

PENLEE CLUSTER OF CHURCHES

England & Wales · Charity number 1180956

Details

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2018-12-03

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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Activities

Objects: THE ADVANCEMENT OF THE CHRISTIAN FAITH IN PARTICULAR BUT NOT EXCLUSIVELY BY PROMOTING CHRISTIAN MISSION WITHIN THE PENLEE CLUSTER AREA ACCORDING TO THE FIVE MARKS OF MISSION OF THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND ò TO PROCLAIM THE GOOD NEWS OF THE KINGDOM ò TO TEACH, BAPTISE AND NURTURE NEW BELIEVERS ò TO RESPOND TO HUMAN NEED BY LOVING SERVICE ò TO SEEK TO TRANSFORM UNJUST STRUCTURES OF SOCIETY ò TO STRIVE TO SAFEGUARD THE INTEGRITY OF CREATION AND SUSTAIN AND RENEW THE LIFE OF THE EARTH

Activities: Penlee Cluster serves our local Communities of Paul, Penzance and Newlyn with social action projects; Soft Play area, Holiday Clubs and regular weekly activities for children, support of the elderly, running a Celtic Reflective Quiet Garden. We operate with a small paid staff team and many volunteers drawn from our church congregations and the wider community.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services, Acts As An Umbrella Or Resource Body
- **What:** Disability, The Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty, Religious Activities
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, People With Disabilities, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Cornwall

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£81,778	£85,460	-	-
2023-12-31	£104,108	£81,332	-	-
2022-12-31	£51,906	£54,191	-	-
2021-12-31	£68,510	£59,885	-	-
2020-12-31	£68,637	£42,123	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Alan Gibson		2024-02-06
Heather Ottaway		2024-09-12
Margaret Addicoat		2024-02-20
timothy bedward		2024-02-20

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ACCOUNTS FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Note	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
Incoming Resources			
Grants		74,498	95,600
Parish Contributions		3,155	660
Income from Project Activities			0
Donations		4,125	7,848
Total Incoming Resources		<u>81,778</u>	<u>104,108</u>
 Resources Expended			
Salaries and expenses		63,390	50,377
Hire of Rooms and Equipment and Services		11,263	14,808
Materials and Consumables		4,083	8,059
Administration Costs		1,130	1,851
Purchase and Installation of Equipment		1,348	462
Website & Software Costs		676	4,488
Governance Costs		1,411	1,200
Sundry Expenditure		2,159	87
Total Resources Expended		<u>85,460</u>	<u>81,332</u>
 Net Movement in Funds		 (3,682)	 22,776
Total Funds Brought Forward		<u>73,449</u>	<u>50,673</u>
Total Funds Carried Forward		<u>69,767</u>	<u>73,449</u>

BALANCE SHEET AT 31 DECEMBER 2022

Current Assets			
Cash at Bank		<u>69,767</u>	<u>73,449</u>
Total Assets of the Charity		<u>69,767</u>	<u>73,449</u>


ALAN GIBSON

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Chair of Trustees


P. Durkin

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Treasurer

Date

16 April 2024

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19 May 2025

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

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John L Underhill
Chartered Accountant

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Income from Project Activities		0	4,019
Donations		7,848	11,247
Total Incoming Resources		<u>104,108</u>	<u>51,906</u>
Resources Expended			
Salaries and expenses		50,377	37,081
Hire of Rooms and Equipment and Services		14,808	7,948
Materials and Consumables		8,059	4,808
Administration Costs		1,851	893
Purchase and Installation of Equipment		462	1,863
Website & Software Costs		4,488	449
Governance Costs		1,200	548
Sundry Expenditure		87	601
Total Resources Expended		<u>81,332</u>	<u>54,191</u>
Net Movement in Funds		22,776	<u>(2,286)</u>
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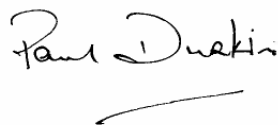
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Rev. Sian Yates

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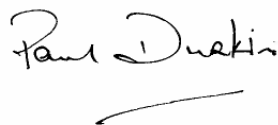
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Penlee Cluster Report 2022

In a year that featured a war in the Ukrainian and the worse economic situation that this country has seen in decades it would be impossible to review the church life of cluster churches without being totally aware of the world and community of which we are a part.

Worship and Nurture

Throughout the year a small faithful group of people from across the deanery have gathered on line each morning for Celtic morning prayer: reading and discussing the scriptures, praying for the needs of the world, silently listening and discerning will of God and growing in faith. Each Sunday and on many weekdays people have also gathered in our church buildings for worship and fellowship. The bedrock and at the heart of all we do flows out of these times of pray: contemplative action. We give thanks for our growing relationship with God and each other especially in these challenging times. We have found many ways to deepen our relationship with God: pilgrimages and retreats to Scilly and Hilfield Friary, worship in Paul quiet garden, the local saints way, contemplation groups, study groups and lent groups....all pilgrims together. We have also offered online worship both for those unable to attend church but also to link schools and churches .

Economic challenges

Our responses to the growing economic challenges have been to offer spaces within our buildings for people to meet up for support, activity and food. Monday lunch clubs at Paul and St Mary's , Wednesday pasties at St Peter's, Friday fish and chips at St John's and then st Mary's. Feast nights for families, on numerous nights at St John's, have provided after school events for children and families to play and eat together. The monthly roast Sunday lunch at st Mary's and the weekly coffee morning at Paul have also given opportunities for fellowship and food. The Community Christmas Day lunch at st Mary's is now firmly on our yearly calendar and almost 100 people ate their Christmas lunch with us, We give thanks for all our volunteers who have worked tirelessly and in response to their faith. Also a thanks to those who help with the Penzance Breakfast project and food bank. We also give thanks for all who financially contribute to the life of our churches and outreach projects...charitable giving in difficult economic situations is tough.

Never Alone

2022 will also be remembered for the year when we won the ecclesiastical national prize for our "never alone " project : outreach and support in the community during Covid. A small very excited group of people journeyed to London to collect the prize....and we took pasties and our from Aunty May's and our parcel pets to share with people at church house Westminster. It

was very affirming to have received the national first prize for this project that had involved so many people.

Working with young people

We have continued to spend much time, energy and resources in working alongside young people in the area. Each week sees cluster staff leading worship in many schools in the area. The establishing of Wild wacky worship at Madron school enables us to worship outdoors with young people. Themed RE schools days have also supported children's faith journey. Each school holiday has all day holiday clubs for young people and we are now one of the county's providers which makes us eligible for much needed government funding. Our holiday provision not only offers young people endless exciting activities and hot food but also opportunities for young people to have good quality time with adults. We have been commended for the pastoral care and support we offer to children. This of course could not be achieved without the support and backing of the Christian family of our churches. We are also grateful to those who sit of school and Trust governing bodies.

Family workers

We now employ two part time family workers supporting the work we engage in. We are grateful to the St Paul's Trust of the funding of this work. We write a half termly report on "the Rainbow project" to keep people up to date with developments and reflections. So for this annual report it is enough to note that they have been involved with : feast night for families, Birds of branchline project, setting up an under 5's sensory group, Georgia's voice older female teens support group, holiday clubs, one to one support, RE days, community events, who let the dads out.

Environment and creation care

The Penlee Cluster is committed to responding to the climate crisis which is an essential part of our responsibility to safeguard God's creation and achieve a just world. Climate change hits hardest the poorest countries and poorest people of the world and causes widespread destruction of the natural world.

As such, all 4 churches in the Cluster have now registered for the nationwide Eco Church scheme which provides a set of resources which help churches become greener. It has five elements - Worship & Teaching, Buildings, Land, Community & Global Engagement, and Lifestyle - and three levels of award – Gold, Silver and Bronze. St Mary's was the second church in Cornwall to achieve Silver (and the first Anglican Church). Paul has achieved Bronze. St John's and St Peter's have both begun their journeys towards Bronze.'

I would like to thank George Dow for his commitment and leadership in heading up this inspirational work.

Good Bye and our future

This year has also seen us saying goodbye to two members of staff: Fr Keith Owen and Intern Hilary. We thanked both for their contributions towards the life and witness of churches in the Cluster. Fr Keith had been serving at St Peter's newlyn for 10 years. At this time in diocesan church life it will not be possible to have another priest working in the Penlee Cluster. So it has been necessary to change SUNDAY worship times this year so that fewer priests can cover. Obviously, more work will fall on church wardens and on the cluster administrator especially. We ask that all people try to help with the mission and witness of the church as we make the necessary adjustments. As we have always valued having interns from other countries with us for a year. We will soon be having discussions as to whether this should happen again.

UKRAINIAN

At the start of the war in the Ukraine we held a number of vigils for peace. It was moving to see so many people coming together to pray. We also welcomed young Ukrainian children to summer holiday clubs as they and we struggled with language and cultural differences. A huge thanks to adults who came along to help and offer skills. The birds on the branch line project was also a way to engage young people in thinking about offering hospitality and kindness to visitors from other places. St Mary's mounted an exhibition of art work from Ukrainian children as a bid to help us understand and pray for the people in the Ukraine and some families have joined us for meals. We now have icons in our churches to help orthodox Christians feel more at home as well as incorporating parts of their liturgy into our worship. We also host an orthodox liturgy at St Peter's newlyn every two weeks.

Forms of ministry

Our pastoral ministers, worship leaders, Reader and priests in retirement all contribute significantly to the life and outreach across the cluster area: so much commitment, so many skills and much outpouring of loving concern. We are all so grateful for all the ways that people help to create inclusive church communities.

Please look at our website to see the visual picture presentation of 2022.

www.pentleecolour.org.uk

17/5/23



Sian Yates : chair of Penleecluster

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Incoming Resources			
Grants		29,250	50,040
Parish Contributions		7,390	7,000
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Donations		11,247	9,735
Other Income		0	20
Total Incoming Resources		<u>51,906</u>	<u>68,510</u>
Resources Expended			
Salaries and expenses		37,081	33,283
Utilities		0	0
Hire of Rooms and Equipment and Services		7,948	10,604
Materials and Consumables		4,808	9,637
Administration Costs		893	926
Purchase and Installation of Equipment		1,863	2,034
Governance Costs		997	1,175
Sundry Expenditure		601	2,226
Total Resources Expended		<u>54,191</u>	<u>59,885</u>
Net Movement in Funds		<u>(2,286)</u>	8,625
Total Funds Brought Forward		<u>52,959</u>	<u>44,334</u>
Total Funds Carried Forward		<u>50,673</u>	<u>52,959</u>

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Rev. Sian Yates

Chair of Trustees



P. Durkin

Treasurer

Date

17 May 2023



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Annual report for 2021 churches in Penlee cluster: 2021
Charity Number: 1180956

Introduction

What a year! Little did any of us think when Covid 19 first appeared in our consciousness in January 2020, and the first lock down announced in March, that we would still be in this uncertain pandemic time in may 2021.

Each of us will have our own story to tell about the impact of this pandemic on us, our families and the community that we live in. Each of us will have been challenged in different ways: family deaths, illnesses, work and leisure times unrecognisable. Even the living out of our faith, serving our community and worship totally changed, totally challenged.

As we meet for our annual meeting I want to thank God for the many many ways that the Penlee cluster of churches community in this place have responded to the situation that we found ourselves in.

Pray, the way that we have a deep relationship with a living God, has been at the heart of our corporate lives. So many people being prepared to pray daily for the needs of others, for those who have worked and served their community, for guidance when the road map of life seemed utterly changed. We thank God for people who daily have joined together online to pray morning and night prayer... More than a symbolic act to remind us that we are united with each other and God as a praying community of faith.

Online worship, zoom, courses.

Corporate worship went online and together we learnt how to lead worship differently. You were prepared to travel a new road in worship, singing an old song in a new land, as it were. We give thanks particularly for the skills of Keno and Chris Osborne, gifted and inspirational, who have added a new exciting and challenging dimension to our worship through their IT skills. For Chris and Dave who have enabled us to live stream worship and even funerals, allowing people across the world to be part of important life moments. All this seems so new, so foreign and almost a break with the past. But it is the same gospel of Love and the overwhelming generosity of God that is preached.

Financial Gift from ST Paul Trust

Much of this would not have been possible without the Gift from the St Mary and St Paul Trust to the Cluster of £17k to help us though this COvid period: in some ways a gift from Christians from the past who have gone before us

and were prepared in their day to be generous. This gift helped with staff furlough costs as we decided to top up the Government grant and pay staff the same as they would have earned had it been possible for them to work. This was particularly important for playzone which had to be closed during the pandemic.

Through this time of pandemic our churches have not been closed. Some of you have faithfully met to provide food parcels for the vulnerable and, in connection with our church school, have taken food and offered support to families. We have offered support groups to others, being prepared to meet and offer a human face in a time that has been quite lonely and confusing for so many. Though this valuable work that we have felt called to do we as individuals and as faith communities have grown closer to each other and to the God we serve. The process has, I believe made us more genuine, more humble and more expectant as we wait upon God.

Moving many things online certainly have had their challenges and the learning curve has been steep. We have used zoom for worship, PCCs, nurture groups and staff meetings. We have also been able to access training materials and resources from so many places and in doing so have been enriched. Thanks to Olive Stevens and David rake we have even been able to have Quiet days on line and Mel has led weekly Julian group.

HeartEdge support, commercialisation and creativity

Through the pandemic we have become part of the HeartEdge community linked with st Martin in the field London. We ran a very successful Heartedge conference in this diocese and were blessed. George Dow through Green Christian ran a very thought provoking 6 week course which challenged the ways we live sustainability. Wisdom reflection groups have continued to nurture us in our faith and so did the "Being Interrupted" 10 week course.

Work supporting young people

Despite the challenges of the pandemic we supported our young people running Covid secure holiday clubs, assemblies and seasonal appropriate activities. We are indebted to our head teacher Hilary for not only ensuring that daily worship when out from our schools through this pandemic time but also that so many vulnerable children have been cared for....a unprecedented number of children have been taken into care this year and we pray for their safe future and their flourishing.

Shared Meal Project: never alone .

The " shared meal project" has enabled meals to be taken out to people in the cluster area three times a week: pub lunch on Monday in the paul area , pasties on Wednesday and Newlyn and fish and chips on Friday in

Penzance. It has enabled us all to keep in touch with each other and to support those who were lonely or vulnerable with a spirit of generosity. A massive thanks to all who have delivered meals over the last months. Grateful to the people in all 4 churches who have for months tirelessly taken out meals 3 times a week to keep in touch with their church community.

Reimagining Christmas

“ Reimagining Christmas” certainly made us rise to the challenge and rethink our priorities when it looked as if another major Christian festival was in threaten. In the end, with huge amount of work from our church community 1000s of envelopes with art activities were produced and delivered. It was our first joint working with Mounts Bay Area. . The gift of fireworks to people in the town and surrounding villages over the bay on Christmas Eve was so memorable : helped people to feel part of a caring community.

Intergenerational working

Lent and Easter saw an intergenerational “ parcel pet” you are never alone project which was so well received by schools within the cluster.

Environmental project

Our “Peter rabbit and the G7 summit project” caught the imagination of local schools. We provided the funding for each child to watch the newly released Peter Rabbit film and then to engage in workshops connecting the film to environmental issues. Our churches provided many volunteers to enable this to happen in a Covid secure way for 5 local schools. Schools feel that we care at a time when they feel so stretched and vulnerable. Our children had not had such an experience for the whole of lockdown. Thank you for making this possible .

Challenging Covid Times

We certainly have even more challenging times ahead as church communities across Cornwall. Covid has sped up many problems that need facing. The “On the way” review process of the church in Cornwall in this deanery will certainly change the way the church operates...thank you to all who have offered tireless support and vision to this process.

Financial assistance

We are so grateful to those of you who have financially supported the work of the church in this place: for being prepared to gift one off donations to our many projects especially to feeding the hungry through the pandemic, for people who have set up direct debts or have raised their giving. We are aware that every person is doing all that they can to financially support church life here....and how soul destroying it often feels to be labelled as failures just because we live in a financially poor and challenging place. We believe that

ministry of clergy offered only to parishes who are rich enough to pay is not in the spirit of Jesus' ministry to the poor and marginalised.

So we are grateful to all of you who have kept the faith alive this year. A real tribute to the Trustees, Wardens of the cluster, Readers, worship leaders, pastoral assistants, stewards, well being teams and musicians ...and our church school staff. We now embark on a new journey confidently.

Sian yates: chair of Penlee cluster churches : March 2021

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Grants		50,040	49,659
Parish Contributions		7,000	11,250
Income from Project Activities		1,715	4,758
Donations		9,735	2,785
Other Income		20	185
Total Incoming Resources		<u>68,510</u>	<u>68,637</u>
 Resources Expended			
Salaries and expenses		33,283	30,901
Utilities		0	750
Hire of Rooms and Equipment and Services		10,604	3,721
Materials and Consumables		9,637	1,838
Administration Costs		926	1,104
Purchase and Installation of Equipment		2,034	2,327
Governance Costs		1,175	1,316
Sundry Expenditure		2,226	166
Total Resources Expended		<u>59,885</u>	<u>42,123</u>
Net Movement in Funds		8,625	26,514
Total Funds Brought Forward		<u>44,334</u>	<u>17,820</u>
Total Funds Carried Forward		<u>52,959</u>	<u>44,334</u>

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Total Assets of the Charity		<u>52,959</u>	<u>44,334</u>

Signed



Rev. Sian Yates

Chair of Trustees



P. Durkin

Treasurer

Date

28 October 2022



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PENLEE CLUSTER OF CHURCHES

England & Wales - Charity number 1180956

Accounts

Annual report for 2020 churches in Penlee Cluster of Churches Charity

Number 1180956

Introduction

What a year! Little did any of us think when Covid 19 first appeared in our consciousness in January 2020, and the first lock down announced in March, that we would still be in this uncertain pandemic time in may 2021.

Each of us will have our own story to tell about the impact of this pandemic on us, our families and the community that we live in. Each of us will have been challenged in different ways: family deaths, illnesses, work and leisure times unrecognisable. Even the living out of our faith, serving our community and worship totally changed, totally challenged.

As we meet for our annual meeting I want to thank God for the many many ways that the Penlee cluster of churches community in this place have responded to the situation that we found ourselves in.

Pray, the way that we have a deep relationship with a living God, has been at the heart of our corporate lives. So many people being prepared to pray daily for the needs of others, for those who have worked and served their community, for guidance when the road map of life seemed utterly changed. We thank God for people who daily have joined together on line to pray morning and night prayer... More than a symbolic act to remind us that we are united with each other and God as a praying community of faith.

On line worship, zoom, courses.

Corporate worship went on line and together we learnt how to lead worship differently. You were prepared to travel a new road in worship, singing an old song in a new land, as it were. We give thanks particularly for the skills of Keno and Chris Osborne, gifted and inspirational, who have added a new exciting and challenging dimension to our worship through their IT skills. For Chris and Dave who have enabled us to live stream worship and even funerals, allowing people across the world to be part of important life moments. All this seems so new, so foreign and almost a break with the past. But it is the same gospel of Love and the overwhelming generosity of God that is preached.

Financial Gift from ST Paul Trust

Much of this would not have been possible without the Gift from the St Mary and St Paul Trust to the Cluster of £17k to help us though this COvid period: in some ways a gift from Christians from the past who have gone before us and were prepared in their day to be generous. This gift helped with staff furlough costs as we decided to top up the Government grant and pay staff the same as they would have earned had it been possible for them to work. This was particularly important for playzone which had to be closed during the pandemic.

Through this time of pandemic our churches have not been closed. Some of you have faithfully met to provide food parcels for the vulnerable and, in connection with our church school, have taken food and offered support to families. We have offered support groups to others, being prepared to meet and offer a human face in a time that has been quite lonely and confusing for so many. Though this valuable work that we have felt called to do we as individuals and as faith communities have grown closer to each other and to the God we serve. The process has, I believe made us more genuine, more humble and more expectant as we wait upon God.

Moving many things on line certainly have had their challenges and the learning curve has been steep. We have used zoom for worship, PCCs, nurture groups and staff meetings. We have also been able to access training materials and resources from so many places and in doing so have

been enriched. Thanks to Olive Stevens and David Rake we have even been able to have Quiet days on line and Mel has led weekly Julian group.

HeartEdge support, commercialisation and creativity

Through the pandemic we have become part of the HeartEdge community linked with st Martin in the field London. We ran a very successful Heartedge conference in this diocese and were blessed. George Dow through Green Christian ran a very thought provoking 6 week course which challenged the ways we live sustainability. Wisdom reflection groups have continued to nurture us in our faith and so did the "Being Interrupted" 10 week course.

Work supporting young people

Despite the challenges of the pandemic we supported our young people running Covid secure holiday clubs, assemblies and seasonal appropriate activities. We are indebted to our head teacher Hilary for not only ensuring that daily worship when out from our schools through this pandemic time but also that so many vulnerable children have been cared for....a unprecedented number of children have been taken into care this year and we pray for their safe future and their flourishing.

Shared Meal Project: never alone .

The " shared meal project" has enabled meals to be taken out to people in the cluster area three times a week: pub lunch on Monday in the paul area , pasties on Wednesday and newlyn and fish and chips on Friday in Penzance. It has enabled us all to keep in touch with each other and to support those who were lonely or vulnerable with a spirit of generosity. A massive thanks to all who have delivered meals over the last months. Grateful to the people in all 4 churches who have for months tirelessly taken out meals 3 times a week to keep in touch with their church community.

Reimagining Christmas

" Reimagining Christmas" certainly made us rise to the challenge and rethink our priorities when it looked as if another major Christian festival was in threaten. In the end, with huge amount of work from our church community 1000s of envelopes with art activities were produced and delivered. It was our first joint working with Mounts Bay Area. . The gift of fireworks to people in the town and surrounding villages over the bay on Christmas Eve was so memorable : helped people to feel part of a caring community.

Intergenerational working

Lent and Easter saw an intergenerational " parcel pet" you are never alone project which was so well received by schools within the cluster.

Environmental project

Our "Peter rabbit and the G7 summit project" caught the imagination of local schools. We provided the funding for each child to watch the newly released Peter Rabbit film and then to engage in workshops connecting the film to environmental issues. Our churches provided many volunteers to enable this to happen in a Covid secure way for 5 local schools. Schools feel that we care at a time when they feel so stretched and vulnerable. Our children had not had such an experience for the whole of lockdown. Thank you for making this possible .

Challenging Covid Times

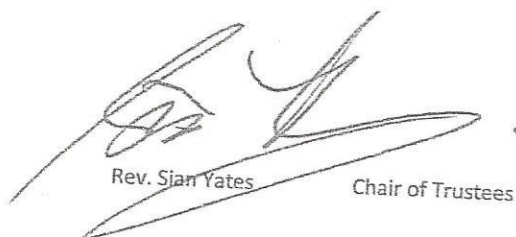
We certainly have even more challenging times ahead as church communities across Cornwall. Covid has sped up many problems that need facing. The "On the way" review process of the church in Cornwall in this deanery will certainly change the way the church operates...thank you to all who have offered tireless support and vision to this process.

Financial assistance

We are so grateful to those of you who have financially supported the work of the church in this place: for being prepared to gift one off donations to our many projects especially to feeding the hungry through the pandemic, for people who have set up direct debts or have raised their giving. We are aware that every person is doing all that they can to financially support church life here....and how soul destroying it often feels to be labelled as failures just because we live in a financially poor and challenging place. We believe that ministry of clergy offered only to parishes who are rich enough to pay is not in the spirit of Jesus' ministry to the poor and marginalised.

So we are grateful to all of you who have kept the faith alive this year. A real tribute to the Trustees, Wardens of the cluster, Readers, worship leaders, pastoral assistants, stewards, well being teams and musicians ...and our church school staff. We now embark on a new journey confidently.

Signed



Rev. Sian Yates Chair of Trustees

:March 2020



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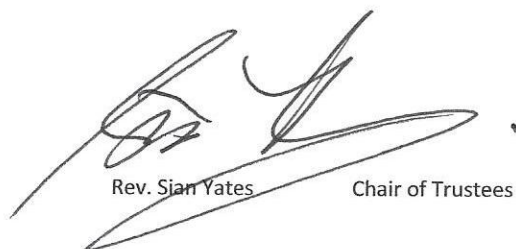
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Note	Total 2020 £	Total 2019 £
Incoming Resources			
Grants		49,659	23,060
Parish Contributions		11,250	13,100
Income from Project Activities		4,758	13,354
Donations		2,785	12,164
Other Income		185	719
Total Incoming Resources		68,637	62,397
Resources Expended			
Salaries and expenses		30,901	50,399
Utilities		750	3,000
Hire of Rooms and Equipment and Services		3,721	4,460
Materials and Consumables		1,838	3,700
Administration Costs		1,104	1,533
Purchase and Installation of Equipment		2,327	1,736
Governance Costs		1,316	775
Sundry Expenditure		166	1,090
Total Resources Expended		42,123	66,693
Net Movement in Funds		26,514	-4,296
Total Funds Brought Forward		17,820	39,197
Total Funds Carried Forward		44,334	34,901

BALANCE SHEET AT 31 DECEMBER 2019

Current Assets		
Cash at Bank	44,334	17,820
Total Assets of the Charity	44,334	17,820

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P. Durkin

Treasurer

Date

12/5/21