



## **ANNUAL REPORT**

and

**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS** 

of the

**PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL** 

of the parish of

ST MATTHIAS, ST MARK & HOLY TRINITY, TORQUAY

for the year ended 31st December 2021

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# Parish of St Matthias, St Mark and Holy Trinity, Torquay Annual Report of the Parochial Church Council for year ended 31st December 2021

#### **Administrative Information**

St Matthias Church is situated in Babbacombe Road, Torquay, Devon, TQ1 1HW, which is the correspondence address. The website address is **www.st-matthias-church.org** 

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) is a charity registered with the Charity Commission (Registered number 1130983)

PCC members who have served from 1st Jan 2021 until the date of this report are:

Incumbent: Rev'd John Beckett

Lay Vice Chair: Paul Stannard

Associate minister: Rev'd Paul Barton

Curate: Rev'd Pete Norris (from Sept 2021)

Wardens: Sylvia Barratt

**Paul Stannard** 

Secretary: David Wilkinson

Treasurer: Tony Barratt

Reader: Ruth Beckett

(ex-officio)

Readers: Norma Gerry

Alan Taylor

Lindsay Glazebrook (to August 2021)

Representatives on the Deanery Synod:

(ex-officio) Sue Davies

Giles Fearnley

Andrew Stilliard (Diocesan Synod Rep)
David Wilkinson (Diocesan Synod Rep)

Elected members: Tessa Barton

Cheryl Bevins (from APCM 2021)
Julie Bouskill (to APCM 2021)
Keith Broome (from APCM 2021)
Angela Boyd (to APCM 2021)

Norman Doidge

Kevin Francis (from APCM 2021) Anya Jones (from APCM 2021)

Jill McDowall David Meek Phil Miles Sue Newman

Hilary Stilliard (to APCM 2021)
Graeme Whitaker (to Dec 2021)
Elaine Wilson (to Dec 2021)

Suzy Wright

### Structure, Governance and Management

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. All Church attendees are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and having been on the roll for six months are eligible to stand for election to the PCC. In addition to its regular meetings the PCC operates through a Standing and Finance Committee and a number of committees (known as 'Action Groups'), which meet as required, and report back to the PCC. These are:

#### Standing and Finance Committee

This is the only committee required by law. It has power to transact the business of the PCC between its meetings, subject to any direction given by the Council. It also oversees the financial aspects of the work of St Matthias and the Church Centre. The committee comprised:

Rev'd John Beckett (Incumbent), Sylvia Barratt (Churchwarden), Paul Stannard (Churchwarden and Vice Chair), Tony Barratt (Treasurer), David Wilkinson (Secretary)

**Action Groups:** (listed alphabetically)

**COMMS Action Group:** To identify and manage the implementation of all communication and publicity requirements for the Church and the Church Centre, liaising with other groups as necessary and utilising the most appropriate and up-to-date tools, ranging from hard copy publications to online and social media platforms.

Chair: Suzy Wright

**Eco Action Group:** To challenge the whole church and us as individuals by promoting the Anglican's 5<sup>th</sup> point of 'The Five Marks of Mission' – 'to strive to safeguard the integrity of creation and sustain and renew the life of the earth'; this includes awareness of the climate change and other ecological anxieties facing us in Torbay and the world.

Chair: David Hodson

**Finance Action Group:** To ensure that all aspects of the church finances are managed effectively and efficiently and that all statutory and regulatory requirements are met.

Chair: Tony Barratt

**Maintenance Action Group:** To ensure that the buildings and grounds are kept in a good and safe state of repair for all users of the premises, enabling the church to be a place for worship, making disciples and transforming communities.

Chair: Paul Stannard

**Mission & Outreach Action Group:** To enable the church to ensure that we are outward-looking in our work, witness and resources, taking every opportunity to spread the gospel message within the Parish, the Bay and further afield, in order to encourage people to start on their faith journey and to grow in Christ. **Chairs:** Joanna Wilkinson & Andrew Stilliard

**Pastoral Action Group:** To organise and manage the provision of support and friendship to those who are unable to come to St. Matthias due to age or infirmity, helping to alleviate loneliness and encouraging them in their journey of faith through the difficult times.

Chair: Elaine Biden

**Prayer:** To organise and implement prayer for the needs of the world and to cultivate the message that prayer lies at the very heart of a Christian's relationship with God and in every activity undertaken within St. Matthias, by providing a variety of opportunities to explore and deepen that relationship, both by personal prayer and corporately.

Chair: Andrew Green

**Pre-School Management Committee:** To provide Early Years Services to Pre-School children from the local community and to provide After School and Holiday Club services to a wider range of Pre-School and Primary School age children, with a view to valuing and nurturing every child, and to seek to show God's love to all children.

Chair: Sylvia Barratt

**SCYP Action Group:** To provide relevant and engaging activities for all age groups of children and young people both within and outside St. Matthias, enabling them to grow into and in their Christian faith and, with their leaders, reach their full potential in Christ.

Chair: Tessa Barton

**Service Ministry:** To provide high quality worship services as agreed by the Incumbent and the PCC, in conjunction with the staff team, that enable people to offer their worship and grow in their discipleship and encourage them to play their part in the kingdom work of transforming communities.

Chair: John Beckett

**Stepping Stones Action Group:** To ensure that the church has a suitable and clearly signposted range of stepping stones for people to use, to enable them to feel that they belong to the church family, find friendship and grow in their journey of discipleship – and continue to do so.

Chair: Keith Yelland

### **Objectives and Activities**

The PCC has the responsibility of co-operating with the clergy, in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. It also has operational and maintenance responsibilities for the Church and Church Centre.

## **Achievements and Performance**

#### **Church Attendance**

At the time of the last Annual Meeting, in May 2021, there were 214 parishioners on the Church Electoral Roll. This year the electoral roll has been open for revision until 24<sup>th</sup> April. Revised numbers will be reported at the Annual Meeting.

Each year we report our participation numbers (the number of people who worship with us at least monthly) which allows Diocesan fund contributions to be calculated. Prior to covid the number we reported was 213 but with the reduction in in-person attendance, in 2021 we have submitted a figure of 165.

#### Review of the Year

As recorded in last year's Annual Report, from March 2020, the church was closed for all services due to the national lockdown, as a consequence of the Covid-19 pandemic. From July 2020, the church was open again for private prayer and a short 11 am service, with facemasks and plastic screens, social distancing and sanitising, but without singing or communion. Sadly, November 2020 saw the start of a second lockdown, when we returned to online worship only.

We recommenced in-person worship at Easter 2021; we were able to sing again – but only outside. This though was a great opportunity for Christian witness. Since then we have seen a steady increase in numbers for 11 am services – less so for 9.30 am Zone services. Some have not returned to worship in person but follow services online. Since March 2022 the Zone Services have been replaced by 'Encounter' and 'Explore' Services at 9.30 am and 4.00 pm.

Ilsham and Warberry were able to return to St Matthias for their services at Christmas, though without parents; these services were livestreamed. This Easter it was great that we could welcome the children and their parents into church once again for school Easter Services.

Safeguarding: Sue Davies continued in the role of Safeguarding Officer. The PCC has complied with the duty to have due regard to the House of Bishops' guidance on safeguarding children and vulnerable adults under section 5 of the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline measure 2016. Information regarding Safeguarding can be found on the first page of our website. We are also required to delegate to the diocese the responsibility of reporting serious safeguarding incidents to the Charity Commission, in accordance with the House of Bishops' Guidance. Safeguarding is a standard item on all PCC agendas. 'Promoting Safer Church' documents are now on display. Sue has completed the safeguarding dashboard and reapplied to be a trainer. There is greater emphasis on reporting all safeguarding incidents going forward. Safer recruitment practices (including DBS clearance) are followed at St Matthias to be protective of vulnerable members of our community.

In a separate document there is a report of the activities of various groups in the church. Throughout 2021 and to date the PCC have met bi-monthly – remotely by Zoom. In 2021 the PCC held 7 meetings during the year, all by Zoom. The average attendance at PCC meetings was 83%. PCC business generally falls into one of three categories: **Worshipping God, Making Disciples** and **Transforming Communities.** Items brought to the attention of and considered by the PCC have included:

- In early 2021 the Service pattern was reviewed in view of the new lockdown Risk Assessments for worship in church were reviewed, informed by advice from the Church of England, the Government and Tessa Barton, all in light of the new and more contagious variant. The PCC were unanimous in agreeing to close the church for public worship for the foreseeable future and agreed to review that decision when there was a change in the national guidance.
- the PCC agreed that the normal limit for **funerals** at St Matthias would be 20, with the service livestreamed if requested; there are no longer restrictions on numbers at any services
- a strategy was agreed to raise the **final funds** for **Wellspring** and to secure funding for a full-time Schools, Children, Young People and Families Worker, subsequently redesignated **Youth Worker**
- welcomed the appointment of Rev'd Nathan Kiyaga as Rural (Area) Dean with Fr. Peter March and Rev'd Stephen Yates as assistants
- agreed that money that has been given for the **homeless** be passed on to the Living Room; it would go towards white goods to allow clothes for people who are homeless to be laundered
- considered a 'roadmap' for Easter, with outside singing and live worship in church
- learned that **Pre-School** had fully reopened (42 on roll by May), with regular after-school clubs, and **hirers** were starting to return; numbers in Pre-School were regularly reported to the PCC
- considered our online audience; pastoral concerns for the church family; discipleship and outreach; fellowship and social activity; and recruitment to roles
- Alpha courses continued online, and later in-person
- planned for updates to our website and welcome booklet
- explored some of the key issues that faced us as we sought to rebuild the church a **Journey towards Recovery our Pandemic Experience**; questions considered included:
  - O What has been lost that we need to grieve?
  - What has been paused or reduced that we have the opportunity to let go?
  - O What has been paused or reduced that we need to work at to renew?
  - O What has been discovered that we will need to respond to?
  - O What is positive new and emerging, to be developed and resourced?

- learned of the plans for **Bay Church** a church plant in St Andrew's Church, Paignton due to 'launch' at Easter 2022
- Lena reported on Messy Church, Begin Well and Mummy & Me, which are working well and leading to increased church attendance and an interest in baptisms in some cases; these initiatives are real areas of growth – well done!
- welcomed South West Awake with prayer points around the SW (held in June)
- welcomed our new Curate Pete Norris, with Rachel and Evie (and shortly afterwards Eloriah);
   Pete was initially appointed as a licensed lay-worker before being ordained a deacon in September
- received the Quinquennial Report little work required in next 12 months with no major items
- Pete updated on plans to work with the younger generation through the Friday night youth group (with a mix of social activities and discipleship) and restarting youth-led services
- welcomed Bishop Robert's 'Next Steps' initiative which fits in well with our own strategic review, following on from the pandemic, as we began to return and grow the church again;
   <a href="https://exeter.anglican.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/07/Next-Steps-MC-vision-document-1-7-21.pdf">https://exeter.anglican.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/07/Next-Steps-MC-vision-document-1-7-21.pdf</a>
- welcomed Mike Robins, Compassion UK and agreed that Compassion would be our Christmas charity; also, we now had a card reader available for those without cash to give in church; the Missions Action Group recommended that the final £1k mission tithe be given to the DEC Afghanistan appeal
- the Wellspring project was finally completed: doors rehung, handrail and planter installed
- confirmed that we would to continue to pay a Mission Tithe of 10% of our voluntary income; in 2021 the main charities supported were Church Army, Church Mission Society (for Nicci Maxwell), Church Pastoral Aid Society, LINX Christian Youth Trust, Mission to Seafarers and Tear Fund – further details may be found in the Church Reports booklet, published separately
- supported **Mission Torbay**, run by Through Faith Missions, in Sept 2021; St Matthias was one of three hub churches; we hosted 8 mission team members for the week, and in that time visited many local homes and ran outreach events in church and on the piazza
- agreed plans for Christmas services, but decided to discontinue livestreaming 9.30 services, to encourage more families to attend in person
- supported the plans to have the church open each weekday lunchtime for private prayer
- received a presentation on **Taking action on climate change**: including 'working towards the adoption of green accreditation from an appropriate organisation, A Rocha' a response to the General Synod setting a Net Zero carbon target for 2030
- congratulated Ruth Beckett as she gets close to the end of her ordination training and prepares for her curacy
- supported the re-formation of **Action Groups**, each with clear briefs and responsibilities
- adopted as a Lent course: Living in Love and Faith; groups considered:
  - How do questions about identity, sexuality, relationships and marriage fit within the bigger picture of the good news of Jesus Christ?
  - What does it mean to live in love and faith together as a Church?
     <a href="https://www.churchofengland.org/resources/living-love-and-faith">https://www.churchofengland.org/resources/living-love-and-faith</a>
- learned that our Primary Schools were exploring their 'Values' and valuing Godly Play sessions
- we reviewed our own values:
   Generous like Jesus, Going Jesus' way, Growing on the Journey and God's Joy in our hearts
- received details of a termly leaflet with information about What's on
- prepared for a PCC Away Day and the Platinum Jubilee and much more ...

So many good things are happening here at St Matthias. I would encourage you to read the Reports from Groups. Please pray for our groups and their leaders. If you feel encouraged to support them, please speak to the named people. The Friends of St Matthias work closely with the PCC to ensure that all the money they raise is spent for the benefit of the church, in accordance with their charitable objects. The PCC wish to record their thanks for the financial support they receive from the Friends.

The PCC would also like to thank Chairs and members of all Action Groups (see list on pages 3 - 4 of this report) that meet, either virtually or face-to-face, to help it carry out its many responsibilities in the numerous and varied aspects of the life of St Matthias. The help and support they provide is greatly appreciated. We continue to be indebted to them all for the commitment and dedication they show **and to all those who give unstintingly of their time and their talents**. Thank you.

The PCC would like to record its appreciation of the leadership of our Rector, John Beckett, ably supported by Paul Barton and Pete Norris, our retired clergy, our Readers, our Churchwardens Sylvia and Paul, Pere and all who work in St Matthias — paid staff and volunteer alike. This has been a challenging year for everyone and we owe a great deal to our clergy, staff and their families. **Thank you**. Having given notice, in November 2020, of my intention to step down from the position of PCC Secretary at this year's annual meeting, this will be my final annual report. I should like to express my appreciation to all those who have assisted me in that role over the years; this year I have valued the support of Suzy Wright in her role as Minutes Secretary.

**David Wilkinson** *PCC Secretary* May 2022

#### Churchwardens' Report to the 2022 APCM

Another year has passed and once again we want to thank the Clergy team for steering us through, following on from the impact that the coronavirus has had on our services, worship and pastoral work. We are so glad that we have been able to hold services in church once again throughout the past year; singing has resumed albeit wearing masks, and gradually numbers have increased. Live streaming of some services has continued and is much appreciated by those unable to attend church.

We would like to thank everyone who has served in whatever aspect of church life during the past year. We are always on the lookout for helpers whether it be making coffee, welcoming at services, taking on one of the readings or any one of the many parts of church life – do speak to us and it would be good to have your help.

It has been good to welcome Pete Norris as our curate during this year together with Rachel and family. His help and leadership with the Young People's work has been gratefully received. However, we were sorry to say 'goodbye' to Lindsay, one of our Readers, who returned to Bath – her ministry is sadly missed.

Once again, the Churchwardens made minor changes to the Health & Safety policy and all necessary inspections have been carried out on the building, including, during the year, the Quinquennial Inspection, that we are required to have every 5 years. Remedial work has been carried out as necessary.

### Paul & Sylvia

## Report of the Meetings of Deanery Synod

Your lay representatives are Sue Davies, Giles Fearnley (Deanery Lay Chair), Andrew Stilliard (and on Diocesan Synod until Sept 2021) and David Wilkinson (on Diocesan Synod from Sept 2021). Members of our parish clergy also attend. Since the last Annual Report there have been three meetings of Synod, all held by Zoom. Rev'd Nathan Kiyaga, Chaplain at St Cuthbert Mayne School, continues as Rural (Area) Dean, ably supported by Fr. Peter March and Rev'd Stephen Yates as Assistants.

The main items of business, besides finance and progress with Common Fund payments by the parishes, were:

 In February 2021 Rev'd Nathan challenged us with a paper: A way of serving together "Roots down, walls down, bridges out":

**Roots down**: secure in what we are and what we believe; drink deeply from the welling spring. **Walls down**: from our security as people of a clear faith we have no need to hide. We can include.

We can be there for all people, undefended, since we are deeply rooted in the faith that we believe God has gifted to us.

**Bridges out**: actively and courageously we can reach out to our sisters and brothers and together we can continue to build a community of love, as we too devote ourselves to serve. This coincided with the setting up a Christian website covering the whole of Torbay: <a href="https://www.torbayunited.org.uk">www.torbayunited.org.uk</a>

- Parishes shared What can we celebrate from Lockdown news of the innovative ways that churches
  were keeping in touch with their congregations and the wider community: laity taking on pastoral
  care roles, regular newsletters and emails, expanded foodbank provision, phone pastors, regular live
  streaming, lots of Zoom groups and daily prayer, virtual collective worship in schools and 'Open the
  Book, regular staff prayers in school (St Cuthbert Mayne) and lots more. Churches (like St Matthias)
  that encourage giving through the PGS were seeing strong financial support.
- In June we learned of the retirement of Fr Gorran at St Martin's and the appointment of Rev'ds Neil Knox St John's Paignton, Stephen Ball curate at All Saints, Torre and Torquay St John's, Matt Bray and Gareth Harper (curate) Bay Church, Pete Norris St Matthias, and Peter Jackson All Saints, Torre and Torquay St John's.
- The diocese has been granted national Strategic Development Funding (SDF) of just under £1.5 million to support the initial development of a mission initiative in Torbay Bay Church over a five-and-a-half-year period, with further church plants to follow in other parts of Torbay. Bay Church will have a specific focus on mission and evangelism among unchurched and de-churched young people, children and families, particularly in those areas and demographics within Torbay which currently have the lowest levels of church participation. The intention of the project is to grow the number of new (and returning lapsed) Christian disciples worshipping within the Church of England in Torbay by at least 750 over the period covered by SDF funding (by 2026) and 1,075 by 2030.
- Synod received updates on Mission Torbay centred on three hubs: Living Waters with St Paul's, St Boniface, and St Matthias, on LICC <a href="https://licc.org.uk/about/">https://licc.org.uk/about/</a> and General Synod.
- Parishes reported on how they were Growing in Prayer, Making Disciples and Serving their area with Joy. Examples given included: joint services on the beach at dawn, celebrating creation as the sun rose, collecting toiletries for a women's refuge, a pet service, weekly prayer meetings and an 8-week Prayer Course, Alpha courses and mid-week worship, strong support for outside Messy Church and Mummy & Me, fellowship activities, healing ministry and outside worship, a Peace Garden at St Boniface a space of tranquillity in the church grounds where locals can come to sit and reflect; a week-long exhibition held in church everyone invited to showcase their 'lockdown' talents, Summer 'Flight of Light', to finish the 'Inspire' project, 'Living Room' 'Playroom' and 'Celebrate Recovery' and so much more.
- Feedback about 'Next Steps' <a href="https://exeter.anglican.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/07/Next-Steps-MC-vision-document-1-7-21.pdf">https://exeter.anglican.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/07/Next-Steps-MC-vision-document-1-7-21.pdf</a>
- The Rural Dean invited civic leaders to meet with leaders in the faith community, to eat together and to pray into the things that they see "building together but with Jesus at the centre of things".
- In February 2022 Deanery Synod met in person for the first time since the first lockdown, where we learned about **Anna Chaplaincy** and **Messy Vintage.** Much of the work of Anna Chaplains takes place in care homes. The role of the Anna Chaplain is wide ranging and includes developing a relationship with the older person, and also with the family. It supports care home staff in their role, offering some degree of spiritual support as well as to the residents themselves. Messy Vintage is a lot like Messy Church, but with the elderly, and is just as much fun!
- The Rural Dean shared a comprehensive **Deanery Report**, summarising the work of synod. If you would like a copy, please contact the secretary (me) on <a href="mailto:secretary@torbayunited.org.uk">secretary@torbayunited.org.uk</a>. At the same meeting parishes shared their good news stories further details as above.
- The Deanery Treasurer thanked parishes for their contributions to the Common Fund. 95% was paid in 2021 against 92% in 2020. He encouraged all churches to use the Parish Giving Scheme.

**David Wilkinson** Deanery Synod Representative May 2022

#### **Financial Review**

Despite the ongoing Covid pandemic, which meant that, during the first few weeks of the year, we were not holding live services and, for several months, rooms were not being hired in the Church Centre due to the restrictions in force at the time, the financial impact on St Matthias was not as drastic as it might have been, as the accounts demonstrate. One of the main mitigating factors from a financial perspective was that the bulk of our voluntary (unrestricted) income (83% of the total) came in as planned, regular giving, either via the Parish Giving Scheme (PGS), which accounts for the majority, or other online and cash donations in a few cases.

The *Balance Sheet* (Page F1 of the Accounts package) is considerably healthier than last year, due principally to a much lower Liabilities (Creditors) figure of £17,939 compared to £48,832 in 2020 and higher cash assets (£121,135 cf. £90,340 in 2020). The combined effect of these topped up our Unrestricted Funds figure from £43,582 to £88,773. The reduction in the Liabilities figure was due to us paying off the final Wellspring bills during the year, which enabled us to fully sign off the project with no outstanding debts. Grateful thanks are due to all those church members who responded so generously to our appeal at the beginning of the year, raising just over £31k which, effectively, replaced the shortfall in our Reserves Fund (i.e. money that we had allocated at the end of 2020 from this fund to pay off the final bills), bringing it back to the target figure of £70k, which we initially thought may take considerably longer than just one year to achieve.

The other significant figure on the **Balance Sheet** is the amount of money in the Restricted Fund for Youth Work, up from £6,073 in 2020 to £19,645 at the end of 2021, providing a solid financial resource for payment of a salary to the Youth Worker we are trying to recruit. Thanks are also due to those church members who pledged to make regular donations to this fund which, at the end of the year, was bringing in about £2k per month.

The *Statement of Financial Activities* (SOFA) on Page F2, shows the overall income and expenditure for the year, broken down into the few high level categories commonly reported across the Church of England, as well as transfers between funds. Subsequent sheets in the pack break this down into considerably more detail, Pages F5 to F9 showing a breakdown against all the booking categories that we use. As in previous years the *Operational Income and Expenditure Summary* (Page F1O), which excludes exceptional items such as legacy income, restricted and designated funds and Wellspring, shows a much more informative picture of the day to day financing of activities in our three main areas of operation i.e. the Church, Church Centre and Pre-School.

The first point to note is that, despite the ongoing challenges of 2021, remarkably and thankfully, we still ended up with an operational surplus of income against expenditure of £9,257, somewhat lower than the surplus recorded in 2020 but, nevertheless, still a positive figure. Some of the major factors that contributed to this, referencing the three areas of operation, were:

#### (i) Church

The overall voluntary income was £144.7k, which, although slightly higher than last year's figure of £142.2k, was made up somewhat differently. Planned Giving (mainly but not exclusively via the PGS) was £120k, down by 6.5% on 2020, whereas other donations, given via the offering plate or in other ways, were up by a remarkable 80% to £24.7k, albeit representing a much smaller proportion of the total. We also continued to receive help from the government's Furlough Grant Scheme for salary payments, although at a lower level than in 2020, as we emerged from the pandemic and as the level of grant available was reduced. In terms of expenditure, this was up by some £11k, not surprising as we had a much busier year than 2020 as Covid restrictions began to ease. Also, as in previous years, we paid our Common Fund contribution to the Diocese in full, which was £100.5k. The nett result was a slight deficit of £1.2k over the year between church income and expenditure.

#### (ii) Church Centre

There was a higher level of activity in the Centre with some hirers returning following relaxation of the Covid restrictions and also a number of new hirers starting to use our premises, reflected in a **60%** increase in income to **£35k**. With income from the Furlough Grant still offsetting our salary payments and other expenditure continuing at a similar level to 2020 this led to a modest surplus of almost **£3k** compared to the previous deficit of **£10.8k**, demonstrating a significant recovery over the year.

#### (iii) Pre-School

Pre-School income, comprising Early Years funding from our local Council and payments from parents for additional sessions, was up substantially (by almost £39k compared to 2020). This was principally due to a large increase in the number of children registered, leading to us receiving a higher level of per pupil funding from our Local Council, and also a corresponding increase in the number of parents requesting extra sessions over and above the funded ones. This, of course, led to higher staffing and other costs, reflected in the overall expenditure figure of £73.6k. Income and expenditure does vary, sometimes quite noticeably year on year, depending on the numbers of children attending, which clearly is not directly under our control, although we do advertise our facilities very widely during the year to attract as many pupils as possible in the 2/3 year age group. When surpluses occur, as in this report (+£7.5k), our policy is to re-invest the excess in buying new equipment, toys, books etc. as well as carrying out repairs/refurbishments of the facilities, both indoors and outdoors in the enclosed play area and the Forest School. It is also used as necessary to provide additional financial support in the leaner years when numbers may be down.

Finally I would like to thank those who help out in any way with the church finances, in particular, Trudy Guy, our book keeper, who started work again during the year, as we were emerging from the pandemic, assisting me with some of the accounts administration tasks and setting up invoice payments, and also Sylvia Barratt, who continues to manage the 'Statutory Account' covering weddings and funerals held in the church, the funds for which are handled via a separate bank account. The transactions in this account are not visible in the published accounts as all associated income and expenditure does not impact on church funds (as, basically, what comes in goes out). The accounting rules we operate to are such that we are not required to include these details in the published accounts but they do have to be submitted to our Independent Examiner and so are covered in the approval statement.

I would also like to thank all our church members for their generous financial support during the year that has led to us not being as severely impacted by the pandemic as many churches, charitable and commercial organisations have been. As I earlier referred to the major part that giving via the PGS has played in us ending up in that situation, I would like to urge those who do not give regularly or who are still giving via the offering plate or in other ways, to consider whether you could make a regular commitment by signing up to the PGS scheme (details available on our web site and via leaflets at the back of church).

#### **Tony Barratt**

Hon Treasurer

#### **Reserves Policy**

It is a requirement of the Charity Commission that all registered charities should have a Reserves Policy, designed to cater for the ongoing viability of the organisation in the event of unplanned/unexpected circumstances arising. Our policy is now based on retaining approximately 3 months' normal expenditure as unrestricted funds in our accounts, made up from items considered to be essential in the event of unexpected circumstances preventing us from running one or more of the three separate entities that comprise the St Matthias Church registered charity. The amount that has been calculated for this purpose, including an appropriate amount for contingency purposes, is £70k-75k.

# Independent examiner's report to the Parochial Church Council of St Matthias, St Mark and Holy Trinity, Torquay

I report on the accounts of the Parochial Church Council for the year ended 31 December 2021, which are set out on pages 2 to 8 is in respect of an examination carried out in accordance with Section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 and the Church Accounting Regulations 2006.

## Respective responsibilities of the Parochial Church Council and the examiner

The Parochial Church Council members are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The Parochial Church Council members consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the commission under section 145(5) of the 2011 Act
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention

### Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the Parochial Church Council and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as members of the Parochial Church Council concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the next statement.

#### Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, nothing has come to my attention:

- (1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that any material respect of the requirements:
  - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act and
  - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act

have not been met or

(2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached

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16 February 2022

## St Matthias, St Mark & Holy Trinity, Torquay

## Balance sheet As at: 31 December 2021

		As at 31/12/21	As at 31/12/20
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets		1,651	4,587
		1,651	4,587
Current assets			
Debtors		5,595	6,606
Cash at bank and in hand		121,135	90,340
		126,731	96,947
Liabilities			
Creditors: Amounts falling due in one	year	17,939	48,832
Net current assets less current liabilities		108,791	48,115
Total assets less current liabilities		110,443	52,973
Liabilities			
Creditors: Amounts falling due after m	ore than one year	-	1,651
Total net assets less liabilities		110,443	51,321
Represented by:			
Unrestricted - General fund		88,773	43,582
	Total Unrestricted	88,773	43,582
Designated - Girls Allowed		98	
Designated - Matts Cats		618	461
Designated - Social Core		799	497
	Total Designated	1,516	958
Restricted - Children's Bibles		22	-
Restricted - Flowers		278	278
Restricted - Music		207	207
Restricted - Youth Bank		- 10 C1E	220
Restricted - Youth Work	Total Restricted	19,645	6,073
	i olai Kestriclea	20,154	6,778
Funds of the Church		110,443	51,321

Approved by the PCC on 28 February 2022 and signed on its behalf by:

Rev'd John Beckett (PCC Chair)

Tony Barratt (Treasurer)

## St Matthias, St Mark & Holy Trinity, Torquay

# Statement of Financial Activities For the period from 01 January 2021 to 31 December 2021

	Unrestricted funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Total funds	Prior year total funds
Income and endowments from:					
Donations and legacies	162,396	-	16,729	179,125	177,065
Charitable activities	150,707	558	-	151,265	96,995
Other income	8,668	-	30,143	38,812	109,826
Total income	321,772	558	46,872	369,203	383,888
Expenditure on:	_				
Charitable activities	289,938	14,853	3,314	308,107	268,597
Other expenditure	(29,258)	27,867	3,364	1,974	79,468
Total expenditure	260,680	42,721	6,679	310,081	348,066
Net income / (expenditure) resources before transfer	61,091	(42,162)	40,193	59,122	35,822
Transfers					
Gross transfers between funds - in	34,445	49,853	3,308	87,607	178,659
Gross transfers between funds - out	(50,346)	(7,132)	(30,128)	(87,607)	(178,659
Other recognised gains / losses					
Gains / losses on investment assets	-	-	-	-	-
Gains on revaluation, fixed assets	-	-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds	45,190	558	13,373	59,122	35,822
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward	43,582	958	6,781	51,321	15,499
Total funds carried forward	88,772	1,516	20,154	110,443	51,321
Represented by:					
Unrestricted					
General fund	88,871	-	-	88,871	43,582
Designated					
Girls Allowed	_	98	-	98	-
Matts Cats	-	618	-	618	461
Social Core	-	799	-	799	497
Restricted					
Children's Bibles	-	-	22	22	-
Flowers	-	-	278	278	278
Music	-	-	207	207	207
Youth Bank	-	-	-	-	220

# ST MATTHIAS, ST MARK and HOLY TRINITY, TORQUAY Notes to the Accounts 2021

#### 1. Basis of Financial Statements

These financial statements have been prepared under the *Church Accounting Regulations 2006* in accordance with applicable accounting standards and the current *Statement of Recommended Practice, Accounting and Reporting by Charities SORP (FRRSE) 2015*. They have been prepared on an accruals basis under the historical cost convention and include all transactions, assets and liabilities for which the PCC is responsible in law. They do not include the accounts of church groups that owe their main affiliation to another body, nor those that are informal gatherings of church members.

## 2. Accounting policies

## (a) Fund Accounting

- (i) Restricted Funds comprise (a) income from endowments which is to be expended only on the restricted purposes intended by the donor and (b) revenue donations or grants for a specific PCC activity intended by the donor.
- (ii) *Unrestricted Funds* are income funds which are to be spent on the PCC's general purposes.
- (iii) Designated Funds are general funds set aside by the PCC for use in the future. Project funds are designated for particular projects for administration purposes only. Designated funds remain unrestricted and the PCC will move any surplus to other general funds.

## (b) Incoming Resources

Planned giving, collections and similar donations are recognised when received. Tax refunds are recognised when the incoming resource to which they relate is received. Grants and legacies are accounted for when the PCC is entitled to the use of the resources, their ultimate receipt is considered reasonably certain and the amounts due are readily quantifiable. Interest is accounted for as and when accrued by the payer. All incoming resources are accounted for gross.

## (c) Resources Expended

The Common Fund expected to be paid over to the Diocese is accounted for when due. All other expenditure is generally recognised when it is incurred and is accounted for gross.

#### (d) Fixed Assets

Consecrated and benefice property is not included in the accounts in accordance with Section 10(2) (a) and (c) of the Charities Act 2011.

Movable church furnishings held by the Rector and Churchwardens on special trust for the PCC and which require a faculty for disposal are inalienable property, listed in the church's inventory, which can be inspected (at any reasonable time).

St. Matthias Church Centre was built in 1985/86 at a cost of £198,629 and the extension to it was subsequently built at a cost of £146,355. During 2010 an extension to the Pine Room was constructed at a cost of £98,266. All these amounts have been written off as expended and consequently no depreciation is required. Expenditure on Church Centre furniture and equipment is written off as incurred. The cost of PV Solar Panels, purchased with the help of a loan from the diocese is being written off during the period of the related loan at the same rate as the capital paid off.

## 3. Contingent Liabilities

In the event that either the premises are sold or the Pre-School ceases to operate for reasons within the PCC's control, a portion of the grant from Torbay Council received in 2010 (£83,156) may have to be repaid.

## 4. Payments to PCC members

No member of the PCC received any salary or expenses in connection with their role on the PCC.

## 5. Staff Salaries / Payments

**3** staff were employed by the Church/Church Centre, gross salaries paid out during the year being £33,900. **5** staff were employed by the Pre-School, gross salaries paid out during the year being £73,609.

Pension contributions on behalf of **3** eligible employees were paid to the Church Workers Pension Fund (CWPF) in line with current UK Pension legislation (included in salary figures above).

## 6. Funding from Friends of St Matthias

During the year the Friends of St Matthias, a charity set up for the sole purpose of supporting the church via the funding of various works, contributed the following:

Border Hedge Trimming £1,656
Boiler Repair £802 **Total value of contributions:** £2,458

## 7. Income and Expenditure – Details

Pages F5 to F10 show a categorised breakdown of all income and expenditure with comparative figures for 2020.

Page F11 shows a 1 page summary of the day to day 'operational' income and expenditure in our 3 main areas of operation i.e. Church, Church Centre and Pre-School. This excludes Legacy Income, Restricted and Designated Funds and the Church Re-development Project and therefore shows a much more realistic picture of our financial performance in those 3 areas.

## ST MATTHIAS, ST MARK & HOLY TRINITY, TORQUAY

## Income and Expenditure - Details by Category

For the period: 01 January 2021 to 31 December 2021

	2021	2020
INCOMING RESOURCES		
Church Activities Income		
A01: Breakfastzone	-	16
A02: Chat at St Matts	-	26
A03: Fees Receivable	2,004	1,384
A08: Social Core	302	-
A10: Minibus Donations	-	204
A11: Matts Cats	157	170
A12: Girls Allowed	98	
Total for Church Activities Income	2,562	1,821
Church Centre Income		
B01: Hirers	34,946	21,644
B02: Pre-School Printing	1,500	-
B03: Private Photocopying	65	42
B04: Sundry	6	11
B05: Tea & Coffee	104	164
B06: HMRC Furlough Grant (CTR)	5,347	6,945
Total for Church Centre Income	41,969	28,807
Church Re-ordering Project		
S04: Pledges & Donations	9,117	58,362
S05/06: Pledges & Donations G/A	22,026	21,407
Total for Church Re-ordering Project	31,143	79,770
Friends of St Matthias		
E01: Agreed Funding	2,458	2,319
Total for Friends of St Matthias	2,458	2,319
Investment & Sundry Income		
D04: Sundry Income	92	2,552
D07: HMRC Furlough Grant (CH)	2,228	5,704
Total for Investment & Sundry Income	2,321	8,256

Pre-School Income		
C01: Fees Torbay DC (PS)	80,791	53,713
C02: Holiday Club (PS)	9,345	6,875
C03: Other Income (PS)	106	280
C04: Parents Payments (PS)	21,837	12,442
C06: HMRC Furlough Grant (PS)	-	14,854
Total for Pre-School Income	112,080	88,166
Voluntary Income (General)		
F01: Collections	-	2,213
F02/3: Collections G/A	5,272	1,189
F07: Legacies	15,344	26,566
F08: Misc Donations	4,083	4,367
F09/10: Misc Donations G/A	15,364	5,987
Total for Voluntary Income (General)	40,065	40,322
Voluntary Income (Planned)		
F21: Planned Giving	400	1,055
F22/23: Planned Giving G/A	4,614	3,991
F24: PGS Planned Giving	5,471	5,720
F25: PGS Planned Giving G/A	109,557	117,666
Total for Voluntary Income (Planned)	120,044	128,433
Voluntary Income (Youth)		
F31: *Youth Work	877	270
F32/33: *Youth Work G/A	3,259	1,500
F34: *PGS Youth Work G/A	12,201	4,113
Total for Voluntary Income (Youth)	16,339	5,883
Voluntary Income (Youth Bank)		
F56/57/58: *Youth Bank	-	106
Total for Voluntary Income (Youth Bank)	-	106
Voluntary Income (Other Restricted)		
F47/48: *Children's Bibles	217	
Total for Voluntary Income (Other Restricted)	217	
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES	369,203	383,888

## **OUTGOING RESOURCES**

## **Charity & Mission Giving**

G01: Charity & Mission Giving	14,200	17,000
Total for Charity & Mission Giving	14,200	17,000
Church Administration		
J01: Bank Charges (CH)	207	138
J02: Printing, Post & Stationery (CH)	5,711	3,491
J03: Salaries & NI (CH)	13,533	13,287
J04: Sundry Expenses (CH)	4,084	2,902
J05: Telephone - Alarm line	-	211
J06: Book Keeping	888	405
Total for Church Administration	24,425	20,435
Church Centre Costs		
P01: Consumables (CTR)	1,949	2,302
P02: Electricity (CTR)	2,400	2,481
P03: Fire & Intruder Alarms (CTR)	774	925
P04: Gas (CTR)	1,622	2,072
P05: Insurance (CTR)	2,847	2,770
P06: Maintenance & Repairs (CTR)	3,608	3,255
P07: Salaries & NI (CTR)	20,367	21,407
P08: Sundry Expenses (CTR)	1,044	460
P09: Telephone (CTR)	609	365
P10: Waste Services (CTR)	3,144	2,342
P11: Water (CTR)	291	975
P12: Window Cleaning (CTR)	425	240
Total for Church Centre Costs	39,083	39,598
Church Maintenance		
K01: *A/V Equipment	1,022	2,063
K02: Insurance (CH)	3,347	2,770
K03: Electricity (CH)	2,400	2,481
K04: Fire & Intruder Alarms (CH)	1,300	1,654
K07: Gas (CH)	3,410	3,730
K08: Maintenance & Repairs (CH)	3,715	1,084

K09: Organ Tuning (CH)	624	-
K10: Piano Tuning	49	-
Total for Church Maintenance	15,870	13,785
Church Re-ordering Project		
S01: Project Costs	(767)	60,042
S02: Professional Fees	(2500)	14,731
S03: Sundry Expenses	304	337
Total for Church Re-ordering	(2963)	75,110
Common Fund		
G02: Common Fund	100,512	99,266
Total for Common Fund	100,512	99,266
Governance Costs		
G04: Governance (Independent Examiner)	600	540
Total for Governance Costs	600	540
Ministry Costs		
L01: *Advent Calendars	194	-
L02: *Children's Bibles	211	-
L03: Breakfastzone	26	56
L05: Clergy Expenses	2,523	1,826
L08: *Easter Eggs	-	119
L11: *Music	-	67
L12: Other Outreach	2,701	902
L14: Service Upkeep - Other	289	177
L15: Service Upkeep - Wafers & Wine	123	260
L18: Minibus	1,268	905
L19: Chat at St Matts	-	7
L22: Matts Cats	-	560
Total for Ministry Costs	7,337	4,884
Pre-School Costs		
R01: Consumables	67	224
R02: DBS Charges	76	134
R04: Equipment, Materials & Books	4,677	1,153
R05: Gifts (Children & Staff)	132	195
R06: Insurance	590	507

R07: Outings	-	290
R08: Printing, Postage & Stationery	1,535	-
R09: Rent (Pine Room)	15,000	6,000
R10: Salaries & NI	73,609	62,487
R11: Staff Reporting Systems (PS)	-	153
R12: Staff Training	1,306	460
R13: Sundry Expenses	7,329	1,258
R14: Telephone	112	127
R16: Bank Charges	96	60
Total for Pre-School Costs	104,532	73,052
Solar Panel Loan		
G05: Solar Panel Loan (Interest)	146	271
G06: Solar Panel Loan (Capital)	3,206	3,081
Total for Solar Panel Loan	3,352	3,352
Youth Bank		
M02: *Youth Bank	336	327
Total for Youth Bank	336	327
Youth Work		
M03: *Young Children Exp	2,938	-
M03: *Youth Work Exp	(142)	713
M05: *Youth Worker Fees	-	-
Total for Youth Work	2,795	713
TOTAL OUTGOING RESOURCES	310,081	348,066

# Operating Income & Expenditure Summary Jan to Dec 2021 (Church, Centre & Pre-School) Excluding Legacy Income, Restricted & Designated Funds & Church Re-development

	2021	2020	2021v2020
Church Income:	0.000	4.050	054
Church Activities Other Income	2,306 191	1,652 2,552 <i>-</i>	654 2,361
HMRC Furlough Grant	2,228	5,704 -	3,476
Voluntary Income (overall)	144,765	142,190	2,575
General Giving	24,721	13,756	10,965
Planned Giving	120,044	128,434 -	8,390
Sub Total (Church)	149,490	<u> 152,098</u> -	2,608
Church Centre Income:			
Hirers	34,946	21,645	13,301
Other Income  HMRC Furlough Grant	1,675 5,347	218 6,945 -	1,457 1,598
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Sub Total (Centre)	41,968	28,808	13,160
Pre-School Income:			
Council Fees	80,791	53,714	27,077
Parents Payments Other income	31,182 106	19,318	11,865 106
HMRC Furlough Grant	-	14,855 -	14,855
Sub Total (Pre-School)	112,079	87,886	24,193
Total Income	303,537	268,792	34,745
Church Expenditure:			
Church Administration	24,425	20,225 -	4,201
Church Maintenance Common Fund	14,847 100,512	11,932 <i>-</i> 99,266 <i>-</i>	2,915 1,246
Governance	600	540 <b>-</b>	60
Ministry	6,931	4,137 -	2,794
Other expenses (inc. loan)	3,353	3,353 -	0
Sub Total (Church)	150,668	139,453 <i>-</i>	11,215
Church Centre Expenditure:			
Salaries & NI	20,367	21,407	1,040
Maintenance	3,608	3,255 <b>-</b>	353
Other expenses	15,105	14,936 -	169
Sub Total (Centre)	39,080	39,598	518
Pre-School Expenditure:			
Salaries & NI	73,609	62,487 <b>-</b>	11,122
Other expenses	30,920	10,565 -	20,355
Sub Total (Pre-School)	104,529	73,052 <i>-</i>	31,477
Total Expense	294,278	252,104 <i>-</i>	42,174
Church (surplus / deficit) -	1,177	12,645 -	13,822
		-	
Centre (surplus / deficit)	2,886 -	10,790	13,676
Pre-School (surplus / deficit)	7,548	14,834 -	7,286
Total surplus / deficit	9,257	16,688 -	7,431