

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 Auntie 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.

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Sian Yakes : chair of Penleecluster

**PENLEE CLUSTER
REGISTERED CHARITY NO. 1180956**

ACCOUNTS FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Note	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
Incoming Resources			
Grants		29,250	50,040
Parish Contributions		7,390	7,000
Income from Project Activities		4,019	1,715
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>

BALANCE SHEET AT 31 DECEMBER 2022

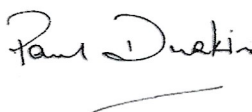
Current Assets		
Cash at Bank	<u>50,673</u>	<u>52,959</u>
Total Assets of the Charity	<u>50,673</u>	<u>52,959</u>

Signed



Rev. Sian Yates

Chair of Trustees



P. Durkin

Treasurer

Date

17 May 2023



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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

I report on the accounts of the Penlee Cluster of Churches for the period ended 31 December 2022, which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities and the Balance Sheet.

Responsibilities and basis of report

The Trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts. In carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission.

Independent examiner's statement

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

- accounting records were not kept; or
- the accounts do not accord with those records.

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

John L Underhill
Chartered Accountant