

# 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 31<sup>st</sup> December 2022

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*Churchwardens' Fabric Report*

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## **The Churches of St. Peter and St. Nicholas** **Annual Report for 2022**

### **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 14<sup>th</sup> August 2022 as Priest for Shaldon by the Venerable Andrew Beane, Archdeacon of Exeter.

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.

The present trustees are: Michael Britton (Chairman and Treasurer), Lesley Bill, Chris Morris, Sue Morris, Frances Commander and Malcolm Watson. The annual meeting was held on 23<sup>rd</sup> October. During the year the sum of £4,600 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. The present trustees are: Michael Britton (Chairman), Lesley Bill, Chris Morris, Sue Morris, Frances Commander and Malcolm Watson. The annual meeting was held on 23<sup>rd</sup> October.

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 2020.

The following were elected at the Annual Meetings on 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2022:

Priest in Charge (ex officio)		
	The Rev'd Carol Green	
		Elected until:
Churchwardens (ex officio):		
	Mrs Lesley Bill	2023
	Mr Malcolm Watson	2023
Deanery Synod Representative (ex officio):		
	Mr Keith Robinson	2023

Elected Members:		Elected until
	Mrs Marian Gilpin	2023
	Mrs Anne Mears	2023
	Mr Leon Winston	2023
	Mrs Anne Brixton	2024
	Mrs Frances Commander	2024
	Mrs Ann Yates	2024
	Mrs Sandra Davies	2025
	Mr Chris Morris	2025
	Mrs Sue Morris	2025

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 and Mrs Frances Commander who would represent the financial aspects.

**Church Attendance**

The relaxation and ultimate removal of Covid constraints in the course of 2022 has enabled attendances at both churches to recover. However, the recovery has been noticeably tempered by the impact of age-based infirmity and deaths combined with changes in service patterns and other church-based activities following the decisions not to fill the vacancy created by the retirement of Rev'd Annie Church but to transfer Shaldon Parish into the Haldon Mission Community. Establishing a new normality is a "work in progress".

**Electoral Roll**

The Church Electoral Roll was updated in May 2022. At the APCM there were 55 Members on the Electoral Roll, the same as in 2021. Of these, 41 people were resident in the parish and 14 people were non-resident.

**Review of the year**

The full PCC met five times (including the meeting after the APCM) during the year with an average attendance of 98%.

Other items of business were conducted by correspondence in accordance with Rule M29 of the Church Representation Rules 2020.

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 Helena Cermakova, the Rev'd Jack Eastwood, The Ven David Gunn-Johnson, the Rev'd Caroline Luff and the Rev'd Paul Smedley.

Our gratitude is also extended to Lay Readers and other members of the laity, Tony Carswell, Richard Frost, Hugh McCormick, Edward Goodman, Lesley Heffer, Jane Wibberley, and John Wibberley 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 usual two concerts: a Spring Concert in May and a Christmas concert in December in memory of Ro Rickett.

The Shaldon Festival Season at the end of June comprised four concerts, of which the second, on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> June, given by the Vocal Ensemble Apollo 5, was also dedicated to the memory of Ro Rickett. Ro was for many years a member of St Peter's Church choir and played leading roles in the Shaldon Singers and the Shaldon Festival.

Other musical events have taken place in the church including a Mardi Gras Jazz Evening given by John Shillito and his Riviera Ramblers which raised £569 for Rowcroft, an evening given by the Wibb Trio: "A Journey to Broadway and all that Jazz" which raised £841 for HITS and the Red Cross Ukraine Appeal and a Christmas Shanty Concert given by the Out of Tunas who most generously donated the proceeds of the concert to St Peter's Organ Fund. There was a marvellous atmosphere of young families not usually attending church.

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

### **Fund Raising Activities**

#### **Quiz Evening**

A Quiz evening raised £200 which was used to fund a tree for St Nicholas Churchyard to mark the Platinum Jubilee of Queen Elizabeth II as part of the Green Canopy project. A Rowan tree (Sorbus Joseph Rock) was chosen. We were also able to offer a tree of their choice (a Dwarf Weeping Willow) to the Botanical Gardens to mark the Coronation of King Charles III.

#### **Soup Kitchen**

The Annual Soup Kitchen outside the Pharmacy continues to be well supported.

ODE continue to support us, and this year the Clipper Cafe also contributed.

The sum of £514 was raised and was divided equally between Leonard Stocks Centre in Torquay and the Pop-up Cafe at St James as part of the Warm Space Scheme.

## **Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Joint Service on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> January**

St Peter's hosted the service which was attended by people from the local Shaldon and Teignmouth churches. It was led by Methodist lay minister Sharon Hurlow. The theme was "We saw his star in the East" following again the journey of the Magi to Bethlehem.

## **Lent Courses 2022**

A Lent quiet morning on the theme "Send my roots rain" was led by Rev'd Jane and Richard Frost. The Rev'd Caroline Luff led a Lent course offered by the Diocese on the theme "Surprised by Generosity."

Several people took part in the Pilgrimage walk organised by the Haldon Team

## **Exhibition of Royal Memories II**

At the beginning of June an Exhibition of Royal Memories was held in St Peter's as part of the Celebrations to mark the Platinum Jubilee of HM Queen Elizabeth II. During this event the Guild of Devonshire ringers rang the first Quarter Peal of handbells in the church; 1260 Plain Bob Minor.

## **Ukraine Social Hub**

In response to the war in Ukraine and the arrival of guests in Devon, a weekly gathering was started at St. Peter's in July. This took place every Saturday morning between 10.30-1200. A small group of varying size has been meeting for a chat, free coffee and cake and to distribute useful information. Any visitors are also welcomed. It is hoped to continue with this as it has proved most worthwhile not only with our Ukrainian friends but with other Christian Groups in the area

## **Team Songs of Praise and installation of Rev'd Carol.**

On 14<sup>th</sup> August a Haldon Team Songs of Praise service was held in St Peter's during which the Rev'd Carol Green was installed as Priest for Shaldon by the Archdeacon of Exeter, the Venerable Andrew Beane. The service was followed by Pimm's and Strawberry cream scones.

## **Commemorative Services and Funeral of HM Queen Elizabeth II**

On Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> September the order of service for Holy Communion was designed to be used during the period of mourning. A special Commemorative Service marking the death of Her Late Majesty Queen Elizabeth II was held in St Peter's that evening, and the Funeral service the following day was shown on the screen in St Peter's.

## **School Harvest and Christmas Services**

This year we welcomed the return of the School Harvest and Christmas celebrations to St. Peter's.

## **Advent and Christmas displays in Windows and Gardens**

Windows and gardens around the village were decorated once again with a Christmas theme.

## **Crib and Christingle Service**

The Crib and Christingle service took place on Christmas Eve and raised £191.19 for the Church of England Children's Society.

## **Christmas Praise Service**

The collection at the St Nicholas Christmas Praise Service raised £105.50 divided equally between St James soup kitchen and the Community Larder in Teignmouth.

## **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, 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.

## **Website**

As the parish continues to move closer towards the Haldon Mission Community, it was decided that our online profile was best served by becoming integrated with the Haldon website. This decision coincided with the Haldon website being substantially re-written and the information about Shaldon is now incorporated in this website, at [www.haldonteam.org.uk](http://www.haldonteam.org.uk), the original website, [www.shaldonchurches.org.uk](http://www.shaldonchurches.org.uk) now being closed. Our former webmaster, Chris Morris, has ensured that all the information about the churches in the old benefice has been securely archived. He has an advisory role in respect of the Haldon website, which is maintained by Andy Harding, of the parish of St James, Teignmouth.

## **Independent Examiner**

Brian Hamblin was appointed as Independent Examiner (as defined by the Charities Act 1993) at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting on 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2022.

## **Finance**

2022 has been a fairly difficult year financially, with the cost of fuel increasing significantly and a slight decrease in our giving. This has meant that we have to dip into our reserves to pay for the upkeep of our churches and services. Looking at the financial statement, receipts are lower than 2021 by about three thousand pounds. This includes a one-off Energy Grant of £3190 from the Diocese. Payments were lower, mainly due to our Common Fund contribution being decreased. Overall, there was a deficit of over £3000 for the year. Without the energy grant this would be over £6000.

Most of our giving can be gift aided and we must thank Keith Robinson for making the regular submissions to claim this from HMRC for us. This has remained fairly steady except that we have lost some regular givers. Our charity giving has been good and 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. These are there for us to be able to undertake major works within the two churches eg renew the lighting in St Peter's, we must consider how best to stop this erosion of our assets. Maybe we all need to consider our level of giving.

## **Deanery Synod Report**

Our Deanery Synod representative Keith Robinson reports that Shaldon Parish is now in the Kenn Deanery having previously been in the Newton Abbot and Ipplepen Deanery. Kenn Deanery includes places like Christow, Dawlish, Exminster, Tedburn St. Mary and Teignmouth.

Although some of these places are a long way from here the parishes are more like Shaldon than Newton Abbot. They are mainly rural parishes whereas Newton Abbot is an expanding market town. We should therefore gain benefit from exchanging ideas with this group.

The first meeting was at St Catherine's Whitestone. The rural dean, Ruth Frampton, led an act of worship "The Gift of Rain in Changing Times". The second meeting was held at Powderham although Keith was unable to attend.

## **Future of the Church - Younger People**

This group was set up in 2021 by the PCC to look at a number of issues:

- What we can do outside the Church building to witness to the village
- What uses we can make of the church building to encourage more people to come in
- What Acts of Worship might attract new people.

Already a number of activities under these headings are taking place. For example:

- Open the Book in the School
- Remembrance Services
- Window Displays during Advent and Christmas
- Soup Kitchen
- Musical Events
- Exhibitions
- Use of the church as a Vaccination Centre and a Polling Station
- Quiz evening
- Ukraine Hospitality Hub
- Christingle and Crib Service
- 5th Sunday special services
- Praise Services at St Nicholas.

Future ideas include a bespoke All Souls service for the families of those who have recently died and passing a posada around houses in the village during Advent. The Rev'd Carol Green has listed some visionary ideas of ways in which we might bring the church back into people's minds and the Group will study these further.

The Group welcomes ideas from anyone. We do not decide anything but put our ideas to the PCC for consideration.

## **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 Sue Harvey who is responsible for Safeguarding matters throughout the Haldon Team. Sue wishes to thank PCC members for their support of the Haldon Mission Community in its efforts to provide a safe worshipping community for parishioners, clergy and visitors to our churches.

The PCC continues to strive for training compliance so that the trustees (PCC Members) and our worship leaders can lead us with confidence knowing that they have all the Safeguarding Awareness and tools to do so.

Church and independent workers are safely recruited by using the guidance provided in the Parish Safeguarding Handbook. This includes obtaining DBS checks and managing recruitment and induction training.

The Parish Dashboard helps to generate and maintain policies and processes to assist in our safeguarding mission. The newly added Safeguarding Hubs are an extension of the dashboard and

their primary function is to assist parishes to meet the requirements of Safer Recruitment and People Management.

The PCC has been involved in significant outreach activities in recent months and in Shaldon this has included Open the Book School visits. Such activities require more robust safeguarding oversight and significant time has been spend to ensure that we are demonstrably compliant.

2023/24 will see continued focus on conducting Disclosure and Barring Service checks for all PCC Members and key workers or those who help on a regular basis with children's activities.

Situations and allegations of concern are reported to the Diocesan Safeguarding Officer who can offer advice on many diverse matters.

Signed on behalf of the PCC:

*Card Green*

Date:

*21/5/23*

## Appendix

### **Churchwardens' Fabric Report 2022**

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

#### **St Peter's**

Further repairs were carried out to the organ in accordance with the Michael Farley's recommendations at a cost of £1500, which was met by an anonymous benefactor.

The works to the north aisle and vestry slate roofs recommended by the Quinquennial report have now been carried out by the roofing contractor, with apparent reduction in rainwater ingress. The Quinquennial recommendations for work by the stonemason have been pursued and a schedule of work has been agreed with the stonemason.

#### **St Nicholas**

No major work has been necessary but general annual maintenance work was completed.

The repair of a fault on the fan of the boiler had to be undertaken. The organ was serviced and repaired as necessary and some more tapes procured.

**Both churches** - In accordance with the PCC's longstanding policy/practice minor problems and repairs have been promptly investigated and remedied.

Signed by the Churchwardens:

*[Handwritten signatures]*

Signed on behalf of the PCC:

Date:

*21/5/23*

*Card Green*