

The Parish of the Church of St Mary Magdalene Huntshaw

Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Parochial Church Council for the year ended 31st December 2020



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The Parochial Church Council of the Church of St Mary Magdalene

Huntshaw

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Aim and Purpose

St Mary Magdalene's Parochial Church Council (the PCC) has the responsibility of cooperating with the Incumbent, the Reverend Gary Owen, in promoting the ecclesiastical parish, the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. The PCC is also responsible for maintaining the church building and the church yard.

Objectives and Activities

The church of St Mary Magdalene is part of the Two Rivers Mission Community, an area of 56 square miles between Barnstaple, Bideford, Torrington and Atherington. We aim to grow vibrant, faithful and sustainable Christian communities in each parish which meet weekly to worship, pray, grow as disciples of Jesus and reach out to our communities with the good news of Jesus.

We recognise that we exist to serve and bless the whole parish and to grow and make visible the kingdom of God. Our building and churchyard are valuable community resources and we value the support of parishioners in maintaining and utilising these for the benefit of the community.

Achievements and Performance

At present there are five on the electoral roll, two who live in the parish. Two were added and three removed. The average Sunday attendance was nil (due to the church being closed)

Covid 19 had a significant effect on church life from February 2020. Whilst the church building was shut worship was maintained online via YouTube and Zoom. The church has remained closed.

At a well-attended (delayed) AGM in October it was agreed that plans for the church to assume festival church status should be progressed. The Two Rivers Mission Community supported this move and the PCC were charged carrying out the necessary work to make this happen.

No social or fundraising events took place due to the ongoing pandemic. Several planned events had to be cancelled. The Friends of the Church of St Mary Magdalene remained active during the year carrying out general maintenance of the building. The graveyard survey was completed and published online.

Deanery Synod

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic it was not possible for the deanery synod to meet. Deanery clergy met twice each month via Zoom to enable the sharing of information and mutual encouragement.

Church Fabric

No repairs were carried out due to the building being closed. The church yard has been maintained with regular grass cutting throughout the year.

An application for a grant from the Culture Recovery Fund (National Lottery Heritage Fund) was successful with £11,900 secured for repairs to the storm damaged porch roof, start-up costs for champing, the Quinquennial Inspection and other projects. We are grateful to the Culture Recovery Fund for their generous grant award.

For information about achievements and performance as part of the Two Rivers Mission Community see appendix 1.

Financial Review

Due to closure of the building and no fundraising activities taking place the church finances have been depleted. Payment to the common fund was stopped for a few months but this has now been resumed with the intention of paying any deficit over the coming year.

We are grateful to Alverdiscott and Huntshaw Parish Council for their contribution to the support of the maintenance of the churchyard.

The PCC would like to thank everyone who contributed to church finances. Regular donations by the Parish Giving Scheme or standing order are particularly appreciated as they provide a regular income regardless of whether the building is open for worship and enable the PCC to manage a budget effectively.

See Treasurers Report for the audited accounts.

Safeguarding

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

Structure, Governance and Management

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. The council comprises the incumbent, licensed clergy, churchwardens, readers appointed by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting, those elected to the deanery synod and other members elected at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting, by those on the electoral roll.

The PCC members are responsible for making decisions on all matters of general concern and importance to the parish and for all financial matters. Two representatives of the PCC are elected by the PCC to serve on the Mission Community Council and are delegated to take decisions on behalf of the PCC in regard to Mission Community matters.

Administrative Information

The Church is situated in Huntshaw. The parish is in the deanery of Torrington, archdeaconry of Barnstaple and Diocese of Exeter. The correspondence address is The Rectory, High Bickington, Umberleigh, EX37 9AY.

The PCC is a body corporate (PCC Powers Measure 1956 and the Church Representation Rules 2020) and a charity excepted from registration with the Charity Commission.

PCC members who have served since 1st January 2020 until the date this report was approved were:

Ex officio

The incumbent	Rev Gary Owen	Chair
Licensed clergy	Rev Tracey Doyle	
Reader(s)	Tim Overton	

Deanery synod rep
Church wardens

Audrey Alimo
Audrey Alimo

Elected

Jenny Staines

Lesley Wall

Treasurer

Approved by the PCC on 25th February 2021 and signed on its behalf by:

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Rev. Gary Owen (Chairman)


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Audrey Alimo

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL ('THE TRUSTEES') OF ST MARY MAGDALENE CHURCH,
HUNTSHAW**

I report to the Trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Parochial Church Council of St Mary Magdalene Church, Huntshaw (the 'Trust') for the year ended 31 December 2020.

Responsibilities and basis of the report

As the charity trustees of the Trust you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and, in carrying out my examination, I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent Examiner's Statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that, in any material respect:

1. Accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. The accounts do not accord with those records.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

For clarification I make two notes re the accounts:

1. Outstanding at the end of 2019 was an EDBF loan of 5,000 to cover the cashflow relating to reclaimable VAT on works commissioned by the Friends of Huntshaw Church group. That loan has been repaid directly to the EDBF by the Friends in this accounting period and hence does not appear in these church accounts.
2. The E250 donation to the Friends to contribute to the Bell Restoration Project was a gift from Lord Clinton in 2019 specifically for this project and should have been shown as a restrictive fund.



Date: 26th March 2021

C Peter Denard,

Stable Barn, Huntshaw Barton, Torrington, Devon EX38 7HH

Huntshaw PCC

Year to 31st December 2020

2019	General Fund	2020
	Receipts	
651	Gift Aid	434.93
	Uncovenanted Planned Giving	
1,288	Collections at Services	403.87
74	Gift Aid Income Tax Recovered	33.70
	Dividends	
	Sundry	
	Donations	40.00
2,018		912.50
371	Grants and Legacies	350.00
	Fund Raising (Gross)	
	Investment	
2,580	Income	2,261.45
599	Fees	1,290.50
	Charitable	
73	Income	
5,000	Diocesan Loans	
700	Transfer from Savings Account	
9,323		3,551.95
11,341		4,814.45
	Payments	
34	Church Expenses	1,429.10
343	Clergy Expenses	440.70
	Upkeep of	
2,266	Church	92.40
115	Heat and Light	125.06
	Upkeep of	
896	Services	
5,334	Major Works	
	Charitable Giving	60.00
1,442	Common Fund	330.00
314	Employment Costs Donations	
88	Miscellaneous Expenses	250.00
	Diocesan Loan Repayments	
864	Churchyard Expenses	1,080.00
11,696		3,807.26
-355	Excess of Receipts over Payments for the year	1,007.19
	Balance B/F 1 January 2020	1,588.12
	Balance carried forward	2,595.31

Balances

	Bank Current Account	
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2,595.31

**Huntshaw Parish St Mary Magdalene Church
Financial Statement For Year Ending 31/12/2017**

Designated Funds and Payments Account

	30837403	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Huntshaw Parish Church - Deposit Account		4903.76	4406.1	3053.02	315.77	16.37
Receipts						
Interest		2.34	0.77	3.79	0.6	0.01
Sub Total		4906.1	4406.87	3056.81	316.37	16.38
Payments						
Insurance			1353.85			
Trans to Current A/c		500		2741.04	300	
Sub Total		500	1353.85	2741.04	300	
Excess Receipts over Payments		-497.66	-1353.08	-2737.25	16.37	
Balance		4406.1	3053.02	315.77	16.37	16.38
	50594326					
Huntshaw Parish Church - Tower Fund		1220.59	1310.18	1406.45	325.19	35.89
Interest			0.24	2.67	0.68	0.03
Receipts		89.59	96.03	98.07	100.02	102.06
Sub Total		1310.18	1406.45	1507.19	425.89	137.98
Payments						
Trans to Current A/c		0	0	1182	390	
Excess Receipts over Payments		89.59	96.27	-1081.26	-289.98	
Balance		1310.18	1406.45	325.19	35.89	137.98
	10527424					
Huntshaw Parish Church - Dennis Charity		53.21	53.22	53.34	53.46	43.46
Payment to current account					10	0.04
Balance					43.46	43.5

Statement of Assets and Liabilities

General Unrestricted Funds

Huntshaw Parish Church - Deposit Account	4906.1	3053.02	315.77	16.37	16.38
Huntshaw Parish Church - Tower Fund	1310.18	1406.45	325.19	35.89	137.98
Huntshaw Parish Church - Dennis Charity	53.21	53.22	53.34	43.46	43.46
Huntshaw Parish Church - Current Account	1995.58	1214.49	1950.72	1588.12	2595.31
Sub Total	8265.07	5727.18	2645.02	1683.84	2793.13

Investments

Charifund Income Units	32,886.20	35,183.58	30,500.44	35569.32	29398.25
CBF Investment Fund	21,653.30	23,607.94	23,197.82	27541.44	29443.25
COIF Charities Investment Fund	2,674.79		2,826.35		

Restricted Funds

None

Total Assets	65479.36	64518.7	59169.63		
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Liabilities	1374.57	66			
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Appendix 1

Two Rivers Mission Community Annual Report 2020

The year began like most others, but by February news of a new virus was breaking and by March we were in lockdown. In addition to contact through personal relationships, the new mission community database allowed us to keep in touch with over 160 church members. We switched services to YouTube, and increasingly Zoom, and sent prayers and liturgies by post to those without internet access. As soon as permissible, church buildings were opened one day per week for prayer and when permitted nine of the eleven buildings were reopened for Sunday worship. This continued throughout the year, with the exception of a second national lockdown in November. Tribute needs to be paid to the ministry team, wardens and others who worked hard to make our buildings Covid secure and make it possible for worship to continue.

Church members did their best to love and practically care for their communities. Food boxes, prayer request boxes and books appeared in various church porches. Help was offered with shopping. Doorstep singing was organised in Horwood. Neighbours looked out for each other. We were able to offer covid compliant support through our parish nurse. A listening service was set up by church members in Horwood and Newton Tracey.

Government restrictions on church activities meant that few baptisms took place during the year; just two and most weddings were postponed or cancelled with just four taking place. Funerals remained possible throughout the year, although for a period only in churchyards and always with limited numbers. We conducted 20 funerals in church and 7 at the Crematorium.

Sadly, many of our church activities had to be suspended. Both youth groups ceased to meet. Coffee mornings were suspended, although we did offer a Zoom coffee morning in April and May. Homegroups met for periods either online or in person. Zoom did not prove to everyone's liking and others were unable to access the technology but for those able to join in these proved valuable means of support and spiritual growth. Our usual support of the four schools within our mission community switched online with Rev Tracey and Rev Gary providing weekly recorded collective worship. Rev Tracey organised a Christingle bag for every child in the four schools at Christmas.

Christmas provided some limited relief, with outdoor services and carol singing being permitted. Several churches attracted good numbers and won goodwill holding crib building, carol singing or Christmas services. Loved ones were remembered by hanging named stars on Christmas trees.

Despite the difficulties of the circumstances we did our best to progress the Mission Community Vision. We managed to hold weekly services in seven of our eleven churches. In several of these churches church members stepped up to the plate, leading services with support in the form of service sheets or sermons provided by the ministry team. Our aim is to meet at the same time in the same place every week, both for the building up of the church congregation but importantly so that members of the community can be confident that when they want to come to church there will be a service in their village for them to attend. We aim to use Sunday services to worship, pray, grow as followers of Jesus and reach out with the good news of Jesus. Some creative ways of reaching out were the delivering of posies on mothering Sunday and harvest, open air services at war memorials, and carol singing in public places.

During the year Alverdiscott became a chapel of ease of Newton Tracey, it was not possible to reopen Huntshaw church and the AGM decided to become a festival church. A long discernment process resulted in Horwood and Newton Tracey deciding to each meet twice per month in each building and not weekly. Despite three attempts we failed to appoint a half-time team vicar, with a lack of unity in the mission community being given as one of the reasons why one candidate didn't wish to accept the post. Once meeting in person becomes possible again, the mission community will need to decide how to

proceed from here – given the situation we currently find ourselves in and not the one detailed in the parish profile two years ago.

The ministry team continues to meet weekly via Zoom for prayer, planning and mutual support. The Mission Community Council meets quarterly to progress the ministry and mission of the Mission Community. These meetings were held via Zoom in 2020. Most PCCs met infrequently, if at all, during the year, but the churches seemed to manage fine with church members pulling together on a more informal basis. The Mission Community expense account ended the year in surplus (in the region of £3,000) largely due to the community not enjoying the services of a second stipendiary cleric and reduced administration and travel costs due to Covid. Eight of the ten PCCs maintained full common fund payments with the other two aiming to make up their shortfalls in 2021. I commend the churches for maintaining their payments – both because it is important to pay for ministry received and because God has promised to bless those who are generous to him. The hope is that in 2021 we will be able to meet once more in person and having agreed a common vision, will be able to set up a Joint Council which will make administration less onerous.

I would like to pay tribute and offer thanks to everyone who has worked so hard to keep the Mission Community operating during this most difficult of years. The ministry team and those taking services have adapted admirably, and shown great patience and forbearance, with quickly changing circumstances. Wardens and PCCs have worked carefully and patiently to keep buildings Covid secure and open and to maintain contact with church members and vulnerable members of the community. Church members have prayed, shown love in practical ways and maintained a sense of humour and good will.

It is impossible to predict what might happen in 2021. Let's pray that Covid is brought under control, that some normality of life resumes and that our local economy recovers. Let's pray for those who have lost loved ones, suffered illness or lost livelihoods. Let's be ready to accompany those who will emerge from Covid scarred or in need of support.

And let's resolve to do what we can to keep our churches alive and active as signs of God's presence amongst our villages; as beacons of light and life. Let's maintain our commitment to worship, pray, grow as disciples of Jesus and reach out to our communities with the Gospel. Let's be people who know that Jesus is Lord, that one day all will be well and that in life's difficulties we are more than conquerors through him who loves us.