

The Parochial Church Council of St. Andrew's Church, Chardstock Annual Report for the year ended 31st December 2022

During 2022, St. Andrew's Church continued to function without any Churchwardens. This was achieved by an active and mutually supportive PCC, aided, and abetted by a revived Fabric Committee.

Fabric.

Together with Fabric Committee, the PCC were able to begin to address a number of outstanding maintenance issues: completing the stalled Faculty applications and seeking quotes for the required works. Essential repair works to our Lych Gate were begun and emergency repair work undertaken on the roof following a serious ingress of water in the Winter. The outstanding drainage works, along with the planned replacement of our composting toilet with a flushing version are prepped to begin in Spring 2023. We are indebted to Messrs Michael Moore and Roger Abbott, who along with the PCC's James Innes and Peter Manley (and, occasionally, Roger Damon) constitute the Fabric Committee.

Services

At the start of 2022 we were, as a rule, offering 2 monthly services: Holy Communion at 10am on the second Sunday, and 6pm Evensong on the third. However, thanks to Rev'd Geoffrey Walsh's willingness to take on the role of Sacristan for the occasion, we were able to add a second Communion service on the fourth Sunday in the month. And, as the recovery from the strictures brought about Covid continues, we have been able to resume the sharing of the Common Cup at Communion, with the option for just receiving 'Communion-in-one-kind' (the bread only) for those would prefer to stick with that.

There were additional events and services for Rogation (an AVMC team event, hosted this year by the Eames family), Harvest: a Harvest Festival Service on October 23rd followed by a Harvest Lunch, held at the home of Janet Eames, which raised £300 for the church. And, at Christmas, we held both a Carol Service on 18th December, for which where members of the Community were invited to read the lessons for the occasion, and a Candlelit Crib Service on Christmas Eve. Also, Rev'd Nicky Davies organised another Pop-Up Pub, held on December 16th and raising £110. Carols were sung by a Pop-Up Choir, led by Mr. John Rolph and Jack Wilson's bar ensured that everyone had something to lubricate their vocal chords.

Fundraisers

In addition to this, our popular coffee mornings continued, run by Gloria Walsh, with great back-up from Jaquie and David Cawley, and Colin and Jayne Williamson. Along with this, the equally popular church bookstall

organised by Jenny Langton and Jayne Williamson. Throughout the year these again proved to be steady fundraisers raising £482.41 and £425.68 respectively as well as continuing to bring in folk who are not regular church goers.

Our other big fundraiser was our St. Andrew's Fayre. Held on November 26th, this raised £625. We are grateful to all those helped out with this event, notably Gloria Walsh, who organised the event (following some preparatory work by Stacey Darbyshire).

Safeguarding & Health and Safety

Through the course of the year, the PCC remained mindful of our responsibilities relating to Safeguarding and Health & Safety and continued to have due regard to the House of Bishop's Safeguarding Policy and practice guidance.

Some non-slip strips were added to the church doorstep this year to try to make them a less slippery, but we have taken the precaution of placing a sign at the door alerting visitors that the step can be tricky in the wet weather.

Events.

We played host to 4 Weddings and 2 Baptisms during 2022 and 1 funeral was held.

A sponsored walk held on Devon Historic Churches Day (September 10th), raised £226 for the Devon Historic Churches Trust. Well done to Paul Hazell and Margaret Churchill who, along with terriers Hesketh and Sable, were our walkers this year.

Thank you to all those who support the church

We are grateful to all those who organise and contribute to these events. And as always, we remain grateful to all those good people from our parish who come to decorate the church with flowers, who care for the churchyard and/or ring the bells, to Nick Sarahs who winds and looks after our clock; to Edward Wells, who plays our organ when he is able and to Jackie Dadds who organises our church cleaner. We are indebted to these and no doubt many others for the contribution they make to the life of our church.

We would also like to thank Fr. Geoffrey Walsh for all the help he has given, to support the activities of St. Andrews.

Administrative Information:

The Church is situated in Chardstock, EX13 7BX and is part of the Axe Valley Mission Community in the Deanery of Honiton, in the Diocese of Exeter. PCC members who have served from 1st January 2022 until the date of this report were:

The Rector The Rev'd Clive Sedgewick Chair

Churchwarden(s) none Elected Members

Mrs Wendy Cannings Vice Chair

Mr Roger Damon Secretary & Safeguarding Representative

Ms Susan Dowdall

Mrs Janet Eames Vice Chair & Electoral Roll Officer

Mr James Innes

Mr Peter Manley Treasurer

Mrs Gloria Walsh Deanery Synod Representative.

Approved by the PCC on March 20th 2023.