

St Paul's Church (Church of England), Landkey

Annual Report and Financial Statement for 2022



Landkey is situated two miles east of Barnstaple in North Devon
St Paul's Church is part of the Four Ways Mission Community which also includes these churches:

St James, Swimbridge with the Chapel of the Holy Name, Gunn,
St Peter, West Buckland,
St Michael, East Buckland.

It is also part of the Deanery of Shirwell.

Rector: Vacant at 31st December 2022

Churchwardens: Mrs Hazel Price and Mr Mike Foster

Church website: www.landkeyparishchurch.org

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Rector's Annual Report

There is no Rector's report as Revd Shaun O'Rourke resigned as of 31st December 2022.

ST PAUL'S CHURCH, LANDKEY

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL 2022

St Paul's Church is at the junction of Church Meadow and Bableigh Road, Landkey, Barnstaple EX32 0JJ The composition of the Parochial Church Council (PCC) as at the end of December 2022 was:

Priest-in-charge: vacant as at 31st December.

Mrs Josie Foster (Reader)

Mr Peter Elder (Electoral Roll Officer)

Mr Mike Foster (Churchwarden)

Mr Adrian Ley

Mr Eric Price

Mrs Hazel Price (Churchwarden, Health & Safety Officer and Safeguarding Officer)

Mrs Carol (Ann) Rumble (Treasurer and Deanery Synod representative)

Mr Peter Soper

Mr Charles Waldron (Secretary, webmaster, vice chairman and Data Protection Officer)

Bankers: Barclays Bank plc, 38 Boutport Street, Barnstaple

Independent Examiner: David Crick, 15a Silver Street, Barnstaple

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The church year

The year began in the shadow of Covid-19 as a new variant, omicron, had been causing concern at the end of 2021. For a little while, it seemed as though the pandemic might be reinvigorating itself as it had a year earlier.

This time, though, other than a requirement for churchgoers to resume wearing facemasks, no further restrictions on the holding of services was called for. In fact, on 27th January, the Church of England issued fresh guidance in which it recognised that, after two years of worship being conducted under some form of restriction, it was now time to live with the virus, rather than shield ourselves from it. There was now a high level of immunity from Covid within the population, largely as a result of three successful vaccination programmes, meaning that the risk to health was much reduced.

The main focus of the leadership of St Paul's, then, quickly moved away from managing its response to the virus to rebuilding its worshipping community. To that end, an Alpha course was organised to run for eleven weeks from 1st February until Easter. It met with significant support with around fifteen people coming along each week to learn about aspects of the Christian faith.

Throughout the year, services were held in their usual reverent style on almost every Sunday with the audio-visual equipment, installed in mid-2021, helping to give them a modern feel. Our regular organist, Bob Loveridge, resigned in early 2022 and, with no alternative available, the ability to play hymns via the speakers became invaluable.

Worship was especially enjoyable at Easter, beginning with Revd John Ewington leading a Stations of the Cross service on Palm Sunday. He was assisted by Reader Josie Foster and, together, they were able to guide the congregation through eleven stations representing Jesus' journey to the cross, as well as offering Holy Communion. Revd Jackie Giddings led our Easter Day service on 17th April, assisted by Revd Shaun O'Rourke. Both were enjoyable occasions and were well attended.

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) took place in the church after the service on 24th April. Unfortunately, Revd Shaun was unable to attend due to a conflicting commitment, but proceedings went ahead successfully. It fell to me to chair the meeting and I did so with a feeling of gratitude towards the people who put themselves forward to occupy positions of leadership within the church. Running the business of the church requires dedication and, often, hard work and the fact that, once again, all of the main roles, from churchwardens to PCC members to sidespersons were filled was much appreciated.

A significant factor affecting the church during the year was the decline in the state of Revd Shaun's health. Shaun had been living with the chronic auto-immune disease, Crohn's, at the time of his appointment in 2012 but this had deteriorated in 2021, leading to his needing significant time away from work. After many months of uncertainty over whether he would be fit to return, his retirement, with effect from 31st December 2022, was announced in early 2023.

In Shaun's absence, services were led by semi-retired or visiting members of the clergy. Among these was Revd Jackie Giddings who regularly worked very hard to prepare and lead services over a period of several months. In a welcome move, she and her husband, Tony, chose to make St Paul's their home church. Others who led our services included Revd John Ewington, Revd Mike Clark, Revd John Thompson and Revd Sue Fletcher-Davis. When no member of the clergy was available, a service of Morning Prayer was held, led by either Reader Josie Foster or by Hazel. Members of the congregation regularly and willingly put themselves forward to assist with readings, prayers and the chalice, not forgetting the invaluable work of the sidespersons. When several congregation members caught Covid, it was necessary to cancel the service on 26th June 2022 but, otherwise, services were held on every Sunday, with the usual exception of the months in which there was a fifth Sunday when the congregations would visit one of the churches in the Mission Community on a rotational basis.

St Paul's marked Queen Elizabeth II's Platinum Jubilee on 2nd June by means of a full peal of the bells. A full peal lasts three hours and there had been no record of one ever having been rung at our church. With thanks to the Diocese of Exeter bellringers team, St Paul's could now say that it had! In September, the late Queen's death was marked by two services of commemoration in the church.

A Harvest service was held on 25th September, led by Revd Jackie, coinciding with Gift Day. Remembrance events were held on 13th November. A service in the village hall at 10 am was followed by the Act of Remembrance at the war memorial which was well attended by Landkey residents. For the first time since 2019, a full schedule of Christmas services was held and they were well supported.

Church attendance and worship

The size of the congregation had returned to around its pre-pandemic level by the early part of the year once the worst of the danger posed by Covid-19 had passed. It then remained relatively stable with some people leaving while others joined.

St Paul's submits attendance data annually to the Diocese of Exeter in an exercise known as Statistics for Mission. This includes a count of the size of the congregation each Sunday during October. For the four weeks of October 2022, average attendance was 17. This was not an unusual figure, although there were normal Sundays when it was significantly higher. Among other data submitted was attendance on Easter

Sunday, which was recorded as 34. As many as 169 occupied the pews during Advent and 21 came along to Christmas Mass on 24th December. There was one Christening, two weddings and two funerals during the year. The number of people who come to services at St Paul's, referred to as the "worshipping community" was estimated to be 43. Two people left the church while five joined.

The style of worship was reverent with traditional-language liturgies used in most Holy Communion services. The ability to display these and play the hymns through the audio-visual system provided a modern feel to services. Sermons were often illustrated with images or videos. A service of Morning Prayer was held on Sundays when a member of the clergy was unavailable.

The members of the clergy, including Josie, invariably prepared thoughtful sermons related to the readings for the day and the time in the Christian calendar. They were enjoyable to listen to and provided congregation members with greater understanding of the word of God. Hazel also went to considerable lengths to deliver meaningful talks at the services which she led.

Members of the congregation assisted with the running of services by giving Bible readings and often led prayers and administered the chalice. The sidespersons are an invaluable presence at each service, welcoming worshippers and handing out service booklets and hymn books for those who prefer to use them. At the end of each service in 2022, refreshments were provided by willing helpers, among whom were Margaret Perryman and Jeanette Hartnoll.

The Parochial Church Council (PCC)

The role of the PCC is 'to co-operate with the priest-in-charge in promoting in the parish the whole mission of the church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical'.

The PCC met six times in 2022. With the exception of the Annual Meeting, which was held in the church on 22nd April, all meetings took place online using the Zoom video conferencing platform, partly to minimise the risk of spreading Covid-19. It had also become convenient to hold meetings remotely in the light of the fact that some PCC members live outside the village of Landkey. The meetings were conducted in a spirit of willingness to work together for the benefit of the church.

The following is a brief summary of the main matters discussed at each meeting.

17th January 2022. With the impact of the pandemic now diminishing, the focus of PCC members' attention moved to the future of the church at this first meeting of the year, and the proposal to run an Alpha course was uppermost in their minds.

There was broad agreement that this series of sessions exploring the Christian faith should take place in an effort to engage with potential new worshippers.

It was agreed that the chalice should be used again at services of Holy Communion. During the pandemic, Communion had been given as bread only to reduce the risk of passing on infection.

Church funding was a matter of concern, but PCC members were in agreement that Ann should pay the two monthly instalments outstanding from 2021 to the Diocesan Common Fund. No payments for 2022 would be made, though, until members were satisfied that sufficient funds were available.

Following the anonymous donation of £10000 in 2021, a quote by local builder Graham Lane for essential repairs to the roof was accepted. It had been previously agreed that these funds would be allocated to the roof repair.

The cost of clearing an overgrown area of the churchyard had risen since an initial quote had been given in 2021, members were told, but they felt that the work should still be done in order to free up space for additional graves.

An offer by a team of bellringers attached to the Diocese of Exeter to ring a full peal in St Paul's in June 2022 to celebrate Queen Elizabeth II's 70 years as sovereign was accepted.

21st March 2022. Good news was reported on attendance at the Alpha course which had attracted around 15 participants at each of the weekly sessions.

Income for the year to date had modestly exceeded expenditure, leading Ann to ask if she should pay the first two monthly instalments of 2022 to the Common Fund. PCC members agreed.

Arrangements for the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) to be held on 22nd April in the church were put in place, with the Annual Report on the workings of the church in 2021 being approved.

Graham Lane had carried out the roof repair as agreed, members were informed.

22nd April 2022. This PCC meeting was held in the church after the Sunday service that day for the purpose of appointing officers following the APCM.

23rd May 2022. The church's accounts featured prominently at this meeting. Ann made members aware that sufficient funds were available to enable three more monthly Common Fund instalments to be paid, bringing the church's account with the Diocese up to date. PCC members agreed to this but felt that it was still too soon to resume making payments by Direct Debit. This method had been stopped in 2021 to provide Ann with enhanced control over finances during the pandemic.

The full peal of the church bells, offered by the Diocesan bellringers, would take place on 2nd June. In a further development on the Platinum celebrations, Charles had been able to secure a tree sapling, a field maple, offered on a first-come-first-served basis by the Diocese of Exeter, to plant as part of the Queen's Green Canopy initiative.

Revd Shaun had not been able to attend this meeting due to ill health.

20th September 2022. Uppermost on PCC members' minds at this meeting was Revd Shaun's continued health concerns and his resulting inability to carry out his role as Priest-in-Charge. Sympathy was expressed for him, but members were also anxious to know whether he would be fit to return to work. The impression was growing that Shaun's health issues, which had troubled him for many years, might this time necessitate his retirement.

Sufficient funds had accumulated in the church's accounts for a further five months' worth of Diocesan Common Fund instalments to be paid, Ann reported. PCC members agreed to this and also that the Direct Debit mandate for these payments should be reinstated.

Ann was aware that substantial bills would need to be settled before 31st December, foremost among which was the buildings insurance, estimated to be £4200. Based on trends for the year to date, she projected a possible shortfall in income over expenditure by the end of the year. However, this might well be offset by church giving at existing levels and by donations on Gift Day, scheduled for 25th September.

In other business, it was encouraging to hear from Hazel that a wedding had been booked to be held in the church in 2024. Members also debated whether the parish magazine should return to being printed as it was prior to the pandemic or whether it should continue to be sent out by email. It was felt that the advantages of the latter outweighed the benefit of a printed version as the deadline was later and the costs lower. Additionally, it was useful to have a database of recipients' email addresses which could be used to

send out occasional messages of importance concerning church matters. Recipients always had the option not to be sent these supplementary emails.

Josie Foster suggested that Bible Study sessions should be restarted, which PCC members felt would be a good idea.

Charles proposed that a note of thanks be placed on record for the hard work which Mike Foster had been doing each week in preparing the services for display on the screens. His efforts were especially noteworthy in respect of the services in church on 11th and 18th September to commemorate the death of Queen Elizabeth II for which he had even produced printed Orders of Service in booklet form. Members agreed with this proposal.

Arrangements for events were discussed and it was agreed that the annual Remembrance service would be held on 13th November in the village hall at 10:00 am and at the war memorial for 11 am. Christmas services were entered into diaries, these being Carols by Candlelight on 15th December, Nativity on 18th December and Christmas Mass on 24th December.

Peter Soper was welcomed to his first meeting as a PCC member. He had agreed in April to join the PCC but had needed to allow the required six months from the date of his being included on the Electoral Roll at that time to elapse.

21st November 2022. Revd Shaun was, once again, unable to attend, leading PCC members to express the view that, while they continued to be sympathetic to his illness, the time was now approaching when a definitive decision was needed on his fitness to continue, for the sake of the church.

Josie reported that the Bible Study sessions, held weekly on a Wednesday, were well supported and were appreciated by those taking part.

Ann was able to forecast that income for the full year 2022 would approximately equal expenditure for the same period, once all anticipated payments, including buildings insurance and full settlement of instalments to the Common Fund, were accounted for. This positive financial situation had arisen, in part, as a result of the generous sum of £1350 donated on Gift Day in September.

Information sent from the Diocese of Exeter about a nationwide survey of burial grounds was discussed. The aim of the project, called the National Burial Ground Survey (NBGS), was to survey and map all churchyards in England and make this information available online, free, to all parishes by means of the Church Heritage Record. PCC members agreed that St Paul's should take part, perceiving that it would enable graveyard searches to be carried out by the public without the need for church officers to be involved, freeing them to focus on other matters.

Church building and its contents

The Fabric Committee, comprising members appointed by the PCC, is responsible for advising the PCC on the maintenance tasks that need to be carried out. It is the job of the PCC to decide on the work to be done, based on the advice given and funds available.

Two substantial maintenance projects were carried out during the year, the first being the much-needed repairs to the north aspect of the roof over the nave. The second was the work to clear an overgrown section of the churchyard to the north of the church. In addition to tidying the area in question, the clearance freed up space which could be used for graves.

Both of these projects were authorised by the PCC in 2021 and were mentioned in the Annual Report for that year. The work was, though, done in 2022. The roof repair was paid for from an anonymous donation of £10000 while the £3000 cost of the ground clearance was covered from the Graveyard Fund.

The condition of the ageing gas boiler in the church gave rise to concern at the start of the year when its pilot light went out on several occasions. Relighting it had proved difficult as the igniter was not functioning as it should, and a replacement could not be obtained. By the time of the May PCC meeting, Eric had been able to report that gas engineer John Pilkington had successfully repaired to boiler and he would be asked to service it on a regular basis.

The church clock had not functioned as it should since being struck by lightning in early 2015, despite subsequent attempts to repair it. Landkey Parish Council offered to pay for repairs but a quote obtained from The Cumbria Clock Company to do so, at £10000, was prohibitive.

The installation of a toilet continued to be an aim and was discussed periodically. Mike obtained an estimate of £9000 for materials and labour from a local builder which was considerably lower than had been anticipated. This figure did not include the necessary drainage work from the vestry to the sewer and there remained uncertainty over whether the Diocese would allow the use of an architect other than one included on its approved list and whose fees might be correspondingly lower.

Children

St Paul's maintains a connection with Landkey Primary School which occasionally uses the church for celebrations such as Harvest Festival.

Safeguarding

The PCC has a policy in place to enable it to comply with the House of Bishops' (one of the three houses of the Church of England) guidance on safeguarding children and vulnerable adults. Safeguarding matters were discussed at all PCC meetings.

Financial matters

Control of finances was a priority in 2022, as indicated earlier in this report.

It is the aim of PCC to pay its share of contributions to the Exeter Diocese's Common Fund. It recognises that it is from this Fund that the costs of providing clergy are paid and that there is an obligation to help meet these. Members felt that it was particularly important to maintain these payments, in the knowledge that Revd Shaun might need to retire and a new Priest-in-Charge appointed. Full payment of Common Fund contributions might remove an obstacle to such an appointment.

Ann carefully managed the accounts throughout the year and made regular recommendations for the number of monthly instalments to the Common Fund which she estimated were affordable.

It was not feasible to organise significant fundraising meaning that, for the majority of its income, St Paul's was reliant on donations from regular contributors. Without them, the church would not have been able to pay its way in 2022 and I take this opportunity to express gratitude on behalf of St Paul's to all who gave of whatever they could during the year to support our parish church.

The level of donations proved to be sufficient for all running costs to be paid as well as for contributions to the Diocesan Common Fund to be settled in full.

Advertising

St Paul's makes use of a range of methods to advertise itself, including its services and events. The website (www.landkeyparishchurch.org) was the principal place in 2022 for members of the congregation as well as the wider public to obtain up to date information on services and events. A steady trickle of enquiries was received throughout the year via the website, often from parents wishing to have their children Christened. The website was operated and maintained by Charles at no cost to the church.

Other means of advertising included the weekly North Devon Journal, the bi-monthly Landkey newsletter as well as posters placed in strategic locations around the village. In addition, St Paul's routinely advertises its services and events on the Church of England website, A Church Near You, and Church-related posts were also placed often on the Landkey Forum Facebook page.

Acknowledgements

The efforts of individuals to support St Paul's were noted in earlier sections. I would like to conclude this report by acknowledging more generally the hard work and diligence of the many people who have enabled our church to function as it should in 2022 despite the challenges involved in doing so.

Considerable effort is required to run services each week, as well as manage the routine business of the church. For much of the year in 2022, these functions were carried out without the support and guidance of a Priest-in-Charge leading to the additional responsibilities being largely taken on by our churchwardens, Hazel and Mike.

The skill of our treasurer, Ann Rumble, and her good work played a significant role in enabling the church to live within its means. The willingness of many congregation members to assist with readings and prayers is also acknowledged, as is the invaluable contribution made by Andy Clayton to the equipping and running of the audio-visual system. The sidespersons who help prepare the church and welcome worshippers do not go unnoticed.

The combined efforts of all manifested itself in services which were always a pleasure to attend and take part in.

Charles Waldron

10th March 2023

The accounts for 2022 were submitted for approval by the St Paul's PCC on 10th May 2023 and were adopted at the Annual Meeting on 14th May 2023.

Treasurer's Report for 2022

For most of this year the Church has been open for Church Services and gradually we have gone back to some normality.

This year we have paid the Common Fund in full £9,164.

During our Gift Aid week we were able to raise £1,350 which was an increase of £515 on last year. Very many thanks to all who contributed,

This year we received a grant of £500 from Landkey Parish Council to help with the maintenance of the Church yard, During March we had the back part of the grounds dug and cleared to allow more room for graves at a cost of £2,900.

Another expense was £6,750 to have the church roof repaired, we had a very generous anonymous donation at the end of last year which covers these expenses, thankfully. May I thank Mike, Charles and Andy for the continued support on the technical side to enable broadcasts of our Church Services.

Our voluntary income ie: standing orders, plate collections, envelopes and bank transfers are up by £182.07 for this year, very many thanks for all contributions.

The Church fees from weddings and funerals are lower this year compared to 2021.

Earlier this year we had an appeal for Ukraine and were able to send a cheque for £266. Also from our Christingle service on 24/12/22 we had donations of £162.50 which was sent to the Children's Society on 10th January 2023, this will appear in next year's accounts.

Finally, we have banked £282.60 from our after-Church Service, refreshments, tea/coffee /cakes and or biscuits, many thanks to Margaret and helpers for their endeavours also for the lovely extra cakes made.

Last year we had a cash book surplus of £9587.80 and this year it is a deficit of £9146.02 so over two years we are in surplus of £441.78 It is in a good position considering the expensive outlay at the beginning of the year.

Despite our new tariffs for utilities, our costs have increased. There was an underpayment at the end of year 2021 for gas which was carried over to this years plus our usage has increased for this year due to colder weather and being opened most weeks for Sunday Service and the Alpha course.

To close I'd like to thank everyone for their help and support in all ways for our Church to be a beacon of love and light in Landkey and surrounding area.

With God's blessing to all.

Ann

LANDKEY PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

ACCOUNT SUMMARIES AT 31st DECEMBER 2022

	at 01.01.2022	General Receipts	Grants/ Donations Received	Interest	General Payments	Account Transfers	at 31.12.2022
Unrestricted Reserve Account	8,562.69			15.89		9,699.48	18,278.06
Restricted Accounts:							
Fabric - General	19,704.39		20.00		(6,750.00)		12,974.39
Fabric Technical	-		1,000.00		(1,085.40)	85.40	-
Fabric Toilet	1,052.52		-		-		1,052.52
Churchyard (a)	28,374.79		500.00		(3,611.44)	141.96	25,405.31
Pullman	1,055.34						1,055.34
Bell Fund	5,829.53	60.00		1.38			5,890.91
Bank and Cash Reconciliation	18,503.02	19,914.59			(19,211.04)	(9,926.84)	9,279.73
FINAL BALANCE	83,082.28	19,974.59	1,520.00	17.27	(30,657.88)	-	73,936.26

(a) Churchyard Account:

Balance as at 01.01.22	28,374.79
Add Interest	141.96
Parish Council Grant for Churchyard	500.00
	<u>29,016.75</u>
Total Graveyard Expenses	<u>3,611.44</u>
	<u>25,405.31</u>

(b) Bell Fund Receipts

Balance as at 01.01.22	5,829.53
Interest	1.38
Donations to Bell Fund	60.00
	<u>5,890.91</u>

Represented by Balances as at 31.12.22

Cash Book Balance	9,279.73
Saver Balance	58,765.62
Santander	5,890.91
	<u>73,936.26</u>

231 Units of Parish Trust Investments are held by the Exeter Board of Finance Limited.
The total value of these units as at 31 December 2022 was £4,769.20.

I certify the Statement of Receipts and Payments for the Landkey P.C.C. has been prepared from the records.

SIGNED.....
D. W. CRICK
Chartered Accountant

DATED 21 April 2023

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, LANDKEY			
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT for period 1 January to 31 December 2022			
INCOME			£
Plate			2,825.66
Envelopes & S. Os.			9,471.16
Social Fund Raising			-
Fees			2,004.00
Church Yard			500.00
Donations			10.00
Dividend & Interest			141.96
Gift Aid Refund			3,563.21
Income for Charity			266.00
Misc	Gift Day	1,350.00	
	Donations for Leaving Gift	-	
	Fundraising for Fabric Fund	20.00	
	Fundraising for Tech Fund	1,000.00	
	Fundraising for Toilet Fund	-	
	Tea Money	282.60	
	Donations to Bell Fund	60.00	
	Other Interest	17.27	2,729.87
			TOTAL INCOME
			21,511.86
EXPENDITURE			
Common Fund			9,164.00
Church Cleaning			1,040.00
Church Repairs			-
Churchyard Upkeep			3,611.44
Utilities			2,646.45
Service Expenses			534.34
BT			538.47
Fabric Expenditure			6,750.00
Tech Expenditure			1,085.40
Insurance			4,446.60
Misc.	Registering Lottery Licence	10.50	
	Alpha Course Expenses	122.29	
	Weekly Gift Envelopes	42.35	
	Voucher/Gifts	30.00	
	Green Bin	45.00	
	Deanery Quota	20.00	
	Fire Extinguisher Service	72.62	
	Raffle Licence	20.00	
	Music Licence	123.00	
	Royal British Legion Wreath	50.00	
	Organ Service & Repair	-	
	Treasurer's Expenses	39.42	
	Ukraine Donation	266.00	841.18
			TOTAL EXPENDITURE
			30,657.88
DEFICIT FOR 1st January to 31st December 2022			(9,146.02)

LANDKEY PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL				
RECEIPTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2022				
			2022	2021
			£	£
RECEIPTS				
Voluntary Income				
	Covenants		9,471.16	11,359.45
	Collections		2,825.66	755.30
			12,296.82	12,114.75
Other Voluntary Income				
	Donations for general use		10.00	288.00
	Donations for Fabric Fund			11,000.00
	Donations for Tech Fund		1,000.00	2,104.86
	Grant from Landkey United Charities for Toilet Fund		-	49.88
	Grant from Landkey United Charities		-	-
	Gift Day		1,350.00	834.65
	Churchyard Grant ex Landkey PC		500.00	500.00
	Fees		2,004.00	3,106.70
			4,864.00	17,884.09
Events and Activities				
	Fund Raising			355.00
	Fundraising for Fabric Fund		20.00	-
	Tea Money		282.60	-
			302.60	355.00
Other Income				
	Interest for Churchyard		141.96	147.08
	Tax & VAT Refund		3,563.21	3,812.45
	Fund Raising for Charities		-	-
	Magazine Money		-	-
	War Grave Commission		-	-
	Donation for Ukraine		266.00	-
	BT Refund			294.00
	Farewell Gift		-	86.00
	Donations to Bell Fund		60.00	
	Other Interest		17.27	
			4,048.44	4,339.53
TOTAL RECEIPTS			<u>21,511.86</u>	<u>34,693.37</u>

LANDKEY PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL				
PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2022				
			2022	2021
			£	£
PAYMENTS				
	Church and Churchyard Upkeep		4,651.44	2,852.94
	General Repairs		6,750.00	100.00
	Insurance		4,446.60	3,972.21
	Service Expenses including retd priests' expenses		125.00	334.49
	Vicar's Expenses		409.34	525.27
	Common Fund		9,164.00	11,580.00
	Deanery Quota		20.00	20.00
	Utilities		2,646.45	948.64
	Purchase of Tech Equipment		1,085.40	2,792.86
	Charitable Donations		266.00	-
	Treasurer's Expenses		39.42	68.41
	Secretary's Ex[enses		-	-
	Chubb Fire Extinguisher Service		72.62	70.92
	Music Licence		123.00	117.00
	Raffle Permit		30.50	20.00
	Collection Envelopes		42.35	36.82
	Vouchers & Gifts		30.00	140.00
	Magazine Money		-	-
	British Legion Wreath		50.00	50.00
	Green Bin		45.00	40.00
	Architect's Fees		-	-
	BT		538.47	566.47
	Clergy Scarf		122.29	-
	Sanitising Materials		-	-
	Boiler Service & Repairs		-	391.73
	Organ Service		-	468.00
	TOTAL PAYMENTS		30,657.88	25,095.76

Monthly Cashflow2022

Income	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
Plate	121.00	151.50	139.50	214.80	312.45	369.00	243.90	253.01	251.90	205.50	264.50	298.60	2,825.66
Envelopes	479.80	395.80	347.26	704.30	220.00	385.00	740.00	225.00	925.00	305.00	372.00	220.00	5,319.16
S.O. & D.D.	336.00	336.00	336.00	336.00	336.00	336.00	356.00	356.00	356.00	356.00	356.00	356.00	4,152.00
Social													-
Fees							944.00			372.00		688.00	2,004.00
Churchyard						500.00							500.00
Donations									10.00				10.00
Interest		35.30			35.30			35.30			36.06		141.96
Income for charity			266.00										266.00
Gift Aid & VAT Refund						3,563.21			1,285.00	65.00			4,913.21
Misc													-
Fabric						20.00							20.00
Tech Funding							1,000.00						1,000.00
Toilet Funding													-
Tea Money	76.60			90.00							116.00		282.60
Donations to Bell Fund													60.00
Interest in Saver Account													17.27
Total =	1,013.40	918.60	1,088.76	1,345.10	903.75	5,173.21	3,283.90	869.31	2,827.90	1,303.50	1,144.56	1,562.60	21,511.86
Expenditure													
Common Fund				1,528.00		2,292.00				3,820.00	764.00	760.00	9,164.00
Church Cleaning	80.00	80.00	100.00	60.00	100.00	80.00	100.00	100.00	80.00	80.00	100.00	80.00	1,040.00
Clergy/Organ Expenses	20.00	146.70	58.79	101.35		65.00	93.75	8.75	20.00			20.00	534.34
Church Repairs													-
Churchyard		10.00	2,900.00	16.47			71.97			18.00		640.00	3,656.44
Charitable Donations				266.00							50.00		316.00
Utilities	362.56	198.44	153.62	704.34	355.69	115.08	120.41	53.38	59.54	85.08	126.60	311.71	2,646.45
BT	41.94	41.94	41.94	45.85	45.85	45.85	45.85	45.85	45.85	45.85	45.85	45.85	538.47
Insurance												4,446.60	4,446.60
Fabric Expenditure		6,750.00											6,750.00
Tech Expenditure							909.60	175.80					1,085.40
Toilet Expenditure													-
Misc.		122.29		20.00		30.00				114.97	172.92	20.00	480.18
Total =	504.50	7,349.37	3,254.35	2,742.01	501.54	2,627.93	1,341.58	383.78	205.39	4,163.90	1,259.37	6,324.16	30,657.88

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SHIRWELL DEANERY SYNOD FOR THE YEAR 2022

What is a Deanery Synod?

A deanery synod is a synod convened by the Rural Dean (or Area Dean) and/or the Joint Lay Chair of the Deanery Synod, who is elected by the elected lay members. It consists of all clergy licensed to a benefice (or Mission Community) within the deanery, plus elected lay members. *(Source: Wikipedia).*

Which churches comprise the Shirwell Deanery?

Berrynarbor	St Peter	
Bittadon	St Peter	
Bratton Fleming	St Peters Anglican-Methodist	
Brendon	St Brendan	
Challacombe	Holy Trinity	
Combe Martin	St Peter	
Countisbury	St John the Evangelist	
East Buckland	St Michael	
East Down*	St John the Baptist.	*With Arlington
Ilfracombe	Holy Trinity	
Ilfracombe	St Philip & St James	
Kentisbury	St Thomas	
Landkey	St Paul	
Lee	St Matthew	
Loxhore	St Michael and All Angels	
Lynton	St Mary the Virgin	
Martinhoe	St Martin	
Mortehoe	St Mary	
Parracombe	Christ Church	
Shirwell	St Peter	
Stoke Rivers	St Bartholomew	
Swimbridge	St James Swimbridge (with Gunn, The Holy Name)	
Trentishoe	St Peter	
West Buckland	St Peter	

Woolacombe St Sabinus

(Source: Diocese of Exeter)

Purpose of the Deanery Synod

Deanery Synods meet to bring together the views of parishes in the deanery on common opportunities and problems so that they may work together to promote the mission of the Church. Visiting speakers are often invited to help in this. They consider the business of the Diocesan Synod and make common concerns and views known to this wider body.

Deanery Synods are an opportunity to meet with other Christians, to worship together, to learn from each other and to share experiences. They meet 3-4 times each year (in a normal year). Deanery Synod representatives are ex officio members of the PCC and are called to be a link between the parishes in the local area. (Source: Diocese of Exeter website).

Structure of the Shirwell Deanery.

Rural Dean: Revd Prebendary Rosemary Austin

Lay chair: Maureen Richards

St Paul's representatives: Ann Rumble

Shirwell Deanery Synod report

Annual General Meeting held at St Mary's Church, Lynton on 25th January 2023

The meeting opened with prayer at 7.15pm

Chairperson:- Rev. Preb. Rosie Austin

Apologies:- Simon Friend, Sue Davies-Fletcher (Bratton Fleming), Sheila Roles (Holy Trinity & St Peter's, Ilfracombe), Ian Stuart (St Matthew's, Lee), Eric and Hazel Price (St. Paul's Landkey), Barbara Thomas (Challacombe), Sue Neale (Berrynarbour), David Purdy (St Sabinus, Woolacombe)

22 people were present

Welcome:- Revd Preb Rosie Austin (RA) welcomed everyone and opened with the Daily Prayer said at Lambeth Palace

Minutes:- The minutes of the meeting held at Bratton Fleming on 16th June 2022 were accepted and signed.

Matters arising from the minutes (to be discussed at end):- None

Rosie provided Feedback from previous discussions at Deanery Synod:

1. LLF “prioritising sensitive discernment over adversarial decision making” etc
We’ll consider how to make space for careful conversation together following the General Synod debate. Deanery MAY be the place for it?
2. What is the point of Deanery Synod?
Really good question! *Hopefully* a place to share good practice, come into contact with people of different views, be a voice to Diocese and beyond.
3. Support of churches – more centralised admin support, clergy numbers, lay resourcing/training.

Cost of living crisis – Speaker Ann Lewis

- Reverend Ann Lewis (Ilfracombe North Devon Foodbank) expressed thanks to those who donate and that she explains to those who receive that the foodbank is being supported by the local Churches
 - The foodbank is evolving all the time and every person who comes through the door is different, they are given more than food; conversation and exploration of what is going on in their lives.
 - Starting to see more working families with concerns around food / heat / rent.
 - John Fowler campsite is packed with local families with children and nowhere to rent as there is no housing stock. The buildings are not fit for winter.
 - Please pray for these people for Spring as they are not sure what will happen when the holiday parks start opening up again and families may well lose their accommodation.
 - There is a need to get voices heard at Local Government and need to support those who have no voice.
 - Clergy can give food vouchers out
 - Heat vouchers are available – £15.00 and only available once.
 - How many a week? Weekly numbers vary from 6 to 15 vouchers, but a voucher could represent an entire family or an individual person
 - There is a community café which offers a free meal
 - Different groups of people are starting to use the café; the Salvation Army started the Family Circle upstairs and the café offers meals 1 day a week
 - Time is spent signposting people to other agencies. Ann has also been pinned to a local council scheme for people to apply for extra money, but the application takes a lot of time to complete with an individual
 - Citizens Advice is opening again in Ilfracombe for 1 day a week
 - Laszlo's Hierarchy of Needs were discussed at a local School and acknowledged that Teachers are now having to do so much more than teach
 - Ann asked that Teachers, Social Workers and others are kept in prayer
 - At Christmas Ann was tackled about ‘scroungers’ having smart phones – if they don’t have a smart phone they are unable to make job coach appointments which will result in them being sanctioned.
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- 361 Energy – Grants are available, best advice is to direct householders to 361 Energy

John Roles provided an update on the Asylum Seekers situation in Ilfracombe

- Dilkhusa Hotel is currently being used.
- The real information is not readily available.

- Mark Read, Salvation Army Officer, has been appointed for 2 days a week to manage the voluntary response
- Most families have been pretty well received
- Churches are being supportive
- 27 Iranian baptisms took place on Sunday at Brookdale
- There may be movement at the end of the month with residents likely being given very short notice that they are being moved.
- There has been a good response and the community has become well embedded, but the future is incredibly uncertain

Group Discussion – the meeting then split into groups and discussed:-

1. What are your churches doing to support people in your communities? Coffee mornings? Warm spaces? Local charity signposting? Pantries? Foodbank collection and deliveries? Supporting *other* community events?
2. What more support might you as churches need to cope with increased costs over winter? Advice? Permission to hold fewer services or services elsewhere?
3. What do you want to say to the Diocese?

Feedback from discussion:

- We shared news of messy Church, soup lunch, Give and Take Box and how to be welcoming
- Qu. 1 - No serious thoughts about moving services to warmer spaces
- Qu. 2 – All okay to qu. 2 so far – some Churches have no heating e.g Brendon
- Qu. 3 – The Diocese are easier to deal with; they are being more pro-active; the Diocese seem to have an accessible team
- Support what is already happening in the community
- How do we connect to housebound elderly?
- Have warm space for mid-week services
- Blankets for congregation in service
- Only boosting heating for ‘community’ services
- HELP from Diocese with ideas / resources and ‘experts’ to come and advise us
- We may not be active in the community as a church but in discussion, we felt that as individuals in our own church we actively support a significant number of community initiatives and activities
- When we have our servery and toilet and possibly a discrete warm space, we may be able to offer something here

Elections of Deanery Officers, Standing Committee and Diocesan Synod:-

Lay Chair

- Proposal to Co-Opt Philip Coole as a Member of Deanery Synod
 - Proposed by Maureen Richards
 - Seconded by Maureen Smith
 - All Agreed

- Proposal to elect Philip Coole as Lay Chair
 - Proposed by Maureen Richards
 - Seconded by Maureen Smith
 - All Agreed
- Ian Stuart (St Matthew's, Lee) sent an email - I am pleased to give my full support to Philip Coole as Lay Chair.

Treasurer – No one proposed or volunteered

Standing Committee

- Proposed – Rosie Austin, Philip Coole, John Roles, Mark Ruoff, Jeanette Squires, Maureen Richards and Sam White as Administrator
 - Proposed by Samantha Stayte
 - Seconded by Jean Dodds
 - All Agreed

Diocesan Synod Lay Representative

- Proposed – Sheila Roles
 - All Agreed

Treasurer Report

- Current bank balance as at 17th January 2023:- **£485.77**

Income for year 2021 / 2022	£310.00
Expenditure for year 2021 / 2022	£274.47
- Invoices yet to be paid - None
- Annual Levies – All Annual Levies have been received. Thanks were given for the payments.
- Expenses – Mileage / Speakers etc - None
- Proposed Annual Levy amount for 2023 of £10 per representative
 - Proposed by Jean Doods
 - Seconded by Hazel Kingdon
 - All Agreed

Rural Dean and Lay Chair Report

- These had been distributed prior to the meeting and are attached to the Minutes
- Thanks were expressed by Rosie
- Following Father Shaun O'Rourke's retirement on 31st December 2022 please pray for the parishes of Swimbridge, Landkey, West Buckland, Eastbuckland and Gunn (Four Ways Mission Community), that we are thinking of them and that they are very much part of the body of the Deanery

General Synod Report

- General Synod has not met since last meeting in October. Due to meet 6th to 9th February 2023.

Safeguarding

- No issues raised
- Huge thanks were given to all who have done safeguarding training
- We are doing our best to raise the knowledge and culture in our churches to prevent the past from happening again.

Any other business

- Rosie expressed her sincerest thanks to Maureen for her hard work over the last 14years and presented her with flowers, chocolates and card
- John Roles said thank you to Rosie for her leadership and role as Rural Dean

Date and venue of future meetings:-

- Next meeting 17th May 2023 at Bratton Fleming
- Visitation 14th June 2023 at Pip and Jims, Ilfracombe

Closing Prayer

Meeting Closed at 8.40pm

Signed:- _____

Dated:- _____