



The Parish of St Mary's Church, Ideford

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Annual Report

of the Parochial Church Council

for the year ended
31st December 2021

Team Rector:
The Reverend Carol Green

Team Vicar:
The Reverend Jane Frost

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Aim and Purpose

St Mary's Parochial Church Council (the PCC) has the responsibility of cooperating with the Team Vicar, the Reverend Jane Frost, in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish, the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical, as well as the Church itself.

Objectives and Activities

The PCC is committed to enabling as many people as possible to worship at our Church, and to become part of our parish family. Our services and worship put faith into practice through prayer and scripture, music and sacrament. We try to enable ordinary people to live out their faith as part of our parish family albeit in small numbers, through:

- Worship and prayer:
- Provision of pastoral care for people living in the parish
- Mission and outreach work including new families through the successful Messy Church initiative
- Providing a continued Christian presence in the community

The Team Vicar has ensured that all Covid regulations and guidance have been communicated and adhered to throughout the pandemic.

Achievements and Performance

Worship and Prayer

Despite the challenges presented by the pandemic the church has continued to function and, where possible within the guidelines, to continue to worship. The church was open twice weekly for private prayer and reflection as well as the usual pattern of services. Typically there are two services a month, Holy Communion and Evensong, with an average attendance of about 10 to the morning service but this number increased significantly at Easter, Harvest and Christmas. As well as our regular services, we enable our community to celebrate and thank God at the milestones of the journey through life. There have been 1 Baptism and 3 Funerals during the year including that for Ann Rigby-Jones, a longtime servant of the church. Those who are no longer able to come to Church are not forgotten. In addition to online services, some receive Holy Communion in their own home. At present there are 33 parishioners on the Electoral Roll. One name was added during the year, and one was removed, either because of death or moving away.

Deanery Synod

One member of the PCC sits on the Kenn Deanery Synod. This provides the PCC with a link with the churches around us, and also with the Diocese as a whole. It also receives reports from the General Synod.

Church Fabric

The major fabric work undertaken this year was stopping the water ingress in the tower wall. This appears to have been successful. Thanks to Teignbridge District Council the churchyard continues to be well maintained including the resurfacing of the paths. For the funeral of Ann Rigby-Jones, many volunteers helped to tidy up the churchyard for which we are very grateful. The overall fabric of the church which is a Grade II listed building, appears to be in good order, but the PCC recognizes that the outcome of the upcoming Quinquennial Inspection will need to be acted upon.

Mission and Evangelism

St Mary's hosts and runs Messy Church activities for children under 12 years on a regular basis which includes crafts, stories and prayers. Messy Church has continued to thrive despite Covid restrictions. Messy Church has held a session each half term with 15-20 children and have enjoyed learning about The Lord's Prayer focusing on a section each session.

Other Activities

The church is present in the community in a number of different ways. Some of the events are for fundraising but also have a social benefit. Activities this year have included a Festive Lunch, Cream Teas, sales of homemade jam, a sponsored walk and the Village Christmas raffle and the Advent Windows.

Financial Review and Statements – see separate document

Safeguarding

The PCC has complied with the duty under section 5 of the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2016 (duty to have regard to House of Bishops' guidance on safeguarding children and vulnerable adults).

Requisite training during 2021 has been undertaken by PCC members with the exception of the Churchwarden which is not possible with the absence of a Churchwarden.

Volunteers

There is a good level of support within the village for maintaining the church, with more than 30 people giving their time and talents in many ways, including providing flowers and church decorations, bellringing, winding the church clock, playing the organ, verging, cleaning, maintaining the fabric of the church and the churchyard and fundraising. The PCC express their thanks to these people and did so directly through the Church Christmas Cards. Also the Parish Newsletter for Ideford, Luton and Ashcombe is compiled and distributed by volunteers. As a small community, there is much overlap of participants between village organizations and church members play a significant part in the life of the village.

Structure, Governance and Management

The PCC members are responsible for making decisions on all matters of general concern and importance in the parish, and for all financial matters. The full PCC met five times during the year mostly through zoom. Despite the lack of churchwarden, the PCC has continued to operate successfully in a very collegiate and supportive manner. The work is spread amongst all these voluntary members and brings to the fore their individual talents.

Objectives for 2022

In terms of setting targets for 2022 as required in developing the wider Haldon Mission Community plans, these are:

- Fabric – undertaking the quinquennial report and planning any work identified
- Outreach – supporting Messy Church
- Discipleship – supporting the Lent Course run in Ideford and other Team events

Team Ideford

Team Vicar	The Rev'd Jane Frost (Chair)
PCC Team	Vicki Gardner Jane Hill Tom Hill Nicki Horseman Vanessa Morby Liz Rice
Treasurer (not on PCC)	Lee Martin (Retired at end of 2021)
Fabric Officer (not on PCC)	David Aylmore
Safeguarding Officer (not on PCC)	Sue Harvey
Verger (not on PCC)	Alan Wooderson