but usage slowed, and the scheme was stopped in late Spring. This work was funded from the Storey Memorial fund.

Community Events

To celebrate spring, plant sales were held at three venues around the town. They were very well supported, and people loved chatting to others in the 'socially distanced' queues. Recognising that there was a great need to find ways for people to start meeting together within the government rules, we restarted regular Coffee Mornings starting outdoors in the many beautiful gardens in the Town and later as the weather cooled indoors including the church. To coincide with main release of the lockdown rules we organised a weekend of 20 Open Gardens and more plant sales. 'What a party was

held all around the Town!' A delayed and slightly smaller 'Quiz Evening' brought more joy in the autumn followed by a scaled down Christmas fair including Lucy's devilishly difficult quiz to keep us all occupied throughout the festive season. An appropriate finale was the return for their first concert performance since they had performed at St Michael's in December 2019, the Glorious Chorus encourage everyone to believe there was a bright future.

CARING FOR GOD'S CREATION

Swift Project

The 2021 return was delayed by a cold windy period in late April and early May so nesting activity started some 3 to 4 weeks late. However, nature is very resourceful, and the normal courtship period was much reduced, and we were all surprised to see the first eggs within 2 weeks of their arrival. There was nothing quite like seeing the birds zinging around in our skies, busy with the seasons tasks to remind us that the pandemic was a thing that only affected the human world and that everything else on the planet just kept on spinning. After all these birds are a truly global phenomenon, spending most of their lives elsewhere, only honoring us with their presence for twelve weeks to breed. Over the years we have steadily built on the previous year's number of occupied nest boxes. Of the 24 boxes installed behind the louvres back in 2016 half had 'nests' in them. We use 'nest' in the loosest way possible - as a swift nest can be no more than a ring of hardened saliva with a few feathers and bits of wind-blown grass stuck down to the board that makes up the bottom of the box. The number of new chicks 'launched' into the skies continued to increase and by early July all, but one chick had left. We all became concerned about our remaining chick as there was little visual evidence that the parents had not decided to leave as their normal date to do so, was long passed. Then on evening the box, which was live streamed to a monitor in the church was empty; just a few feathers fluttering in the breeze

As we look forward with hope, start looking skyward in May for the first sightings and, maybe, live streaming on the internet of the hatching of the next generation. It was with great sadness that we also said good-bye to Nick Baker at about the same time. Nick was the inspiration and driving force to get the swift boxes and camera system installed at St Michael's, a true gift for many generations to come. We wish Nick every success in his new venture in Scotland

Churchyard bio-diversity Programme

The fourth year of the churchyard biodiversity project continued under the management of Nick Allison. With the generous support of a few donors, the continuing support of the Chagford Conservation Group who have 'come up trumps' in raking up and clearing the grass cuttings and All Seasons, for their generous treatment of the charges, we to maintain the project objective within the financial restraints imposed by the coronavirus restrictions. An idea of using sheep to graze some of the grass met with strong opposition in some quarters and was therefore abandoned.

We are grateful to Sheila Jones for taking over maintenance of the "Friends Rose-bed" adjacent to her house, Brian Lambert for undertaking the pruning and Phil Franklin for his constant work in keeping all the pathways clean and tidy. The churchyard does not "look after itself" so we always welcome any offers of help, either regular or occasional, to do even small tasks like clearing away fallen branches or clearing

CHURCH FAMILY

Volunteers

After 14 years of indefatigable service as churchwarden, Margaret Jeffreys decided that it was time for her to 'hand on the baton' to someone a little younger in May: We are all extremely grateful to Margaret for positivity and gentle approach to this arduous and, at times, stressful task. We are pleased that she has decided to continue as a member of the PCC.

Choir

As the life of the Church settled back into a pattern of services, so it is with the choir: With the easing of restrictions choir members returned, To begin with we were only a few as social distancing was still very much in peoples' minds, but by the yearend, we are back to a good number and as we only gather, as a choir, twice a month there is no pressure for people to be there every week. A few of us went to sing at the Cathedral in October for the annual RSCM Festival. This was a lovely service and day out and as we are affiliated to the Royal School of Church Music it is fitting that we should take part in these special occasions.

In November John C. Wood organised an 'Open Practice' at which about ten new people turn up. This was lovely and gave a much fuller sound for our singing. A few have that their busy lives and the regular pattern of singing could not be matched but our regular number now is running at about 15 Roger Cleverdon has found time to act as our musical director as well as playing the organ and under his direction our singing has improved. A few members of Sampford Courtney choir singing with us on a regular basis,

and John (W) reciprocates by singing with them. Our annual service at Drewsteignton for Epiphany Evensong with refreshments before and after the service was as well supported

Bellringers

Our year started with an interpretation of the government rules that erred on the side of creativity & elasticity by using only the minor pentatonic (blues) scale, of 1, 3,4,5,7, to comply with the distancing between ropes using the Birt 'family group' while still enabling a ringer from outside the household, usually Richard Hurdle. The people of Chagford were woken on Valentine's Day with a serenade of Elvis & others 'love song melodies' played on the Ellacombe chimes. The 'Family Five', rang half-muffled for the Marie Curie National Day of Reflection Their support continued with a half-muffled peal for the death of the Duke of Edinburgh and again on the day of his funeral service. To mark St George's Day Jon (B) chimed "Jerusalem" at 7pm. This was very well received within the community, and better still, resulted in immediate recruitment of Natalie Green, recently moved to Drewsteignton, who had been drawn by the sound out of curiosity to watch! In June Jon (B) took part in an international round-the-globe event to celebrate the Bicentenary of the invention of the Ellacombe chimes, a mechanism created by Alphington-born cleric, engineer & antiquarian, Revd. Henry Thomas Ellacombe. Jon rang for 1½ hours - which equates to around 50 hymns & songs. With England progressing in the European football championship, Jon also succeeded in chiming Three Lions/Football's Coming Home. For the inauguration of the Archangel Way in July, Jon organized ringers for a day's celebratory ringing from between 9am & 9pm. It was a truly enjoyable occasion. Starting from Chagford, through Gidleigh, Throwleigh, Belstone, Sticklepath, South Zeal, South Tawton, Lydford, Coryton, before finishing with a sunset ring at Brentor. October began with a highly successful & enjoyable visit to the tower by Primary School Year 6. An account of the visit was published on the school's website. The third Open Tower Day was held in October. It was well visited and proved a recruiting success. A full octave half-muffled peal was rung for Remembrance and finally the bells rang for each Late Evening Christmas Shopping nights. Ellacombe chiming for Midnight Mass included a virtuoso performance of *Fairy tale of New York*, undoubtedly a world first! And the old year ended with the time-honoured tradition of ringing in & out - with a party in the tower, of course!

The second training bell was fully commission in early June complete with live video of the wheel at the ringing floor.

A media whirlwind swept the tower in early June with BBC Radio Devon interviews of Jon & Holly & me, featuring of our family's ringing exploits. Together with coverage on Radio Devon Breakfast show it made the national news on Radio 2 & Five Live. The ITV SW News also visited the tower on Easter Sunday and another live interview on Radio Devon, prior to chiming for the Ellacombe celebrations

We have been fortunate to recruit significant new ringers of all ages, including Natalie Green, Jackie Bowden, Tamsin Symes & daughter Emily Leech (Y6), Alec Smilie (Y6) & Ian Wilkins. We also welcomed the indomitable ringer, Mike Wigney, to the tower, having previously had him visit & ring in Drewsteignton. Mike is an experienced peal ringer who subsequently sustained life-changing injuries in a rock-climbing accident. Although he was left paralyzed below the waist, he rings regularly down Bovey these days. During the Spring we said a fond farewell to Becky Dowling, who had been one of our post-rehang recruits, and was moving with husband, Mike, to Wales.

Sidesmen

As the progressed to work of the Sidesmen as the 'front of house' representatives of the church has returned to pre-covid arrangements.

We were sorry to have to say good-bye to some of our longer serving members; Maureen Barber, Hazel Cork, Elaine Davies, Vicky & Jamie Jameson and Susan Powell: We thank them for the faithful service. And look forward to welcoming Penny & Christopher Deane, Sarah Tooley & Sheila & John Williams for 2022.

The P.C.C. confirmed the appointment of the following Sidesmen.

Terry & Jenny Arscott	Aileen Garratt
Rosemary Bleakman	Vanessa Garratt
Caroline & Emily Coleman	Elsbeth Goldsworthy
Marion Daly	Lesley Haigh
Elaine Davies	Gay Hill
John and Julie Elliott	Margaret & Maurice Jeffreys
Evan Endacott	John Roberts
David Finch	Phyl Tucker
Hilary Francis	John and Sheila Williams

HERITAGE

CHURCH FABRIC

Covid 19 has again affected most aspects of use of the Church building during the year. Fortunately, as contact restrictions eased more normal activity was able to resume. We are grateful to relative newcomer to the Congregation, Penny Gerrard, for volunteering to lock up the Church each night following Kate Garratt's standing down on account of her schoolwork, and of course to the various volunteers who open up in the mornings.

Internal Maintenance.

Once again, we owe thanks to our dedicated volunteer cleaners who keep our building so spick and span as evidenced by remarks in our Visitors' Book.

Opening the Chancel to the Public has proved a great success, popular with visitors. Servicing of the clock was once again undertaken, and the fire extinguishers were also serviced. Unfortunately, the fire inspection company, failed to notify us in advance so there was no opportunity for training. We have been fortunate in being able to postpone much of the QI recommended actions as not being immediately essential, whilst available funds remain restricted, but these will have to be addressed sometime soon when we feel a bit more financially secure. We were able to get the South Door lock repaired and working again, via an historical specialist locksmith; he was able to make new keys for both the South and West doors. We have also extended, improved and/or replaced much of the PA system and some of the computer hardware, and the lights have been maintained in good order. Unfortunately, we have not yet been able to complete the design for the balcony cupboards necessary to house the electronic equipment and bells ringers' records, although we do have a contractor standing by to fabricate. Moving forward, a Health & Safety issue has been raised by choir members using the choir stalls, especially those in the front row. We have contacted a specialist joinery company, Dovetailors of Leeds, who have done a great deal of work of this nature all over the country, to come up with some initial ideas as to what might be both possible and practical. If this project were to go ahead, we could be looking at a cost of around £25K to £30K, which would need special fundraising. Looking forward, the PCC, congregation and community at large will need to be aware that some serious fund-raising will be required if we are able to find a practical solution to the issue of water ingress into the tower and west wall.

External Maintenance.

During the Pandemic emergency little by way of maintenance, other than regular activity, has taken place. An economic, but permanent, repair was made to the leadwork to the east window above the Office/Vestry roof and no water entry has been noted in this position since then. The church paths were repaired as economically as possible after the Autumn deluge of 2020. Some later adjustments to the cambering proved necessary as did some additional concrete channels. A few heavy rainstorms have since occurred without apparent serious damage, but we cannot emphasise too strongly that regular maintenance of the paths is ESSENTIAL. This will mean keeping the cambers functioning by raking loose gravel to the higher parts, clearing up wash-down gravel from vulnerable places and keeping weed growth absent from the path edges. We are especially grateful to volunteer helpers, Phil Franklin, Evan Endacott and Andy Finch in particular, for looking after this aspect of maintenance. We were able to get the Three Crowns Gate notice board repaired, at last, thanks to Dave Hooper and his generosity in his bill was also gratefully received. The additional lights in the paths leading to the Three Crowns and Lych Gate have made a huge difference to winter nights at the Church.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE, POLICY & MANAGEMENT

Governance & Management

The process for the appointment of members to serve on St Michael's governing body, the Parochial Church Council (PCC) is set out in the Church Representation Rules Parts 1 & 2. The PCC comprises the incumbent, curates, readers & churchwardens as ex-officio members and up to 14 elected members of the laity who are registered on the current Parish Electoral Roll. Because of the coronavirus restrictions, special permission was given by the Church to allow the election process for Churchwardens & Laity members of the PCC in May with the remainder of the formal APCM to be held before the end of October. The 10 members listed on page 24 were elected on 9th May: the role of Treasurer being filled by a co-option at the same meeting. The PCC is a charity registered in England under reference 1172274 with all PCC Members as Trustees of the Charity.

The number on the Electoral Roll for the Parish of Chagford at the end of 2021 was 118; an increase of 2 people since December 2020.

The PCC is responsible for all decisions on matters of general concern and importance to the parish, including deciding on how the funds are spent.

The PCC held meetings on four occasions in the year with an average attendance of 78%.

There are two sub-committees, the Standing Committee comprising the PCC chairman, two churchwardens, vice chairman, treasurer and Assistant churchwardens, & the Events Committee comprising Mrs R Bleakman, Mrs C Coleman, Mrs J Endacott, Mrs M Jeffreys and Mrs L Shields. These sub-committees are responsible to the PCC and formally report their progress and decisions at every PCC meeting. A Financial Review working group is looking at long-term funding comprising the Rector, Treasurer, Dr Barnes, Mr N Loden & Mr R Hardick. The Group will report to the PCC with their conclusions and recommendations.

To enable timely day-to-day management of the routine activities of the PCC, it has resolved that the Standing Committee has the authority to spend up to £750 on any event without the need to seek approval of the full PCC.

Financial Review

Day to day activity in 2021 was not as severely affected as it was in 2020. The early lockdown did not close the church and services were held on every Sunday and Wednesdays for much of the year: Attendance did not return to 2019 levels with many of the regular 'church family' worried about the risks associated with larger gathering indoors, but, as the year proceeded, it was pleasing to see increasing number of fresh faces. Visitor numbers do not appear to have returned to pre-covid levels, but casual donations have beaten all previous years with significant amounts being collected through the contactless donation facilities. At its first meeting of the year, the PCC Standing Committee decided, based on the PCC approved budget, to keep a tight control over expenditure. The net result of this approach supported by a very active fundraising team enabled our Operating Fund [Day-to-day running of the Church] to be balance with a transfer of £4,826 from Reserves: This is to be compared with £19,381 in the Budget!

The spot figure for the **PCC 'total wealth'** at the year-end, (see sheet 23) is £29,510 higher than the year start. An increase in the capital value of our investments of £32,807 is offset with a loss of £3,297 in cash funds.

The **Operating Fund** [Day-to-day running of the church] income was supplemented with £4,826 from Reserves to balance the year's expenditure that included the full payment of the Common Fund

The net income for all the other PCC funds was, therefore, £1,529 greater than expenditure.

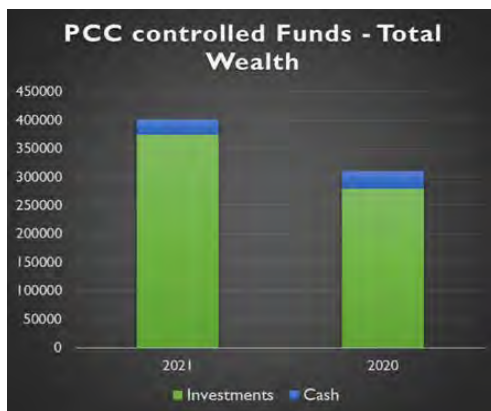
There are two elements to the **Equity Investment Funds**, those

where the PCC has chosen to make and control the investment [Hawksmoor Managed Funds] and those associated with Endowments where the Diocese invest the funds and the PCC receives only the Income.

The Hawksmoor managed funds are managed on a day-to-day basis by Hawksmoor Investment Management company with the PCC Treasurer acting under delegated authority acting to ensure compliance with the PCC Investment Objectives. The total value of these funds at the start of the year was £276,464 and this increased by 9.04% to £304,739 at the year end, The funds also achieved cash return of £7,965 net after all transaction and management fees, which is equivalent to an Annual Equivalent Rate (AER) of 3.65%.

The Endowment managed funds are managed on a day-to-day basis by the Diocese Finance Organisation in accordance with the donor's instruction and Charity Commission regulations. The total value of the funds at the start of the year was £55,369 and this increased by 14.38% to £63,330. The funds also realised £1,609 income equivalent to an AER of 2.91%, which is in line with RPI.

The **Operating Funds** [Day-to-day operating activities to maintain the Ministry and maintenance of the PCC Assets] was balance by a transfer of £4,836 from Reserves; a figure much lower than the budgeted level of £19,381



	RECEIPTS (£)	PAYMENTS (£)	TRANSFER FROM RESERVES TO BALANCE (£)
ACTUAL	60,660	65,496	4,836
BUDGET	51,500	70,931	19,381

Receipts exceeded the budget, which was derived from data from the previous year's data but with much uncertainty of what operating restriction would be imposed in 2021 resulted in 2020 data having more emphasis in some of the budget areas. In practice, the level of donations at services was still 28% [£2,291] down on this depressed budget. Attendance at all services has been lower than 2019 levels particularly for the popular times of Easter and Christmas. The change to taking the collection before and after, rather than during a Service could have had an effect and it is possible that a few people used the cash donation box instead of the Service plate. Donations made using any of the contactless machines immediately before or after a service have been included at service collections. The most



significant areas of over achievement were fundraising 70% [£3,347], visitor donations 64% [1,789] that also benefited from donations for items on the 'Bounty Table', church trading [hire of the church] 155% [£653] & gifts (where there is not budgeted level) £2,360. Approximately 50% of this resulted from an appeal for help to maintain the churchyard.

In general payments were managed to the very tight budgeted levels. The principal areas of underbudget spend were for grants given to other organisations, the overall ministry and mission and the Insurance company [Ecclesiastical] not increasing the premium level even though we had made a moderate claim in 2020.

Although the **Reserves & Church fabric/Churchyard Restricted Use** funds are independently managed funds with different usage restrictions, the type of work undertaken are very inter-related and, for clarity of understanding, are best covered in one report element.

The net cash outflow from the three funds during the year was £1856, as shown below,

Fund	Receipts	Payments	Cash Flow
Reserves	4973	*8037	(3064)
Church Fabric Restricted Use	2855	2663	192
Churchyard Restricted Use	8048	7032	1016
TOTAL	15877	17733	(1856)

- Includes £4,836 transferred to Operating Fund.

The £15,877 of income includes a receipt of £6,172 from Ecclesiastical Insurance, a claim for storm damage from the August 2020 storms. Of the remaining £9,702, £7,270 [75%] is income from equity investments. The remaining £2,432 includes a grant [£632] from the 'Listed Places of Worship Grant Scheme' to cover the VAT paid on the second Training Bell and £1,800 in personal donation to support the Churchyard and Church Fabric. The £17,733 of payments include the £4,836 used to balance the Operating Fund account. The remaining £12,907 includes £6,672 of pathways repairs associated with the insurance claim and the remaining purchases [£319] for the second training bell. This leaves £5,916 expenditure on maintenance & improvements to the church fabric as shown below,

❖ PCC approved expenditure,

Description	Value (£)	Fund
Refurbishment of lock to south entrance door and making of spare keys	1680	Fabric Restricted
Purchase and fitting of new standalone donation machine	1152	Reserves
Remote operation and dimming of the side aisle downlighters, automatic switching of lights in Gabriel Room.	1062	Reserves
Purchase and installation of second monitor screen to enable swifts and church news to be shown simultaneously	921	Fabric restricted
Repairs to Vestry Roof to spot water ingress	344	Fabric Restricted
TOTAL	5,159	

Additionally, £757 was spent under the delegated authority of the Standing Committee on essential maintenance of the audio-visual system and small structural items.

The PCC operates eight 'Discretionary Use' Funds, where funds are allocated and/or maintained for a specified use. The day-to-day management of these funds is delegated to a local management team but the overall responsibility for all liabilities remains with the PCC. The year-end value of these funds is £15,113 with a positive year cash-flow of £1,656

The largest of these funds is the Joyce Storey Memorial Fund, managed by the PCC Standing Committee, that was created from the investment of half of the capital from the Joyce Storey bequest to enable the church to support suitable projects in the community. £2,199 of investment income was added to the 2020 balance of £5,154 and only £100 spent on Room Hire to support the start-up of Little Bunnies. Of the remaining £7,252, £1,476 is allocated to support religious education facilities at the Primary School leaving £5,676 available for future grants

The Memory Café project, managed by the Memory Café committee has restarted following being dormant for most of 2020. Expenditure of £1,134 [Facility Hire £175; Christmas Luncheon £594; training £150 & Resources £215] has been offset by receipts of £100 donation and £200 contributions at the Christmas lunch creating and year's loss of £835 and leaving a balance of £5,537

The PCC carries out management activities on behalf of other organisations:

- ❖ Employment of the Youth Worker, on behalf of the On-the-Edge project. The Management Committee, although it has a constitution, is not recognised as a legal entity and therefore is not allowed to act as an employer. St Michaels already operates as an employer for the Cleaner.
- ❖ Purchase and maintenance activities for the Whiddon Parishes Office on behalf of the Mission Community. The office is located at St Michael's, and it is more efficient for these activities to be managed locally.

In both areas there exists a legal agreement relating to the financial liability being the responsibility of the owning organisation

Independent Examination

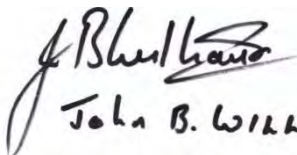
The Accounts have been examined jointly by John Williams who has issued the following Independent Financial Statement. *"In the course of our examination of the financial documentation relating to St Michael the Archangel PCC for the financial year 1st January to 31st December 2021, no matter has come to our attention,*

- 1. which give us cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements,*
 - *to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act,*
or
 - *to prepare account records which accord with these accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act have not been met;*
or

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

Signed.

Full Name



JOHN B. WILLIAMS

Reserves Policy

The PCC policy is to maintain unrestricted use funds for works that inevitably occur following the quinquennial inspection & maintenance activities that by their nature do not occur regularly.

Safeguarding Policy

There have been new developments in Safeguarding arrangements over the past year.

Safer Recruitment and People Management (SR&PM)

This is a new policy document from the C of E National Safeguarding Team which became mandatory on January 4th. It is a long and detailed document (available to read on the Diocese of Exeter website) that has implications for the way we recruit and manage volunteers for all our church groups that include children and vulnerable adults (currently Little Angels, Bell Ringers and Memory Café). A summary of the main implications for us are:

- All roles (including volunteer roles) should involve an application process where safeguarding requirements are made explicit
- There should be a designated responsible person for recruitment of each role
- References should be taken up for all new volunteers
- All roles (including volunteer roles) require a Role/Job Description
- DBS certificates are now valid for 3 years instead of 5
- The Diocesan Safeguarding Advisor for DBS (Rebecca Lane) has designated Little Angels as Regulated Activity which means all volunteers at Little Angels need a DBS
- The PCC as the body responsible for Little Angels (Regulated Activity) also all need a DBS certificate

A useful briefing paper <https://exeter.anglican.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/11/Safer-Recruitment-and-People-Management-2021-Briefing-Paper-for-Diocese-of-Exeter.pdf> outlines some of the requirements and responsibilities. There are links to

other useful documents within it including an assessment tool to check compliance.

Parish Safeguarding Dashboard

During the last year we have registered for the Parish Safeguarding Dashboard. This is an online tool that helps highlight all the Safeguarding actions needed. It asks questions and generates action plans to help us comply with the latest Safeguarding requirements.

Safeguarding Training

Every role within the Church requires a level of Safeguarding training. This is easily achieved for most roles through an online training course. There are over 70 people on the Safeguarding Training register at St Michael's with many people currently needing to update their training. One of the Assistant Churchwardens has been in contact with the Diocesan training team to try to arrange a date for a face-to-face training session for all those who have been unable to train online. Unfortunately, the rise in Covid cases has led to a postponement.

Conclusion

Safeguarding remains everyone's responsibility and it is always on the agenda at St Michael's PCC meetings. We must continue to do all we can to ensure we are providing a safe, inclusive and nurturing environment for all children and vulnerable adults within our church community.

Data Protection

Following the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) taking effect, in the UK, in May 2018, all PCCs have to comply with its requirements. An on-going programme continues, whereby new parishioners to St. Michael the Archangel, Chagford are asked to complete a Keeping in Touch Consent Form. One church group must complete the Parish Data Audit. Lucy Shields has continued to serve as Data Privacy Officer throughout the year.

Chagford Church & Churchyard Trust

(Commonly known as The Friends of St Michael's.)

There has been a start in the restarting of the 'Friends' committee. Neil Loden has agreed to become chairman and has held an informal meeting with other possible supporters. There is much hope for a restart of activity in 2022.

SAINT MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL, CHAGFORD PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

Financial Statement

For the Period 01 January to 31 December 2021

Section A Receipts and Payments

		Notes	unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds (Rector, Choir & Little Angels)	Church Fabric Fund (Restricted)	Churchyard Fund (Restricted)	Employment Fund (Restricted)	Total funds	Last year
			to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £
A1 Receipts									
A1.1 Voluntary Income									
Planned Giving (Tax efficient)	1		23,086					23,086	21,895
Planned Giving (Other)			1,776					1,776	1,993
Collections	2		5,745					5,745	4,959
All other giving	3		4,616					4,616	2,315
Donations & Gifts			2,860	228	1,500	6,472		11,060	16,538
Grants from other bodies	4		-	-	-	-	25,490	25,490	27,083
Legacies			-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tax recovered through Gift Aid	5		7,404	200	-	-	-	7,604	8,688
A1.1 Sub total			45,487	428	1,500	6,472	25,490	79,378	83,470
A1.2 Fundraising									
	6		8,422	-	-	-	-	8,422	2,871
A1.3 Income from Investments									
			4,975	2,462	724	1,576	-	9,737	9,718
A1.4 Church Activities									
Statutory Fees retained by PCC									
			5,676	-	-	-	-	5,676	6,078
Trading Activities									
			1,073	-	-	-	-	1,073	639
VAT Refund									
	7		-	-	632	-	-	632	-
A1.4 Sub total			6,749	-	632	-	-	7,381	6,716
A2 Asset and investment sales, etc.									
			-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Receipts			65,633	2,891	2,855	8,048	25,490	104,917	102,775

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	Notes	Designated Funds (Rector, Choir & Little Angels)		Church Fabric Fund (Restricted)		Churchyard Fund (Restricted)		Employment Fund (Restricted)		Total funds		Last year to the nearest £
		unrestricted Funds	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	
A3 Payments												
A3.1 Cost of Generating Funds		695		-		-		-		695		-
A3.2 Mission Giving and Donations	8	2,702	483	-	-	-	-	-	-	3,186		3,683
A3.3 Church Activities												
Diocesan Parish Share	9	35,691	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	35,691		34,585
Payments to Deacony/Mission Community		5,182	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5,182		7,829
Salary/honoraria	10	2,403	-	-	-	-	-	28,588	-	30,991		27,987
Mission/evangelism costs		1,781	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,781		1,765
Church running Expenses	11	12,895	-	2,344	-	7,032	-	-	-	22,271		16,391
Utility costs	12	5,164	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5,164		4,068
Governance Costs		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		-
Other		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		-
A3.3 Sub total		63,116	-	2,344	-	7,032	-	28,588	-	101,080		116,115
A3.4 Major Capital Expenditure												
Major Church Repairs/Replacements	13	-	-	319	-	-	-	-	-	319		4,004
New Building Works		-	-	319	-	-	-	-	-	319		-
A3.4 Sub total		-	-	319	-	-	-	-	-	319		4,004
A4 Asset and investment purchases, etc.	14	1,800	1,135	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,935		565
Total payments		68,313	1,618	2,663	-	7,032	-	28,588	-	108,215		100,876
Net of receipts/(payments)		-(2,680)	1,272	192	-	1,016	-	-(3,098)	-	3,297		1,899
A5 Transfers between funds	15	7,487.55	383.45	-7,871	0	0	0	0	0	-		-
A6 Cash funds last year end		1,906	13,457	10,894	1,415	3,098	3,098	3,098	3,098	30,770		28,871
Cash funds this year end		6,714	15,113	3,216	2,431	0	0	0	0	27,473		30,770

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Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Notes	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds (Rector, Choir & Lilee, Angels)	Church Fabric Fund (Restricted)	Churchyard Fund (Restricted)	Employment Fund (Restricted)	Total funds	Last year
	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £
B1 Cash funds							
NatWest Current Account	9,868	2,481	0	(3,022)	(342)	8,985	3,580
Lloyds Current Account	0	4,105	2,392	0	0	6,497	18,527
Lloyds Deposit Account	0	8,527	0	0	0	8,527	0
C-BF Deposit Reserves	708					708	707
C-BF Deposit Restricted Use Fabric			824			824	749
C-BF Deposit Restricted Use Churchyard				5,453		5,453	3,916
Cash	4,599	0	0	0	0	4,599	2,543
Creditor/Debtor	0	0	0	0	0	0	(2)
TOTAL	15,175	15,113	3,216	2,431	-(342)	35,592	30,770
B2 Other monetary assets							
Gift Aid recoverable	6,564	-	5	-	-	6,569	6,770
Debtors	-	-	-	-	342	342	-
B3 Investment assets							
Hawkmoor Investment Mgrs Capital Fund	6,276	8	-	57	-	6,341	7,080
Investment Assets @ market value (31.12.2021)	147,958	118,386	38,395	-	-	304,739	279,463
B4 Endowment Trust Assets							
Investment Assets @ market value (31.12.2021)	-	-	2,938	60,392	-	63,330	55,369
B5 Liabilities							
Creditors Various	8,461	-	-	-	-	8,461	2

(held by Exeter Diocesan Board of Finance)

Section C Net present Value

Cash and Investment Assets	160,948	133,506	44,549	62,880	-	401,883	379,450
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ST MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL, CHAGFORD PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

Registered Address

Parish Church, Chagford, TQ13 8BN

The PCC is a body corporate governed in accordance with The Parochial Church Council (Powers) Measure 1956 as amended and the Church Representation Rules 2006 and is a charity registered with the Charity Commission under register number 1172274. It is located within the Diocese of Exeter of the Church of England.

The following persons have served as members (trustees) of the PCC from 30th day of May 9th, until the present unless otherwise stated.

Ex Officio members

Incumbent	The Reverend Paul Seaton-Burn	<i>Chairman</i>
Curate	The Reverend Mark Neave	
Readers	Mrs Elva Hodgson	
Wardens	Mr Timothy Garratt Mr John Robert	

Elected Members

Dr Colin Barnes	
Mrs Rosemary Bleakman	
Mrs Lindon Bruce	<i>Assistant Churchwarden</i>
Mrs Julia Endacott	
Mrs Vanessa Garratt	<i>Assistant Churchwarden</i>
Mrs Elizabeth Goodwin	
Mrs Lesley Haigh	<i>Secretary</i>
Mrs Margaret Jeffreys	
Mrs Lucy Shields	<i>Lay Chair</i>
Mr John Wood	

Co-opted Members

Mr Terence Bleakman	<i>Treasurer</i>
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Section A Receipts and Payments

		unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds (Rector, Choir & Little Angels)	Church Fabric Fund (Restricted)	Churchyard Fund (Restricted)	Employment Fund (Restricted)	Holding Fund (Restricted)	Total funds	Last year
	Notes	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £
A1 Receipts									
A1.1 Voluntary Income									
Planned Giving (Tax efficient)	1	23,086						23,086	21,895
Planned Giving (Other)		1,776						1,776	1,993
Collections	2	5,745					776	6,521	9,645
All other giving	3	4,616					529	5,145	3,274
Donations & Gifts		2,860	228	1,500	6,472			11,060	16,538
Grants from other bodies	4	-		-	-	25,490	1,294	26,785	30,141
Legacies		-		-	-			-	-
Tax recovered through Gift Aid	5	7,404	200	-	-			7,604	8,688
A1.1 Sub total		45,487	428	1,500	6,472	25,490	2,599	81,977	92,174
A1.2 Fundraising	6	8,422	-					8,422	2,871
A1.3 Income from Investments		4,975	2,462	724	1,576			9,737	9,718
A1.4 Church Activities									
Statutory Fees retained by PCC		5,676						5,676	6,078
Trading Activities	7	1,073		-			12,945	14,018	4,583
VAT Refund	8	-		632				632	-
A1.4 Sub total		6,749	-	632	-	-	12,945	20,325	10,082
A2 Asset and investment sales, etc.		-	-	-	-			-	-
Total Receipts		65,633	2,891	2,855	8,048	25,490	15,544	120,461	115,423

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Section A Receipts and Payments

		Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds (Rector, Choir &)	Church Fabric Fund	Churchyard Fund	Employment Fund	Holding Fund (Restricted)	Total funds	Last year
	Notes	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £
A3 Payments									
A3.1 Cost of Generating Funds	9	695					5,658	6,353	3,944
A3.2 Mission Giving and Donations	10	2,702	483				776	3,961	8,369
A3.3 Church Activities									
Diocesan Parish Share	11	35,691						35,691	34,585
Payments to Deanery/Mission Community		5,182						5,182	7,829
Salary/honoraria	12	2,403				28,588	-	30,991	28,687
Mission/evangelism costs		1,781	-					1,781	1,765
Church running Expenses	13	12,895	-	2,344	7,032		536	22,807	19,035
Utility costs	14	5,164						5,164	4,068
Governance Costs		-						-	-
Other		-						-	-
A3.3 Sub total		63,116	-	2,344	7,032	28,588	536	101,616	95,969
A3.4 Major Capital Expenditure									
Major Church Repairs/Replacements	15	-		319				319	4,004
New Building Works		-						-	-
A3.4 Sub total		-	-	319	-	-		319	4,004
A4 Asset and investment purchases, etc.	16	1,800	1,135	-	-	-	-	2,935	565
Total payments		68,313	1,618	2,663	7,032	28,588	6,969	115,184	112,851
Net of receipts/(payments)		-(2,680)	1,272	192	1,016	-(3,098)	8,574	5,277	2,572
A5 Transfers between funds	17	7487.55	383.45	-7871	0	0	0	0	-
A6 Cash funds last year end		1,906	13,457	10,894	1,415	3,098	-(750)	30,020	27,448
Cash funds this year end		6,714	15,113	3,216	2,431	0	7,824	35,297	30,020

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Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds to the nearest £	Designated Funds (Rector, Choir & to the nearest £	Church Fabric Fund to the nearest £	Churchyard Fund to the nearest £	Employment Fund to the nearest £	Holding Fund (Restricted) to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
B1 Cash funds									
NatWest Current Account		9,868	2,481	0	-(3,022)	-(342)	0*	8,985	3,580
Lloyds Current Account		0	4,105	2,392	0	0	3,159	9,656	18,527
Lloyds Deposit account		0	8,527	0			*	13,019	
CBF Deposit Reserves		708						708	707
CBF Deposit Restricted Use Fabric				824				824	749
CBF Deposit Restricted Use Churchyard			0		5,453			5,453	3,916
Cash		4,599	0	0	0	0	4,492*	4,599	2,543
TOTAL		15,175	15,113	3,216	2,431	-(342)	7,651	43,243	30,020
B2 Other monetary assets									
Gift Aid recoverable		6,564	-	5		-		6,569	6,770
Debtors						342	173	515	0
B3 Investment assets									
Hawksmoor Investment Mgrs Capital Fund		6,276	8	-	57	-		6,341	7,080
Investment Assets @ market value (31.12.2021)	18	147,958	118,386	38,395	-	-	-	304,739	279,463
B4 Endowment Trust Assets <i>(held by Exeter Diocesan Board of Finance)</i>									
Investment Assets @ market value (31.12.2021)				2938	60392			63330	55369
B5 Liabilities									
Creditors Various		8,461.000						8,461	2
Section C Net present Value									
Cash and Investment Assets		160,948	133,506	44,549	62,880	-(0)	7,824	409,707	371,930


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Section D Approvals

Signed by two trustees on behalf of all the PCC

Chairman of PCC

Signature

 P. S. Seaton-Burn
 Team Rector

Name	Date
P. S. SEATON-BURN	22. 11. 22
Name	Date
T. C. BLEAKMAN	22.02.2022

Hon Treasurer

Signature

 T. C. Bleakman

Name	Date
John WILLIAMS	27-2-2022

Signed by Independent examiner

Section E Notes

Note 1: Small increase due to a few people who gave each service transferring to regular payments

Note 2: General Service collections down significantly. Reduced attendees & possibly the change of the collection being before and after rather than during service. Some people may be putting collection in general donation box rather than service plate.

Note 3: General donations at highest level on record and cash free giving accounts for 29% of all giving.

Note 4: This item is mostly the grants from (i) the On-the-Edge Committee to enable the Church to employ the Youth Worker and, (ii) the Mission Community to employ the Parishes Co-ordinator and Magazine Editors

Note 5: Reduced value due to lower gift aid giving in 2020

Note 6: Positive effort by fundraising team

Note 7: Distorted this year by Magazine funds being covered in holding fund transactions. Previously in Whiddon Parishes.

Note 8: VAT refund covers final payment for second training bell project.

Note 9: Distorted this year by Magazine funds being covered in holding fund transactions. Previously in Whiddon Parishes.

Note 10: Last Year's (2020) figures include grants made from the Storey Memorial fund.

Note 11: Includes payment of the full Parish Share Request.

Note 12: The major expense is the salary etc. of the Youth Worker and Parishes Co-ordinator

Note 13: The increase is due to works due to damage recovered by insurance claim. Day-to-day costs were lower than 2020.

Note 14: Increase in cost due to previous three year contracts finishing and new contracts at higher rates

Note 15: 2021 activity final tasks on second training bell.

Note 16: Investment in second standalone contactless donation machine and electronics information display system.

Note 17: Transfer of funds between Reserves and Fabric to make similar but opposite transfer of equity investments.

Note 18: Valuation of Investments based on Stock market values at the close of play on the last working day of December of the relevant year. 2021 results; Capital gain 6.3% AER 3.8%

Independent Examiner's Report

to the Trustees of

Parochial Church Council of St Michael the Archangel, Chagford

Registered Charity No: 1172274

I report on the accounts of the church for the year ended 31st December 2021, which are set out on 4 pages referenced 2021-1 to 2021-4 inclusive attached.

Respective responsibilities of the Trustees and Independent Examiner

The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- follow the procedure laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners (under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act); and
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's Statement

Our examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission.

An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with the records. It also includes consideration of 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 a full audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below

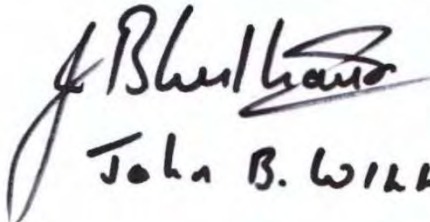
Independent Examiner's Statement

In connection with our examination, no matters have come to my attention other than those detailed overleaf

1. which give us reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; or
 - to prepare accounts which accord with these accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act have not been met; or
2. to which, in our opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed.

Full Name


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Date.

27-2-2022.

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF CHAGFORD

England & Wales - Charity number 1172274

Accounts

Parochial Church Council
of the
Ecclesiastical Parish of Chagford
Registered Charity No 1172274

ANNUAL REPORT 2020



This Report has been approved by the PCC and signed on its behalf
by the Reverend Paul Seaton-Burn (PCC Chairman)

P. Seaton-Burn

Dated: 23 May 2021

ANNUAL REVIEW 2020



Our ancient parish church has been here for the people of Chagford through the Black Death and two World Wars and so it was a sad but necessary requirement that we had to close our doors as the world faced the consequences of the Covid pandemic. Nevertheless, in countless acts of kindness, prayer and generosity our community displayed its true nature, and our church family has played its part.

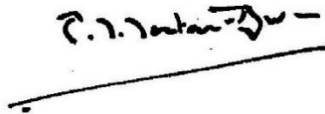
There have inevitably been significant implications for our church - both the impact of successive lockdowns and other restrictions on our people and the ways we worship - and on our financial assets, needed to maintain our historic building and churchyard and serve our community. We have sorely missed the chance to sing together and to welcome as many people as we would usually do for important community events, not least Easter, Remembrance Sunday and Christmas. Yet, through no small degree of ingenuity and a lot of time, we have learned new ways of marking these outside - graveside funerals and Remembrance Sunday being well received by many folks, and we extended our reach by providing online worship (without much experience or any special equipment) every Sunday since 22nd March throughout the year. This has also been a good way of promoting lay involvement and participation across the fledgling group of North Dartmoor parishes. Other ways of keeping our Church and gospel visible included the distribution of Easter cards to many in the town and the wonderful Advent Calendar, lighting up people's windows.

For us, as for many other rural churches, the shockwaves are still being felt, although the challenges are not new - an ageing congregation and the rising burden of maintaining our ministry and medieval building on the shoulders of a relatively small number of people, for example - and the pandemic has acted as a catalyst, accelerating what has been happening for some three decades at least.

In times such as these our faith shines more brightly and the many, many hours of work, prayer, and effort have been deeply appreciated by many people inside and outside our church. There are too many people to thank

for this short review, but on behalf of us all I must pay tribute to Margaret Jeffreys - who retires this coming APCM after so many years exemplary service to our community - and to Terry Bleakman who continues to steer us soundly as our Treasurer and who has provided expertise in all sorts of ways, not least re: the use of recorded music for our worship in these difficult days. Jon Bint's commitment as Tower Captain and enthusiasm in his weekly playing of the Ellingham chimes and keeping the bells of St Michael's ringing through the year (with his lovely family) also deserves special mention. The candlelit vigil for much-loved butcher Andy Martin, centred around St Michael's and included Jon ringing the chimes, saw many, many people line the streets of our town and showed again that we have a key part to play in our common life.

This year has yielded many lessons to learn (or to be reminded of) what is important - and what is not - and trust in God's faithful love and provision for the challenges and opportunities for the years ahead. Thank you everyone.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'P. Seaton-Burn', written above a horizontal line.

Revd Paul Seaton-Burn, Team Rector

AIMS & PURPOSE.

St Michael the Archangel Parochial Church Council (PCC) has the responsibility of co-operating with the incumbent, the Reverend Paul Seaton-Burn, in promoting within the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. The PCC is also responsible for the maintenance of the Grade I listed church building and associated churchyard.

DEANERY SYNOD

As with many other aspects of life, the Coronavirus restrictions resulted in all Deanery Synod meetings being cancelled. The only significant announcement being the appointment of Revd. Paul Seaton-Burn as our new Rural Dean of Okehampton. Revd. Paul was commissioned by the Bishop of Plymouth on 9 November 2020.

MINISTRY AND MISSION

Except for the period from March to early June when the Church was closed under directions from the Government, St Michael's has been open every day for private prayer and at least one service being held every Sunday and Wednesday Holy Communion during Advent. We have been fortunate to have the services of Rev. Mark Neave, in the Benefice, which eased the burden on Rev. Paul.

The closing of the church acted as the catalyst for our move into the realms of on-line worship. 'Chagford Church Online', was created through our own You Tube channel – although it should be stressed that this has always represented all the churches across our benefice. The first online service was 'broadcast' on 22 March 2020 (Mothering Sunday) and featured Revd Paul as host, Linden doing the address, and Wez and Cathy Cutler providing the music – and it achieved an astonishing 610 views on You Tube. Since the rapidly expanding team have put together some 55 on-line services – that is one for each and every Sunday since, plus specials for Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Christmas Day. A staggering 56 different people from our wider church family have been involved in contributing readings, prayers, etc. – and even more, if you include the many others who were part of the imaginative 'He is risen' and 'One of us' montages that were put together for the Easter and Christmas Day services last year. The breadth of involvement is something which is often commented on (very positively) in feedback we have received from several sources.

A key part of the on-line worship has always been the music, which has been a varied mix of traditional hymns and more modern worship songs, including 'live' performances by Wez and Cathy Cutler, Kris Emmett, John Colpoys-Wood and the Chagford choir, as well as recorded hymns and songs, and quiet instrumental pieces to enhance the reflective pauses.

Initially, Wez Cutler did all the 'techy' work of stitching the various contributions together and uploading the service onto You Tube. Since Wez's departure for pastures new in September, that role has been taken

on by Flora Searson, who has brought her own brand of flair and imagination to the productions, which have become steadily more 'professional', despite the relatively low-spec equipment we still use for the recordings.

Throughout the past year, we have monitored the number of views on YouTube. Not surprisingly, this did initially decrease quite rapidly, from the dizzy heights of 610 for the first service, down to around 150 per week by mid-September. However, since then, the number of views has gradually increased, due in part to friends from the Moreton Parishes joining us and is now typically between 200 and 250 each week. But it is not just about numbers – what is really encouraging is the positive feedback we have received from so many sources, and particularly from individuals who have had to self-isolate during the pandemic. One e-mail said:

“I really find the Chagford online services so extremely helpful. The content is well balanced, there is good variety and I enjoy that there are many locations used especially out of doors which celebrates God's creation. These services have sustained me during lockdown. I have been able to access them at times when I have needed help. Putting these services together must be a huge amount of work, many hours of preparation of planning, filming and editing, music and prayers. I hope that as a resource I can continue to use them in the future, I have seen the numbers of views increase over the weeks. Thank you all so much. Stella.”

Looking to the future, it has become apparent that we will continue with our weekly on-line worship even after the pandemic has receded and restrictions have been lifted. The numbers viewing YouTube each week are way more than the number who come to our church services on a typical Sunday, so we must be reaching a significant number of people for whom this has become their church. We will not stop and deprive them of this contact. We continue to look at ways to improve what we offer, also find ways of reaching those we currently miss – thinking particularly of the younger age groups.

The restriction on numbers attending indoor services resulted in a simple service of Remembrance around the war memorial, an event that was generally thought to be more meaningful. Similarly, although ultimately cancelled due to the level of local covid cases, the support from the town for the Christmas Eve carol service to be held in the Town Square was overwhelming.

Many of our other ministry activities were seriously curtailed by the restrictions.

Children & Young People

Little Angels (Under five-year olds)

Little Angels was in a transition period due to a significant number of children starting school in September 2019 however, 2020 numbers were consistent each week and were beginning to increase slightly with new parents and children coming along more regularly and then came lock-down. In response Wez Cutler started a WhatsApp Little Angels group where we kept in touch with parents on a weekly basis. Those who had graduated and started school, started to reengage each week – a sign that the relationships that we created each week was valued so much that they wanted to come back and join in! We also recorded fortnightly videos for the church YouTube channel with a short story and song for parents to watch as and when convenient. This was continued until September when Wez moved on to new pastures.

Church Family Breakfast

The last service held in St Michael's before lock-down was Church Family Breakfast. The church was full of people from both CFB and Holy Communion congregations for a positive shared worship time. With the coming of lock-down we have tried to incorporate elements of CFB merged into the online services and are still working to Improve.

Direct School Work

Even though our local school has remained open throughout the year for the children of Key Workers, visits from outside have been largely forbidden. We look forward to restarting this important contact again in 2021.

Adult

The Well

This gentle time of prayer and reflection by candlelight continued to attract a steady number of people (10-20) throughout the year and, importantly, many are not usual churchgoers. An hour of silence, music and some Scripture and poetry is curated by the Rector, Revd Mark and Fiona Law and has attracted several people who have been bereaved in recent years, visitors to Chagford and parishioners from nearby Moretonhampstead. In response to demand, in December it moved from twice monthly to taking place every Sunday evening and remains a key outreach to those on the edge and beyond the Church who increasingly feel that they belong to St

Michael's.

Seedlings

The group continued to meet fortnightly during the year when it was possible given Covid restrictions. This involved some meetings outside and some on zoom, but like other groups we missed regular contact. The Chagford Seedlings - there is another group which meets in South Tawton - eat, discuss the Bible and faith matters, and pray together in various homes in the town. We share a simple Eucharist on a regular basis, around the dining table, and in 2020 followed the Alpha Course (which we plan to offer to Chagford folks in 2021). We also led a Sunday service together, building confidence in hosting worship alongside the Rector.

WORKING WITH THE COMMUNITY

Chagford Memory Café

The normal activities of the Memory Café were curtailed during 2020 in common with most other groups due to the Corvid 19 pandemic. We met only twice, in January and February. It was decided to cancel the March session because lockdown looked inevitable. Our Café users, carers and most of the helpers come into the 'vulnerable' category. During the year several of our Cafe users have died and others have moved into residential care. We are grateful to several families who have made generous donations to our funds in memory of their loved ones. During the year, the Steering committee members have kept in contact, mainly by telephone, with Café users, carers and our wonderful team of helpers.

We look forward to the day when we can restart our monthly Café sessions and recruit new users. The planned summer outing, which had to be cancelled in 2020, we hope to be able to reinstate.

Caring for God's Creation

Swift Project

2020 was a year where we leaned on nature a little more. There was nothing quite like seeing the birds zinging around in our skies, busy with the seasons tasks to remind us that the pandemic was a thing that only affected the human world and that everything else on the planet just kept on spinning. While seeing a swift batting around in the azure sky might simply remind us of our own personal captivity; for me it was the opposite. A salve, a grain of hope and sanity around which thoughts of reflection could be built, before reaching out around the world, to other species and our own. After

all these birds are a truly global phenomenon, spending most of their lives elsewhere, only honoring us with their presence for twelve weeks to breed. While access for many to the church was limited at times - the birds oblivious to the effects at ground level were coming and going as ever. It was very apparent, that the church colony was becoming a focal point for many more birds than in previous years and record flocks or 'screaming parties' were counted - while we were limited to bubbles of six the swifts were really rubbing it in and I had a flock of around 45 birds on one summer's evening, high above Chagford. As for actual numbers in the Church. This year was mixed, we have steadily built on last year's numbers of occupied nest boxes. Of the 24 boxes installed behind the louvres back in 2016 nine had nests in them. I say nest in the loosest way possible - as a swift nest can be no more than a ring of hardened saliva with a few feathers and bits of wind-blown grass stuck down to the board that makes up the bottom of the box.

Of these nests 8 were active at some point in the season, with the first eggs being recorded around the second week of May, so we were off to a good start, however the lovely sunny warm spring weather unfortunately gave way to some cold wet stuff. While swift chicks are much better than other birds at surviving for long periods of time without food - they are one of the few species that can go into a kind of torpor - lowering their body temperature and using fat reserves when Mum and Dad are struggling to find enough food (the body weight of swift chicks yo-yos up and down as they develop for this reason). Sadly, even with this trick up their sleeve, the long period of weather seemed to be too much for some and a couple of the broods of three that were in rude health in early June had reduced to just one or two by the end of July. That said, St. Michaels still managed to launch 11 new chicks into the skies. So with that at least 29 birds were present in the Church either on nests or in them and that figure isn't including the non-breeders (birds too young to settle but going through the actions of being a couple) of which there were at least 6 birds to add to the tally, I also strongly suspect another pair actually nested in a natural crevice on the church - but, while I could hear them, I never managed to see them coming and going. Let us hope this colony keeps building until all the boxes are filled!

Even with lock-down the seemingly unquenchable enthusiasm of Nick Baker, our Swift Project officer, Terry and Mike (HandyKam) we managed to fit another couple of cameras - bringing the total number up to 4 set up

a permanent monitor position in the Church so that visitors to St. Michaels could not fail to get a sneak peek into the nests of the church's loftier congregation.

Malcolm Burgess (RSPB) managed to ring some more chick and adult birds, so we can identify these individuals in the future to give useful information on life expectancy, population size and movements between nest boxes, colonies, and countries.

As another first, Nick with help from Tony Whitehead (RSPB & a Chagford resident) 'our' swifts became the subject of a 'live' online broadcast which brought our much-loved church and their birds into the lives of many folks both local and afar. The programme is still available at

https://www.facebook.com/watch/live/?v=1814890908653179&ref=watch_permalink

As we look forward with hope, start looking skyward in May for the first sightings and, maybe, live streaming of the hatching of the next generation.

Churchyard bio-diversity Programme

The third year of the churchyard biodiversity project continued under the management of Nick Allison. The generous support of 'All Seasons', donation of one cutting of the grass. And the Chagford Conservation Group in helping with the grass clearance meant that we were able to maintain the project objective within the financial restraints imposed by the coronavirus restrictions. One significant problem was keeping the weeds down on the paths. Volunteers generously attempted this by hand- weeding through the early part of the year but, unfortunately, this was not successful as insufficient volunteers were able to commit time sufficient time. The presence of weed growth along the edges was largely responsible for the quantity of damage to the paths by the August rain deluge and spraying was resorted to, using a non-hazardous spray formulation which seems to have been thoroughly successful and will be continued. Methods of grass control other than strimming are being investigated for implementation in 2021.

Supporting. others

The PCC believes that we, as Christians, should provide for the support of others who are, for a variety of reasons, unable to do so for themselves. Even with the restricted income of 2020, the PCC gave grants, from its income, totalling £2,568 to the following worthy individuals and charitable organisations;

○ Whiddon Youth Worker Project (On-the-Edge)	£ 1000
○ Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal	£ 538
○ Crisis at Christmas	£ 424
○ St Petrocks (Exeter)	£ 329
○ Individuals	£ 277

The decision to reduce the grants made to other voluntary groups by 50% was only made after much heart searching as appropriate in the circumstances but not to be used as a baseline in the future. In addition, through the Joyce Store Memorial designated use fund, grant funds of £824 were used by the Primary School to support Religious Education and a scheme of 'Archangel Food Tokens' to support local families in need was initiated.

Community Events

We were able to hold a 'sell out' Puzzle Evening just before the virus restrictions prevented indoor events and we were also able to sponsor two of the Lent charity soup lunches.

To celebrate spring, plant sales were held at three venues around the town on two occasions. They were very well supported, and people loved chatting to others in the 'socially distanced' queues. So, at Christmas we repeated the idea with bulbs and poinsettia: We are incredibly grateful to Julia and Evan and Jon Collins.

When we were able to re-open the church, Margaret Jeffreys arranged a bounty table of surplus produce from the gardens, cards, cakes and knitted items for others to enjoy and, perhaps, give a little towards the church maintenance.

Lucy created an idea of having an Advent calendar with decorated windows around the town with a different advent theme on each day. The windows were photographed each evening and posted online to enable those unable to get out to enjoy the experience. It was incredibly special, and it certainly raised people spirits. As a bonus some of the participants asked for donations for the church.

Lucy's difficult Christmas quiz was again on sale, online and Flora and Lewis kindly sold it in their shop in the Market House, people did not just give the amount of the quiz but added extra which was lovely of them.

Although this year has been like no other. we have experienced, the church and the community coming together and enjoyed the things we were all able to achieve.

CHURCH & CHURCHYARD

There has been little activity relating to the fabric throughout the year to end 2020 on account of the almost total lockdown of human activity during the period on account of the Covid 19 Pandemic.

Internal Maintenance.

Our dedicated army of cleaners has been able to keep the inside of St. Michael's cleaned, dusted and polished regularly, whilst Margaret has been keeping those parts, that are open to the public on weekdays, properly sanitised each day.

We have had no issues with the ingress of water above the vestry since the specialist roofers carried out a temporary repair whilst awaiting a permanent replacement of the lead apron below the east window of the Lady chapel. The Paddon Brothers have attended to the gutters every six weeks as an essential element of keeping the water out of the vestry.

The unseasonable August deluge flooded the vestry from under the outer door. We were able to undertake suitable repairs with the benefit of an insurance claim covering the full cost, after hiring a dehumidifier and removing the carpet tiles to reveal a splendid wood-block floor, which we had relayed and polished.

During the year, the clock and fire extinguishers were serviced. The planned Fire extinguisher usage instruction course for Church members who might be called upon to use the equipment was not possible due to a communication problem.

The Chancel has finally been opened to the public, having fitted a push-button lock to the internal vestry door and set "crowd control" rope barriers to discourage entry into the organ chapel and choir stalls.

External Maintenance.

We have not been in touch, during the Covid lockdown, with our new architects concerning the QI Report or the ingress of water at the west end. This will have to wait until more general travel is permitted and people can gather together for meetings. The QI Report does not identify any urgent matters.

The deluge mentioned earlier in this report destroyed the churchyard paths and left them in a dangerous condition. The repairs recommended by the insurance company's assessor could not be carried out within the assessor's budget, but a lesser (but adequate) specification has been agreed with the insurers. These repairs to the paths should be under way by the time this report is presented, programmed for mid-March.

Smart water (anti-theft system) has been reapplied to the roof lead and other items as require by the insurers.

The Churchwardens would also like to thank so many volunteers who have carried out their often unforeseen, duties within the church. The person who cleans the brass, empties the dustbins and recycle boxes, cleans the church, rings the bells, creates such wonderful flower arrangements, hoists and takes down the flags, locks and unlocks the church every day, lesson readers and those who compose and read the prayers each week, more recently those who sanitise the church daily ensuring the safety of the congregation and visitors, to name but a few. The list is long. The Churchwarden are eternally grateful to you all and, also, for the help and support you have given us, particularly in this past difficult year.

Sidesmen

This has been a very frustrating year with all the restrictions we have had to put into the church to keep people safe from catching the Covid19 virus. Fortunately, we have managed to keep the church open for most of the year for private prayer and church services, but without the singing of course, and we are immensely proud of all our Sidesmen who have been supportive whenever needed,

At the beginning of the year the Sidesmen continued with their duties including the welcoming the congregation as they arrived at the N.W. door, but as the virus began to spread more widely in Devon, the decision was taken to temporarily suspend the Sidesmen's duties because of the lack of space at the entrance, enabling the required social distancing to take place.

At the beginning of the year, we had three new volunteers, Emily Coleman, John and Sheila Williams who we heartily welcome.

Four of our Sidesmen, Audrey and Richard Griffiths and Neil and Susan Loden have decided to stand down, we are grateful for their help in past years.

The P.C.C. have confirmed the appointment of all our Sidesmen, including the new members, who are willing to carry out their duties again as before when the restrictions are lifted. These are,

Terry & Jenny Arscott

Aileen Garratt

Maureen Barber

Vanessa Garratt

Rosemary Bleakman

Elspeth Goldsworthy

Hazel Cork

Lesley Haigh

Caroline & Emily Coleman

Gay Hill

Marion Daly

Vicki and Jamie Jamieson

Elaine Davies

Maurice Jeffreys

Evan Endacott

Susan Powell

John and Julie Elliott

John Roberts

David Finch

Phyl Tucker

Hilary Francis

John and Sheila Williams

CHURCH FAMILY ACTIVITY

Bellringers

As we rang out the 'Old' and rang in the 'New', and a few days later, enjoyed another lovely annual dinner, none of us had any inkling of how the world would be turned upside down with a matter of a few months. We got ahead of the new 'North-East Dartmoor Parishes' grouping game from the off, welcoming to our practices our first Moreton ringer, Julie Stansfield and managed a visit to Moreton before the virus stopped play. New recruits Kathy and 'young' Will both made their live debuts and our other young recruits made progress; and we continued our collaboration with Dunsford for the monthly Choral Evensong. However, within a few weeks Kathy broke her wrist playing tennis, young recruits drifted away, and work commitments absented Emma. In competition, learner Seymour Street, and young Will Rout both achieve third place in the Changes Section of the Devon Association of Ringers' Annual Novice Festival, in High Bickington; good experience on tricky bells.

Team ringing had to be suspended in March, but the bell still rang out every Sunday's and other special occasions by the tower captain playing 'tunes' using the Ellacombe chiming apparatus, The positive comments from across the Chagford community have been extraordinary and Jon must be thanked for his initiative, time and effort.

Limited team ringing was able to restart in early July by taking advantage of family groupings and particularly the Bint family. By September all but one of the ringers had returned but unfortunately November government restriction return us to small teams. Nether-the-less we were able to ring for Late Night shopping, Christmas Eve midnight Mass and Christmas day. The final ring of the year was on the 29th with a final seasonal 8-bell session to see out the troubled Old Year.

Our application for a faculty to install a second training bell was approved and the equipment finally installed in late July. This has proven to be an especially useful supplement to the training facility.

With the ongoing improvement of the C19 situation, the 'ringers' aim to resume work with the school in the second half of 2021. They are also looking to further strengthen ties between our towers across the new Northeast Dartmoor Group of Parishes.

The PCC is especially grateful to Jon and his family for their support during this uniquely strange time. There are five Bint's ringing; and no. 6 is progressing steadily in her handling. Likewise, the added experience and help of Martin Sharland from Dunsford, and Will Carew from Kingsteignton, continues to be invaluable. Chagford & Drewsteignton communities have been extremely fortunate to have had so much ringing and chiming under all the various restrictions.

Choir

The year started with Epiphany Evensong at Drewsteignton in January and plenty of other events planned until, of course, the final day when the churches were shut, and everything stopped because of COVID-19. No services = no choir. At that time there were eleven choristers and our Director of Music, Kris.

As the time went on Easter passed without church or music.

In June Kris invited those that wanted to, to sing 'Be Still for the Presence of the Lord' to make a recording that he could stitch together for a service. It is a pity that it was not possible to try again as, although the final piece was not brilliant, it did at least bring us together as a 'choir'.

Even though church services have been allowed since July choral singing has only been allowed with strict conditions. Many of our team have been shielding or being careful. Our first opportunity to be a choir again came at Harvest Festival Evensong at the beginning of October but only four of us

felt able to attend. The Advent Carol service was the last time team member met and was also the last official service for Kris.

However, we had by then acquired a new member for the Soprano line – Juliet Everson – newly out of Uni and missing singing. So, when we get back again, we hope she will still be with us.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE, POLICY & MANAGEMENT

Governance & Management

The process for the appointment of members to serve on St Michael's governing body, the Parochial Church Council (PCC) is set out in the Church Representation Rules Parts 1 & 2. The PCC comprises the incumbent, curates, readers & churchwardens as ex-officio members and up to 12 elected members of the laity who are registered on the current Parish Electoral Roll. Because of the coronavirus restrictions, special permission was given by the Church to allow existing PCC members to continue until a formal APCM election could be held in October. The 9 members listed on page 24 were re-elected. The role of Treasurer was filled by a co-option at the first meeting of the PCC. The PCC is a charity registered in England under reference 1172274 with all PCC Members as Trustees of the Charity.

The number on the Electoral Roll for the Parish of Chagford at the end of 2020 was 116; a decrease of 3 people since December 2019.

The PCC is responsible for all decisions on matters of general concern and importance to the parish, including deciding on how the funds are spent. The PCC held meetings on four occasions in the year with an average attendance of 78%.

There are two sub-committees, the Standing Committee comprising the PCC chairman, two churchwardens, vice chairman, treasurer and Mrs V Garratt, & the Events Committee comprising Mrs R Bleakman, Mrs C Coleman, Mrs J Endacott, Mrs M Jeffreys and Mrs L Shields. These sub-committees are responsible to the PCC and formally report their progress and decisions at every PCC meeting. A Financial Review working group was established to look at long-term funding comprising the Rector, Treasurer, Dr Barnes, Mr N Loden & Mr R Hardick. Due to the Covid Restrictions only two meetings have been held. The Group will report to the PCC with their conclusions and recommendations.

To enable timely day-to-day management of the routine activities of the PCC, it has resolved that the Standing Committee has the authority to spend up to £750 on any event without the need to seek approval of the full PCC.

Financial Review

The effects of the Coronavirus, starting with the complete closure of the church in mid-March and associated restrictions on unnecessary travel, required a complete re-appraisal of our original plans. The PCC Standing Committee agreed that committed non-routine works would continue but that no works resulting from the quinquennial inspection would be started. All spending from the Operating Fund would require Standing Committee approval and special efforts would be made to minimise work in the church & churchyard without significantly damaging the Bio-diversity project.

In the event, these early decisions together with the generosity of old and new supporters, the investment skills of Hawksmoor to maintain dividend income at nearly 2019 levels and the innovative approach taken to create different fundraising activities has resulted in a net cash outflow for PCC controlled funds¹ of £4,739. In this process there has also been a re-appraisal of many of our activities with resultant changes that will reduce regular outgoings in the future.

However, not all the apparent circa £13,000 savings [compared with the original budget] are real in that the delayed works are still required and will result in expenditure in 2021 and beyond.

The independently examined 2020 year-end Financial Statement, with associated 'Notes', is included at pages 21 to 23 of this report. The Net Worth of the PCC (sum of liquid assets and equity investment fund) at the end of 2020 was £317,313; £1,792 less than last year-end. The 'spot [December 31st] value of the Hawksmoor Managed Investment Portfolio has decreased by £3,692, due to falls in stock market during the year. The liquid asset balance has increased by £1,900.

To understand and evaluate this situation we need to consider the details of this year's expenditure as shown below,

¹ Operating, reserves, designated & restricted use funds.

FUND DESCRIPTION	INVESTMENT SALE/PURCHASE (£)	OPERATING CASH FLOW (£)
Operating Fund	0	0
Other Unrestricted Use Funds	0	(7,255)
Restricted Use Funds	0	7,516
Third Party Managed Fund	0	1,639
TOTAL	0	1,900

Operating Fund

The day-to-day Operating Fund was balance, including the payment in full of the Common Fund requested level, by the transfer £11,236 from Reserves. Although this is £7,038 less than the predicted budget level approved by the PCC it still represents a significant drain on the Reserves.

Receipts suffered in all areas directly connected with people being involved in church activities whether they be services, fundraising or just visiting the area. 'Plate' collections at services were down by 58%, church trading (bookstall sales and hire of church/equipment) by 43%, statutory fees (mainly weddings) by 41%, visitor donations by 35% and church organised fundraising by 14%. The shortfall on the last area would have been much higher had it not been for the ingenuity of the fundraising team in developing new ideas that worked within the restrictions.

The largest element of payments is the 'Common Fund Request' at £34,585, which supports the cost of providing the Clergy including housing, pensions and other labour related items. Another £7,829 was paid to support the clergy, lay reader etc. expenses and the running of the mission community office.

£16,928 was used on maintenance and running of the church building and churchyard. This level of spend is significantly lower than is normal due to careful management and lower use of the building. The churchyard cost was reduced by 60% through restructuring of the management plan, the generosity of the contractor and the support of the Chagford Conservation group. The lessons learn are being reviewed with respect to the 2021 plans.

Reserves & Restricted Use funds.

Overall, there was a £261 inflow of funds to the PCC Reserves and Restricted Use funds. However, this includes a net cash inflow of £1,603 for

the second year of the training bell project [receipts £5657 and payments £4054]. The funds also benefited by receipts from investments, £7,562, an insurance claim payment, £1284 and bequest, £5,000. On payments, in addition to the balancing payment to the Operating Fund and the Training Bell expenditure, £6770 was spent to support PCC approved projects and unplanned urgent work to maintain the church & churchyard fabric.

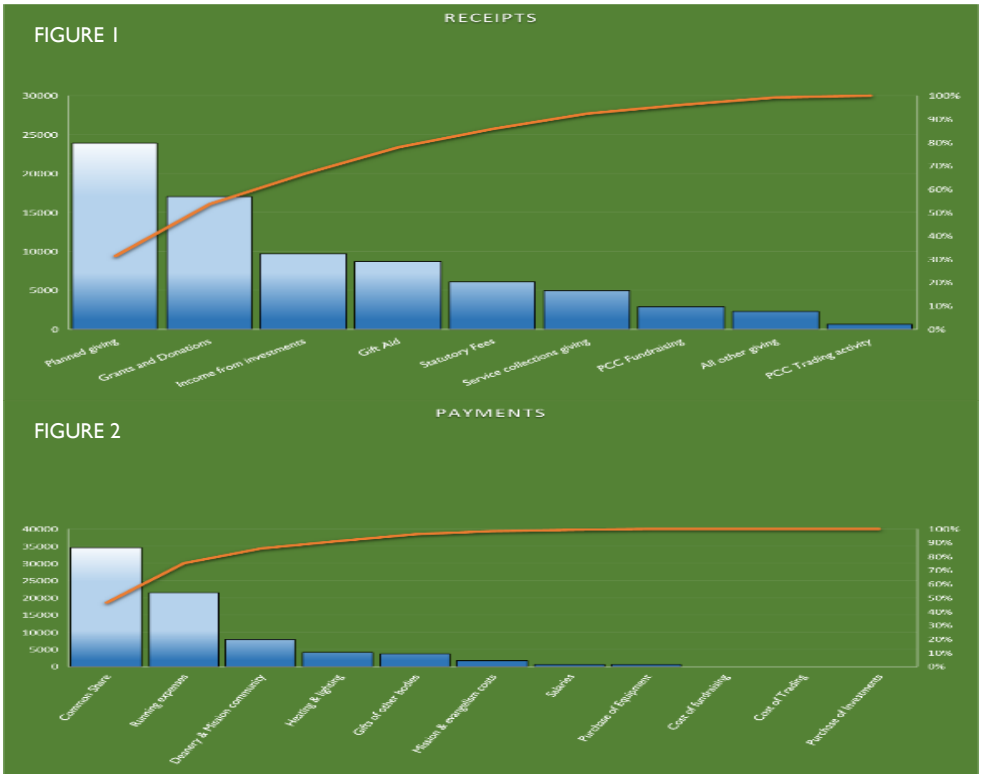
❖ PCC approved expenditure,

Description	Value (£)	Fund
Fee for Quinquennial Inspection and Report	2,525	Reserves
Pruning of churchyard Yews and Biodiversity management fee	2,210	Churchyard Restricted
Church website upgrades	252	Reserves
TOTAL	4,987	

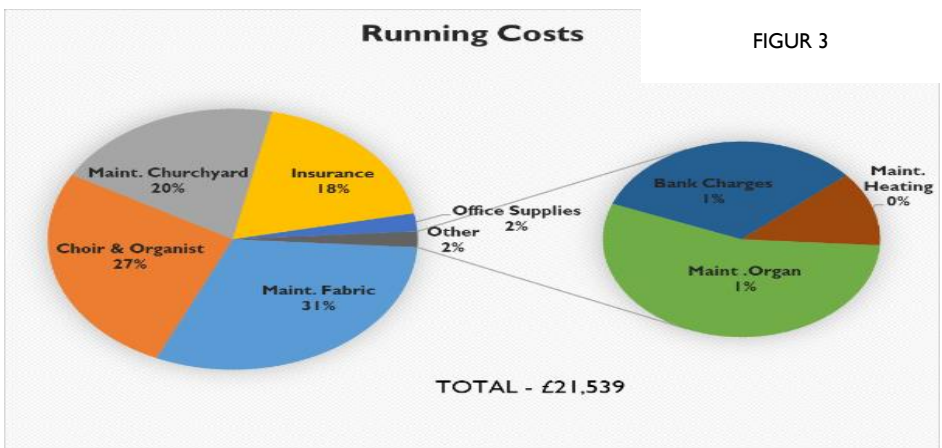
❖ Unplanned urgent expenditures - sanctioned by the Standing Committee as follows,

Repair of damage caused by the ingress of water in church office (Insurance Claim)	1014	Fabric Restricted
Replacement of two large flower display stands	210	Reserves
Purchase of GoodBox contactless payment machine for service collections	126	Reserves
Carving of names on Rector's Noticeboard	120	Reserves
Purchase of secure cabinet to enable opening of Screen	118	Reserves
Replacement of church information display mini drive	117	Reserves
Replacement of miscellaneous items for elderly sound system	78	Reserves
TOTAL	1,783	

Overall receipts for the year for these funds total £76,201 and payments £76,252 distributed as shown at Figures 1 & 2.



The Receipts details have been fully discussed in the preceding text. The Payments are obviously dominated by Common Fund/Mission Community payments at 57% and the general running of the church and churchyard at 29%. Figure 3 shows the breakdown of this activity.



The PCC operates several 'Discretionary Use' Funds where money is allocated and/or maintained for a specified use. The day-to-day management of these funds is delegated to a local management team but the overall responsibility for all liabilities remains with the PCC. The largest of these funds is the Joyce Storey Memorial Fund set up from the investment of capital from the Joyce Storey bequest: This fund is managed by the PCC Standing Committee. The Investments made a return of £1850, and £824 was spent as part of the grant made last year to the Chagford School. The year-end, cash balance being £3,678. However, the costs of the Archangel Food Token project to help local families through to effects of coronavirus had not been received.

The PCC carries out management activities on behalf of other organisations:

- ❖ Employment of the Youth Worker, on behalf of the On-the-Edge project. The Management Committee, although it has a constitution, is not recognised as a legal entity and therefore is not allowed to act as an employer. St Michaels already operates as an employer for to the Director of Music and Cleaner.
- ❖ Purchase and maintenance activities for the Whiddon Parishes Office on behalf of the Mission Community. The office is located at St Michael's, and it is more efficient for these activities to be managed locally.

In both areas there exists a legal agreement relating to the financial liability being the responsibility of the owning organisation

Independent Examination

The Accounts have been examined jointly by Graham & Sheila Mead who has issued the following Independent Financial Statement. "In the course of our examination of the financial documentation relating to St Michael the Archangel PCC for the financial year 1st January to 31st December 2019, no matter has come to our attention,

- I. which give us cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements,
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act, or
 - to prepare account records which accord with these accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act have not been met; or

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

Signed. *Sheila Mead.*

Full Name SHEILA MEAD.

Signed. *Graham P. Mead*

Full Name GRAHAM P. MEAD

Reserves Policy

The PCC policy is to maintain unrestricted use funds for works that inevitably occur following the quinquennial inspection & maintenance activities that by their nature do not occur regularly.

Safeguarding Policy

Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility, and it is a topic on the agenda at all St Michael's PCC meetings. In addition, the Rector and Safeguarding Officer meet regularly to review ongoing Safeguarding cases and discuss any new developments or concerns. We all continue to do all we can to ensure we are providing a safe, inclusive and nurturing environment for all children and vulnerable adults within our church community. Ann Searson remained the PCC Safeguarding Officer throughout the year.

Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) Checks

All required DBS checks are currently up to date on St Michael's personnel who through their role, work with children or vulnerable adults. A few people will need to renew their DBS during the coming year.

Safeguarding Training

Training is aimed at teaching people how to spot the signs of abuse and what to do if they suspect it may be taking place. Training needs to be renewed every 3 years. Everyone on our register is currently up to date with their training but the majority will be required to renew their training in 2021.

Data Protection

Following the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) taking effect, in the UK, in May 2018, all PCCs must comply with its requirements. An ongoing programme continues, whereby new parishioners to St. Michael the Archangel, Chagford are asked to complete a *Keeping in Touch Consent Form*. Lucy Shields has continued to serve as Data Privacy Officer throughout the year.

Affiliate Organisations

In September 2019, Tara Penny took up the post of Head of School at Chagford CE Primary School.

In the first term we celebrated harvest with assemblies in school and the children took part in a service at the church, collecting an impressive amount of food for the Okehampton food bank. Classes visited the church as part of their local history project, they were particularly excited to find the Three Hares bosses as we were learning about the significance of the Three Hares symbol. We held a service at school for Armistice Day and on Remembrance Sunday members of the school community represented the school at the church service. Leading up to Christmas we had many celebrations in school, including a fabulous whole school production of 'Lights, Camel, Action.' Children learnt about the message of Christmas in assemblies and RE lessons and we held an informal 'messy nativity' together. School staff worked with Rev Paul and the church team to lead a service at the church where each class shared prayers and bible readings.

Throughout the Autumn and Spring terms, Rev Paul and Wes Cutler led a weekly assembly with the children, and most of our Y6 pupils attended a weekly club with Wes at The Mess.

Unfortunately, Easter plans were cancelled as Covid hit and the school closed to most children. Throughout the first lockdown the school was open to the children of key workers and the children of our vulnerable families. Staff provided work for children to do at home and the children in school continued with the school curriculum. In June we were able to have our eldest and youngest pupils back for a few weeks before the summer holiday. Unfortunately, we were unable to have our wonderful volunteers in school, and we could not work with the church on the plans we had for Easter and the summer term which was a great shame.

In September 2020, we opened to all children, but with many restrictions to keep them and the whole school community safe. We were not able to meet as a whole school inside as we had to continue to maintain bubbles. We celebrated harvest in our school playground and again collected food for the Okehampton food bank to support local families. We continued to meet outside so we could sing and worship together as a school community, but as the weather got colder, this was not possible, so we switched to online assemblies. We were lucky with the weather, and we were able to hold a Remembrance service at school outside and one of

our children laid a wreath for the school at the church service on the Sunday.

Of course, we were not able to put on our traditional whole school Christmas production in 2020 due to the restrictions so we decided to do something quite different. We wanted to find a safe way for the children to engage with the church and local community, so we planned an outdoor event with the Chagford business groups and the church. After much discussion and extensive risk assessment, we held a lantern parade where the children walked in bubbles through the town, and sang carols holding the lanterns they had made in school. Our Mary and Joseph (complete with pony!) knocked on the doors of three inns, eventually being directed to the Pepper Pot where we had a stable set up. It was a beautiful event and brought much joy to the children, families and local community.

Our families entitled to free school meals have received lunches via a food parcel system organised by the Dartmoor Trust during the summer term and more recently a voucher system. The church has also worked with The Moreland Grocery to donate milk and bread to local families in need.

We are really looking forward to welcoming back all our children in 2021. School will still have many measures in place to reduce contact and potential spread of the virus, so we will not be back to 'normality' until June at the earliest. School governance, our Ethos Forum and all Dartmoor Trust communication has been on-line since March 2020. I am certainly looking forward to working with my colleagues across the Trust schools and the Central Team 'in the flesh!' and I am really looking forward to working more closely with the church and local community as restrictions lift.

Chagford Church & Churchyard Trust

(Commonly known as The Friends of St Michael's.)

The trust is dormant as far as active fundraising is concerned whilst a new chairman and committee are found. However, the Trust continues to support the church with the purchase of several items for the Swift project during the year.

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Section A Receipts and Payments

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A3 Payments									
A3.1 Cost of Generating Funds	11		-					-	621
A3.2 Mission Giving and Donations	12		2,568	1,115				3,683	5,536
A3.3 Church Activities									
Diocesan Parish Share	13		34,585					34,585	36,754
Payments to Deaneery/Mission Community			7,829					7,829	6,586
Salary/honoraria	14		3,051				24,935	27,987	32,385
Mission/evangelism costs			1,614	151				1,765	3,568
Church running Expenses	15		13,117		1,064			16,391	31,858
Utility costs	15		4,068					4,068	4,964
Governance Costs									
Other									
A3.3 Sub total			64,264	151	1,064	2,210	24,935	92,624	116,115
A3.4 Major Capital Expenditure									
Major Church Repairs/Replacements	16				4,004			4,004	3,654
New Building Works					4,004			4,004	3,654
A3.4 Sub total									
A4 Asset and investment purchases, etc.	17		360	205				565	6,428
Total payments	17		67,192	1,471	5,068	2,210	24,935	100,876	131,243
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Net of receipts/(payments)			(9,269)	2,014	8,045	(529)	1,639	1,899	(7,349)
A5 Transfers between funds	18		-227.29	227.29	0	0	0	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end			11,403	11,216	2,849	1,944	1,459	28,871	36,220
Cash funds this year end			1,906	13,457	10,894	1,415	3,098	30,770	28,871
OK									

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Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds (Rector, Choir & Little Angels)	Church Fabric Fund (Restricted)	Churchyard Fund (Restricted)	Employment Fund (Restricted)	Total funds	Last year
		to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £
B1 Cash funds								
NatWest Current Account	19	1,199	0	1,643	(2,501)	3,098	4,331	8,463
Lloyds Current Account		0	10,914	8,503	0	0	18,527	18,841
CBF Deposit Reserves		707	0				707	704
CBF Deposit Restricted Use Fabric				749			749	674
CBF Deposit Restricted Use Churchyard					0		3,916	2,422
Cash		2	2,543	0	0	0	2,543	6,490
Creditor/Debtor	19	(2)	0	0	0	0	(2)	(8,722)
TOTAL		1,906	13,457	10,894	(2,501)	3,098	30,770	28,871
B2 Other monetary assets								
Hawksmoor Investment Mgrs Capital Fund		6,997	25	-	57	-	7,080	1,034
B3 Investment assets								
TOTAL	20	14,539	106,723	28,201	-	-	279,463	289,201

Section C Net present Value

Cash and Investment Assets	21	153,442	120,205	39,096	(2,444)	3,098	317,313	319,106
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Section D Trust Investments held by Exeter Diocesan Board of Finance

Investment value					1889	38831	40720	40720
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Section E Notes

Note 1: Small increase due to some donors changing from plate donations to regular giving.

Note 2: General Service collections were badly effected by coronavirus restrictions and smaller congregations and zerocontribution from weddings.

Note 3: Takings in the Churn were badly effected by the coronavirus restriction leading to much lower visitor numbers

Note 4: In both years the donations are predominantly for the training bell appeal and bequests

Note 5: This item is mostly the grants from (i) On-the-Edge Committee to enable the Church to employ the Youth Worker and, (ii) the Mission Community to employ the Parishes Co-ordinator.

Note 6: The 2019 reclaim includes donations to the Bell Appeal. Receipts from general giving are holding steady.

Note 7: Planned fundraising events fell foul of the coronavirus but inavative thinking by our Fundraising Team recovered some of the lost revenue.

Note 8: Equity returns were in line with 2019 but the interest rate on deposits was severely rduced by the bank rate cuts.

Note 9: Loss of wedding fees due to the coronavirus restriction were generally off-set by increased funerals and burials.

Note 10: Church Hiring and bookstall sales were both the victim of coronavirus restrictions.

Note 11: There were no real costs due to coronavirus. The holding fund allocations causing the spend.

Note 12: Significantly reduced due to lower receipts. Thesignificant items being, Chagford Youth worker project £1000, RBL Poppy Appeal £538, Crisis at Christmas £423 and St Petrocks (Exeter) homeless support project. The Designated fund expenditure includes £824 grant com the Primary School to support additional teacher training and resources to deliver RE caricular and a number of small hardship gifts to local families through the Rector's Discretionary fund.

Note 13: Includes payment of the full Parish Share request in both years

Note 14: Similar to Note 5, the major expense is the salary etc. of the Youth Worker and Parishes Co-ordinator

Note 15: Significantly reduced by decision to only spend funds that are ppre-committed i.e. Insurance, utilities and to undertake on essentil maintenance

Note 16: Costs and recoveries in both years relate to the procurement and installation of training bells.

Note 17: Significantly reduced by PCC spending restrictions

Note 18: Relates only to the transfer of fund to cover the Rectors Discretionary fund expenditure.

Note 19: The high level of cash funds is the result ofshort-term fundi payments for the employment funds and the curtailng of major church refurbishment projects due to the coronavirus restrictions

Note 20: Valuation of Investments based on Stock market values at the close of play on the last working day of December of the relevant year. Value decrease 2019 to 2020 = 1.3%

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Parish Church, Chagford, TQ13 8BN

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The following persons have served as members (trustees) of the PCC from 30th day of April 2019 until the present unless otherwise stated.

Ex Officio members

Incumbent	The Reverend Paul Seaton-Burn	<i>Chairman</i>
Curate	The Reverend Mark Neave	
Readers	Mrs Elva Hodgson	
Denary Synod	Mr John Roberts	
Wardens	Mrs Margaret Jeffreys	
	Mr Timothy Garratt	

Elected Members

Dr Colin Barnes	
Mrs Rosemary Bleakman	
Mrs Julia Endacott	
Mrs Vanessa Garratt	
Mrs Elizabeth Goodwin	
Mrs Lesley Haigh	<i>Secretary</i>
Mrs Lucy Shields	<i>Vice Chair</i>
Mr John Wood	

Co-opted Members

Mr Terence Bleakman	<i>Treasurer</i>
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A1 Receipts								
A1. Voluntary Income								
Planned Giving (Tax efficient)	1	21,895					21,895	19,491
Planned Giving (Other)		1,993					1,993	2,322
Collections	2	4,959					4,959	12,176
All other giving	3	2,315					2,315	3,955
Donations & Gifts	4	2,684	1,353	12,500	-		16,538	24,044
Grants from other bodies	5	509		-	-	26,574	27,083	26,427
Legacies		-		-	-		-	-
Tax recovered through Gift Aid	6	8,688	-	-	-		8,688	9,468
A1.1 Sub total		43,043	1,353	12,500	-	26,574	83,470	97,913
							-	-
A1.2 Fundraising	7	2,871	-	-	-		2,871	6,081
A1.3 Income from Investments	8	5,293	2,131	613	1,681		9,718	9,818
A1.4 Church Activities								
Statutory Fees retained by PCC	9	6,078					6,078	6,641
Trading Activities	10	639	-	-			639	945
VAT Refund	16	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,496
A1.4 Sub total		6,716	-	-	-	-	6,716	10,082
A2 Asset and investment sales, etc.		-	-	-	-		-	-
Total Receipts		57,923	3,485	13,113	1,681	26,574	102,775	123,893
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