

The Churches of St. Peter and St. Nicholas, Shaldon

Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St. Nicholas, Shaldon

For the year ended 31st December 2024

Haldon Mission Community

Priest in Charge

*The Rev'd Carol Green
The Rectory
30 Dawlish Road
Teignmouth
TQ14 8TG*

Team Vicar and Children & Families Mission Enabler (from 14th March)

*The Rev'd Dave Wilkie
The Vicarage
3 Moors Park
Bishopsteignton
TQ14 9RH*

Bank

*The Co-operative Bank
PO. Box 250,
Delf House
Skelmersdale
WN8 6WT*

Correspondence Address of the PCC

*The PCC Secretary,
Starboard,
71B Teignmouth Road
Teignmouth
TQ14 8UN*

Independent Financial Examiner

*Mr Brian Hamblin
25 Broadlands
Shaldon
Devon
TQ14 0EH*

Appended

Churchwardens' Fabric Report

Website

www.haldonteam.org.uk

The Churches of St. Peter and St. Nicholas **Annual Report for 2024**

Background

St. Peter's and St. Nicholas Parochial Church Council has the responsibility of co-operating with the incumbent in promoting in the parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. It also has maintenance responsibilities for St. Peter's Church, Bridge Road, Shaldon and St. Nicholas Church and the Churchyard at Ringmore, Shaldon. The Parish is still in the legal process of becoming part of the Haldon Mission Community (including the consequential changes of Deanery and Archdeaconry) but the Rev'd Carol Green has exercised pastoral oversight and was installed on Sunday 14th August 2022 as Priest for Shaldon by the Venerable Andrew Beane, Archdeacon of Exeter. On 20th October 2024 the Rev'd Carol was instituted, inducted and installed as Team Rector for the Haldon team by the Venerable Andrew Beane at a service at St Mary's Ideford, but this does not affect the current status of our own parish.

The PCC is a charity excepted from registration with the Charity Commission. Its objectives are shared in part by the following related trusts, which are not under the control of the PCC.

Emma Robertson Trust

Bequest from the will of Miss Emma Robertson in 1931. Interest on the capital endowment is to be used for the maintenance of the structure of St. Peter's Church or for such charitable purposes in connection with the church as the trustees at their discretion think fit. The Trust is registered with the Charity Commissioners.

During the year, Michael Britton (Chairman and Treasurer) expressed the wish to step down from the trust. It had been agreed at an earlier meeting that Chris Morris would succeed Michael as Chairman and Treasurer. This transfer took place in August 2024. The present trustees are, therefore: Chris Morris (Chairman and Treasurer), Lesley Bill, Sue Morris, Frances Commander and Malcolm Watson. The annual meeting was held on 24th November. During the year the sum of £2,000 was contributed towards the general fund for church expenses.

Extence Trust

Bequest from the will of Gerald Onslow Extence in 1988. The income and capital is held in trust principally for the upkeep of the Churchyard at St Nicholas Church and for the general charitable purposes of and in the Ecclesiastical parish of St Nicholas, Shaldon as the trustees may agree. During the year, Michael Britton (Chairman and Treasurer) expressed the wish to step down from the trust. It had been agreed at an earlier meeting that Chris Morris would succeed Michael as Chairman and Treasurer. This transfer took place in August 2024. The present trustees are, therefore: Chris Morris (Chairman and Treasurer), Lesley Bill, Sue Morris, Frances Commander and Malcolm Watson. The annual meeting was held on 24th November. During the year the sum of £12,000 was contributed towards the general fund for church expenses.

Any disbursements from the two trusts are accounted as income in the PCC accounts.

Membership

Members of the PCC are either ex officio, elected at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) or co-opted at a meeting of the PCC, in accordance with the Church Representation Rules 2022.

The following were elected at the Annual Meetings on 28th April 2024.

Priest in Charge (ex officio)		
	The Rev'd Carol Green	
		<i>Elected until:</i>
Churchwardens (ex officio):		
	Mrs Lesley Bill	2025
	Mr Malcolm Watson	2025
Deanery Synod Representative (ex officio):		
	Mr Keith Robinson	2026
Elected Members:		Elected until
	Mrs Sandra Davies	2025
	Mr Chris Morris	2025
	Mrs Sue Morris	2025
	Mrs Marian Gilpin	2026
	Mrs Anne Mears	2026
	Mr Leon Winston	2026
	Mrs Anne Brixton	2027
	Mrs Frances Commander	2027
	Mrs Ann Yates	2027

Officers elected by the PCC.

Vice Chairman	Mr Chris Morris.
Secretary	Mrs Sue Morris.
Treasurer	Ms Helen Commander.
Electoral Roll Officer	Mr Chris Morris.
Safeguarding Representative	Mrs Susan Harvey.

Committees

The PCC operates through a Standing and Finance Committee, which meets when required between full meetings of the PCC. The only committee required by law is a Standing Committee. It has the power to transact the business of the PCC between its meetings, subject to any directions given by the Council. Formerly, the PCC also appointed a Finance Committee to oversee the general financial dimension of the work of St. Peter's and St. Nicholas by monitoring income and expenditure, producing the annual budgets and managing the Planned Giving Fund. The PCC decided in 2007 that these functions would be better combined in a single Standing & Finance Committee. Its members are the Priest -in-Charge (ex officio), the Churchwardens, Vice Chairman, Secretary, Mr Keith Robinson, and Mrs Frances Commander who would represent the financial aspects.

Church Attendance

Unsurprisingly nothing has changed over the year in respect of regular Sunday worship in Shaldon, which remains geared to sustaining the traditional pattern for the spiritual benefit of our longstanding, ageing and diminishing congregations; this deserves due effort notwithstanding its relatively short-term significance. There are glimpses of potential for attracting the younger generation in the development of activities linked to the Pop-up Cafe in St. James and we are right to offer whatever support we can to that initiative and in the use of our own churches as and when opportunities are identified. Special worship opportunities such as our Crib and Christingle service do attract larger attendances (215 in December 2024) and are much appreciated by many people in the village. We continue to try to make activities involving the younger generation welcome; the concerts involving the Teignmouth Youth Choir and links to Shaldon School and the Pre-school need to continue to be fostered and we do have a good reputation for this.

Electoral Roll

The Church Electoral Roll was revised on 31st March 2024. At the date of revision there were 54 Members on the Electoral Roll, one more than in 2023. Of these, 39 people were resident in the parish and 15 people were non-resident. Two persons have left the roll through death or moving away and three persons have joined the roll.

Review of the year

The full PCC met four times (including the meeting after the APCM) during the year with an average attendance of 88.5%.

Other items of business were conducted by correspondence in accordance with Rule M29 of the Church Representation Rules 2022.

The Standing and Finance Committee met between the PCC meetings when required and reported its deliberations to the subsequent meeting of the PCC.

The principal items for the PCC's attention this year have been:

Thanks to other clergy and members of the laity

The PCC wishes to place on record its thanks to those members of the clergy whose contributions have enabled continuation of the full range of services. We are indebted to the Rev'd Sue Astbury, the Rev'd Elizabeth Burren, the Rev'd Peter Burren, the Rev'd Helena Cermakova, the Rev'd Jack Eastwood, the Rev'd Caroline Luff, the Rev'd Paul Smedley and the Rev'd Brett Ward.

Our gratitude is also extended to Licensed Lay Ministers and other members of the laity, Lesley Heffer, Hugh McCormick, Ruth Sewell, Anna Venables, and Peter Wood who undertake a range of tasks, including leading worship.

Churchyard, Ringmore

The PCC, as always, records its gratitude for the continuing care of the Churchyard. It may not be appreciated by those, who are not directly involved, how much time and effort has to be devoted to this work.

Musical Events in St. Peter's

The PCC is pleased to report that a number of musical events took place in the church during the year. The Shaldon Singers gave their two usual concerts, a Spring Concert in May, which featured Mozart's *Requiem* and a Christmas concert in December which included Sir John Rutter's *Gloria*. There was also a choral workshop arranged by the Shaldon Singers in April in which over 120 singers participated. The work studied and performed was Verdi's *Requiem*, directed by Gavin Carr. The Shaldon Festival in June featured performances by a flute and harp duo, Alis Huws (the Royal Harpist) and Carys Gittins (Eisteddfod winner), a piano trio, Trio Sōra, world folk fusion quartet Kabantu and the jazz duo James Pearson and Lizzie Ball. The Festival also hosted an invitation-only organ recital in November for the benefit of the Festival Friends, given by Polina Sosnina, organist at St Martin-in-the-Fields, Trafalgar Square, London.

The Mardi Gras Jazz Evening on 13th February, with John Shillito and his Riviera Ramblers raised £584 to support Teignmouth Mutual Aid Community Larder.

Other events included two performances by the Torbay Symphony Orchestra, a Sea Shanty concert given by the Out Of Tunas (with a retiring collection for the RNLI and St Peter's), a concert starring Ian Shaw (promoted by Teign Jazz & Blues), two concerts given by the recently-formed Teignmouth Youth Choir, the second one including Rowcroft Hospice Choir, "A Jolly with Dolly" featuring Sandra Darbyshire which raised £426 for St Peter's lighting scheme, a folk concert given by the Dartmoor

folk choir The Lost Sound, a country-and-western Come-and-Singalong cream tea which raised money in aid of Rare Dementia Support and A Very Funky Christmas concert given by the Ollie Stephens Band.

There was also a series of six lunch-time organ recitals, highlighting St. Peter's renowned organ, in July and August, given by Derek Whitty, Stephen Wellington, Michael Farley, Ian Curror, Andrew Teague and Ian Bartlett. These were well attended and raised £362.86 in aid of youth work in the Haldon Mission Community.

St. Peter's choir is still looking for new members and there are vacancies in all parts.

The PCC would like to express appreciation for the considerable voluntary time and effort expended in organising and staging these events.

Fund Raising Activities: Annual Soup Kitchen:

The Annual Soup kitchen outside the Pharmacy before Christmas raised by donations the sum of £470.

Traditionally half goes to the Leonard Stocks Centre in Torquay, formally known as Factory Row. In more recent years we have divided the amount raised with local food banks. We support HITS and the Teignmouth and Shaldon Community Larder - this year was the turn of HITS.

We have always been supported by ODE, and in the last couple of years the Clipper Cafe have provided support. The London Inn has offered to support our endeavours in the coming year.

These have been unsolicited offers and our thanks to them and to Sue Mullins at the Pharmacy for allowing us to invade her forecourt.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

The main united service took place on Sunday 21st January at St Peter's with hymns and readings.

Christians Against Poverty

Speakers from Christians Against Poverty gave a short presentation on 28th January during the Sunday morning Eucharist at St Peter's.

Lent Course 2024

The Diocesan Lent Course "Come and See" was the focus of our Lenten Studies this year.

World Day of Prayer

On 1st March St Peter's hosted the annual World Day of Prayer service. This was prepared by the Christian women of Palestine on the theme "I beg you to bear with one another in Love".

Licensing of Rev'd Dave Wilkie

The Rev'd Dave Wilkie was licensed as Team Vicar and Children & Families Mission Enabler by the Rt Rev'd Jackie Searle, Acting Bishop of Exeter on 14th March at St Michael's Church. Teignmouth. The service was followed by refreshments and gave an opportunity to meet Dave and his family.

Rev'd Caroline Luff

On 26th June there was a special service of Holy Communion at St Peter's to celebrate 30 years since the priesting of the Rev'd Caroline Luff.

Dementia Friendly Cream Tea

On 14th August there was a “Dolly Parton” themed dementia friendly cream tea, which was very much enjoyed by those who attended and raised £50 for the Rare Dementia Society which supports mainly younger folk with challenging behaviour.

Enthronement of the new Bishop of Exeter

On 2nd November (All Soul's Day) there was a live streaming shown at St Peter's of the enthronement of the Rt Rev'd Dr Mike Harrison as the 72nd Bishop of Exeter, which took place at Exeter Cathedral.

All Souls Thanksgiving service

A service of Thanksgiving was held at St Nicholas on 3rd November to remember by name departed loved ones.

Saturday Coffee Mornings.

Originally started for the support of our friends from Ukraine and their hosts, who still attend, a number of non -church goers now regularly pop in and join us. Coffee mornings also provide an opportunity to welcome local and holiday visitors to Shaldon who come to look round the church and to promote the worship service on the following day. Our thanks go to all our supporters, especially the maker of the delicious cakes!

Open The Bible

The Open the Bible team (Previously known as “Open the Book”) are pleased to continue their visits taking dramatized Bible stories into Shaldon Primary School. The Head Teacher always sends a message of thanks after each visit, and the team always feels appreciated by both children (who are regularly involved as supporting cast!) and teachers. Additional help and volunteer support would be appreciated, but thanks are due to the helpers from St Peters, who are always reliable and very supportive.

School Harvest and Christmas Services

This year we again welcomed the School Harvest and Christmas celebrations to St. Peter's. The Harvest retiring collection raised £201.60 for Shelter Box and the Christmas Retiring collection raised £189.30 for church funds

Crib and Christingle Service

The Crib and Christingle service took place on Christmas Eve and raised £298.61 for the Church of England Children's Society

Praise Services at St Nicholas.

The collection at the St Nicholas Easter Praise Service raised £58.00 for Christian Aid and £58.00 for Teignmouth Community Larder.

The collection at the St Nicholas Harvest Praise Service raised £50.00 for Teignmouth Community Larder.

The collection at the St Nicholas Christmas Praise Service raised £186.00 for Teignmouth Community Larder.

Voluntary activities

The PCC wishes to thank those regrettably diminishing numbers of people who help to maintain the life of the churches within the parish including those who act as Sidespersons, those who read lessons at our various services, those who do intercessions on a monthly basis, and our choir and servers. Without their dedication our worship would be much diminished. The PCC also thanks those who give their time to clean the churches and their contents, those providing flower arrangements, the Sacristans, who do so much that many people are completely unaware of, those involved in the production and distribution of the "Parish News" and those who organise special services.

At St. Nicholas, special thanks go to those who give their time to select and organise the music and, in the absence of a live organist, operate the organ for regular Sunday services.

Independent Examiner

Brian Hamblin was appointed as Independent Examiner (as defined by the Charities Act 1993) at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting on 28th April 2024.

Finance

2024 has been a better year financially for the church, although we have still made a loss on the year.

Looking at the financial statement, receipts are higher than 2023. This is due largely to the Stewardship campaign in 2023 and the effort put in by Keith Robinson and Chris Morris.

Payments have gone up, but not as significantly as the previous year. Our Common Fund contribution increased by about £3,500 and we have paid more for church maintenance, including some remedial work from the last quinquennial inspection on the Lady Chapel. Overall, there was a deficit of over £5,000 for the year; included in this loss, is a deficit of £1,000 from the Shaldon and Ringmore Parish News. This is due mainly to a change in the printer and we hope that in the future the magazine will be able to break even again.

Most of our giving can be gift aided and thanks are due to Keith Robinson for making the regular submissions to claim this from HMRC for us.

The contactless device has proved a useful addition and is especially helpful when we have big events, for example the school concerts and the Christingle service.

Our charity giving has been good, there has been a recognition that sometimes we need to make a donation to ourselves from fund raising, especially from the Sandra Derbyshire concert and the organ recitals held in the summer. The church has been used for many outside events, which contributes to our income.

Looking forward, we need to address the fact that we spend more than we receive. We can keep using our reserves, but these are diminishing.

Deanery Synod Report

Kenn Deanery Synod has met three times during the year. In the first one our Deanery Synod representative, Keith Robinson, facilitated a discussion on Mission and Ministry. Each mission community shared what it is doing for Mission and Ministry. A list of four long pages was compiled which gave us all encouragement and affirmation.

At the second meeting a spokesperson from the diocese presented on the steps being taken through the diocese towards a net zero and Eco Church.

The Archdeacon of Exeter led a discussion at the third meeting in which he encouraged us to share examples of how our churches are "flourishing".

Keith has taken on the role of Secretary of the Kenn Deanery Synod for the time being.

Future of the Church Group

This small group appointed by the PCC met four times during the year to look at the ways in which we engage with the wider community, in particular young people. Among these are our relationship with the school, the involvement of the sea scouts in the Remembrance Day service, the passing round the village and the school during advent of two knitted nativity scenes, the praise services at St Nicholas Church, the soup kitchen, the Saturday Ukraine gatherings, the Good Friday Walk of Witness and helping with the regular pop-up café at St, James. We continue to look for new ways of giving hope to the future generations.

Use of the Church

We are blessed with a church building at St. Peter's which can be used flexibly for a variety of functions. This year it has been used as a polling station for the General Election, two 'flu vaccination clinics and a collection of musical events which are covered elsewhere in this report. This not only opens the doors of the church to many people it also provides us with some much-needed extra income.

Safeguarding representative's report

The PCC has complied with the duty under section 5 of the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2016. (This is a duty to have due regard to House of Bishops' guidance on safeguarding children and vulnerable adults). Our Safeguarding representative is Susan Harvey who is responsible for Safeguarding matters throughout the Haldon Team.

In her report this year for the Mission Community she gives an overview of the status of DBS checks and safeguarding training compliance in our church community. She says there is Good News, she is pleased to report that as a community, we are more up to date than we have ever been with safeguarding training compliance and DBS checks. Our community compliance for Safeguarding Training, Policy Compliance and DBS completion is 91% (average) and our Parish compliance is 97%.

Further, she is pleased to see that the online training has been made a little shorter and easier to navigate. People can now see a record of what training they have completed on the online training screen. It is no longer necessary for people to complete the Domestic Abuse Training (PCC Members) unless they work directly with children or hold an office such as Churchwarden.

Sue said that from April 2025 she will continue be the Reporting Officer for safeguarding concerns, she will maintain oversight of the return of ex-offenders to the community, and she will continue as a DBS checks Verifier. Other tasks will be undertaken by the Administrator for our Mission Community. Sue's full report can be found on the Haldon Mission Community website.

The PCC is pleased to record that Sue Harvey was awarded the medal of St Boniface for services in the Exeter Diocese. The award ceremony was held in Exeter cathedral on Sunday 9th June led by the Rt Rev'd Jackie Searle.

Signed on behalf of the PCC:

Date:

Appendix

Churchwardens' Fabric Report 2024

St Peter's

The outstanding 2021 Quinquennial recommendations for work by the stonemason have now been completed and this seems to have solved the problem of rain water seeping through to the inside of the east wall in the Lady Chapel. Following consideration of the Energy Audit, it has been concluded that the only practical way forward with the heating system is to renew the gas boiler; informal discussions with the Diocesan Advisory Committee support this view and preparations for a formal faculty application are in hand; these include obtaining detailed costings. In the course of the year a substantial length of the Riverside boundary wall suffered impact damage by unidentified vehicles; the cost of repair was met by EIG under the church insurance policy (subject only to the contractual excess of £500). Efforts to obtain the support of the Parish Council for traffic management measures to reduce the risk of future damage were unsuccessful.

St Nicholas

No major work has been necessary; significant maintenance work has been carried out to the electronic organ, which required the supply of a new tape deck. The auxiliary gas boiler also needed some repair. The high halogen lights needed attention and have been replaced by LED lights which give more light and are more energy efficient. Similarly, the outside lights, which were not working and gave insufficient light particularly to the old Vestry have been replaced with LED lights. With the support of the PCC, the Shaldon Parish Council has now installed a defibrillator near the entrance door to the old Vestry; the Parish Council will be responsible for its ongoing maintenance. The PCC are very grateful for the practical assistance of a number of volunteers with the herculean maintenance tasks in the churchyard.

Both churches - general annual maintenance work has been carried out and, in accordance with the PCC's longstanding policy/practice, minor problems and repairs have been promptly investigated and remedied. The next Quinquennial Inspection of both churches falls due in 2025.

For both our churches, the annual fire extinguisher servicing and PAT testing of the electrical appliances took place.

Signed by the Churchwardens:

Signed on behalf of the PCC:

Date: