

ST FEOCK CHURCH REPORT FOR THE YEAR 2016-2017

Eight Saints Cluster of Churches - Annual Report 2016

It is now the sixth year since the Eight Saints Cluster began. We continue to make steady progress as we seek to ensure that we can each focus on the Diocesan mission to 'Discover the Kingdom' and together 'Grow the Church'.

Each of the eight churches has weekly Sunday worship and there are also regular midweek services in four of the churches. The Clergy (licensed and retired), Readers and Local Worship Leaders have managed to cover all of these services although at times covering the rota has been a challenge and our thanks go to all who have lead worship this year. In response to a recommendation from the cluster review we have met with our wardens, treasurers, readers, worship leaders, pastoral ministers and retired clergy to thank them for all they do and discuss how we can continue to work together well and better support them in the future.

Steve and Elly continue to develop their ministries across the cluster with Elly taking pastoral responsibility at Gwennap.

Our cluster administrator Wendy continues to be an invaluable resource across the cluster and as of the 1st February 2017 she is now employed by the cluster. We have striven to increase our methods of communication across the cluster and now have our very own cluster website and publish a quarterly newsletter along with our online diary and pastoral services diary for keeping records of occasional offices.

The WAY2 Internship continues to develop, we welcomed Daniel, Christine and Sophie into the Community House and the role of warden was taken over by Tess Lowe and Melissa Goodrum acting as her deputy. The interns are beginning to become established in many of the churches across the cluster and explore their vocations, they have been on placement with the St. Petroc's society and other placements will include the university, Treliiske hospital and the Cathedral.

We have continued to conduct many baptisms, marriages and funeral services within the Cluster throughout the year and commended into the hands of God many faithful members of our congregations over this past year. The overall annual attendance in each church has remained fairly static with some churches experiencing slight growth and welcoming new congregational members into the church family. There was however encouraging attendance throughout the cluster churches for the services during Christmas and Easter again this year.

It has been another difficult year with the paying of Mission and Ministry Fund (MMF) but the cluster has once again (for the sixth year running) paid it's MMF commitment in full. Our heartfelt thanks go to all the parishes for this tremendous effort, and for their realistic and generous offers for 2017.

Throughout the year in each church there has been busy worship and social programmes including Lent courses, Lent lunches, lunch club, fetes, musical festivals, fund raising events, harvest suppers, Christingle and Carol Services, Midnight masses, and many more and as if that wasn't enough all 8 Churches continue to be well maintained, clean, tidy, organised and open for worship and social interaction week after week. Our sincere thanks go to all who work so hard in so many aspects of church life.

Our young people's work within the cluster is continuing develop well with 3 Messy Churches in Stithians, St. Day & Carnon Valley based in Devoran which launched in September 2016 and as with the others is an ecumenical project with the Methodists. Dom attended the international Messy Church conference in London and met with leaders of Messy Churches from across the world. All Age Worship is flourishing across the cluster with many of our

services being led by teams of local worship leaders sharing the worship and planning. Open the Book assemblies are taking place regularly in many of our schools as well as the clergy paying regular visits and 3 of our clergy taking on school governor roles. The annual holiday club in Perranwell also took place on the theme of 'Jungle Jamboree' and was well attended and enjoyed by those who came experiencing a high number in children.

The clergy team continue to take Home Communion to many members of our local community and visit those in Hospital, and our thanks to those who have let us know who has needed visiting.

The annual cluster retreat took place at Glastonbury Abbey House, where members of the cluster enjoyed 4 days of bible study, fellowship, and worship. The retreat included a trip to Wells Cathedral and the Christmas markets in Exeter and hike up Glastonbury tor.

During the year, the Bishop of Truro undertook his 'Visit in Parish' across the cluster where he attended services, schools, lunch club and met many parishioners. The parishes welcomed the opportunity to discuss the original formation of the cluster along with the advantages and disadvantages of being a cluster. The Bishop also joined us for our 5-year celebration of the cluster which took place at Perranwell Village hall where a service took place with various members from the cluster taking part and was followed a BBQ that was enjoyed by all.

The cluster team continue to meet each week on Thursday mornings for communion in the community house chapel and the staff meeting in the lounge.

Simon began Accompanied Ministerial Development in June 2015 and Dom began his journey in 2016, they have both been meeting regularly with AMD advisor and the ministry development team to discuss the theme of each college and review the impact of AMD across the cluster.

All the licensed clergy attend regular 'Continuing Ministerial Education' and have undertaken training on Christenings, Funerals, Anglicanism, and conflict in the church. As a result of the christening study day the we have revised and rewritten the christening orders of services across the cluster.

We conclude by once again thanking you for your continued support and for all that you do for Christ's Church and please be assured of our thanks and prayers for you all.

With every blessing

Simon & Dom - February 2017

CHURCHWARDENS' REPORT 2016

The Churchwardens' duty at this time of year is to report on the fabric of the church. Following the Quinquennial Report in 2014 which gave our building a remarkably clean bill of health we have continued to maintain and improve the interior of the church. Each year we have a budget setting meeting with our Treasurer and if possible include some funds in our projections to continue to keep the church in a good state of repair.

Following addressing the poor state of the internal walls last year by treating the damp areas and painting all of the walls we have completed the work by having both the Priest's and the Choir vestries decorated. We have also set aside some funds in this year's budget to renew the vestry floor coverings.

We also gained the old map of St Feock from the Church Community Hall which has proved to be a definite point of interest for many of our visitors and our thanks to Paul and Jake for making sure it found a good home..

After some toing and froing we finally received the planning permission for the lights for the Church Car Park and we hope to be in a position to install a solution very soon.

We haven't as yet been successful in replacing the railing leading down the church yard path from the Hall. It has proved to be very difficult to find a craftsman able and willing to undertake the work but we are continuing to seek a solution. We are very aware that the course gravel is still a cause for concern and it has not improved with age. We have discussed a number of suggestions at PCC meetings to address this and are currently pricing various options.

We have undertaken the annual review of the Terrier and noted that we had to replace the cruet set which we use for the water and wine following a breakage. We are very grateful to Anne Beeching who donated the cost in memory of her dear husband Jim.

We are also currently trialling LED lights, with a view to replacing all the high level bulbs with a life-long (30,000 hours) solution. This will overcome the difficulties of replacing them at such a high level and prove to be both very economical and environmentally friendly.

We are also looking into a candle holder solution which is aimed at replacing the hand holding of candles in our many candle-lit services. Not only can this be precarious but we get a fair amount of wax on the carpets which can be stubborn to remove. We are looking at something which could possibly be fixed to the pillars but it is early days and the PCC will need to consider if it is appropriate and the cost.

We hugely appreciate all the volunteers who help keep our beautiful church looking lovely, the cleaners (including the wax removers!), the churchyard volunteers, the flower ladies and our resident fixers. We are extremely fortunate to have skilled people always willing to help and come up trumps week in week out. In addition we have people who do work that many wouldn't notice, for example replacing the St Feock information leaflets when they are getting low. We also want to thank the sides people, the lesson readers, the altar preparers and servers, the bell ringers and of course our fantastic magazine committee members and everyone who serves on the PCC. Everyone plays a part which enables us to function as a congregation and extend our outreach into the Community.

We enjoyed 12 weddings at St Feock last year which is more evidence of how our Church is valued. We thankfully had less funerals than usual, unfortunately we are making up for that in 2017. But whatever the occasion, we receive great support from everyone to deliver a memorable service and a warm welcome. Our thanks to Chris our organist, the Choir and the people who help us with our vergers duties.

I hope I have remembered everyone, but thank you to you if you have helped in anyway and you haven't got a mention.

It has been really good this year to have a consistent team of clergy in the Cluster, we are very fortunate to have the team that we currently have led by Simon and Dom as well as the Sub-Deacons, Readers and Worship Leaders. All have contributed to ensure that we have maintained our regular services and had some beautiful "special" services.

I began by saying it is our duty to report on the "fabric" of the Church, but our Church is a lot more than bricks and mortar!

Clare Beard & Martin Davey
Church Wardens

PCC

The PCC has met 4 times in the past year and in addition to financial, cluster and deanery matters has covered areas as diverse as the church community hall, car park lighting and honesty box, health and safety in the church and most recently lighting within the church itself. Minutes of the meetings can always be found in a black file at the back of church.

Rosalind Smith

BELLS

The bells have been rung regularly each week for services on Sunday and Wednesday and also for some weddings. We are a very small band of volunteers who struggle at times to cover them all, so if you would like to join us you would be very welcome. We only ring for ten minutes before the service so if interested please contact Jackie Baker 862892.

Jackie

CHOIR

The choir are an enthusiastic and loyal band – you have to be to start practising at 8.45 on Sunday mornings. They are very supportive and we try to sing a variety of well known anthems and hymns as well as the occasional new piece. For a village church we still have a remarkably large choir and we are all keen to make a positive contribution to the worship. Of course, we are not in the first flush of youth and age and infirmity take their toll from time to time, but inside we are still singing with angel voices.

Rosalind Smith

CHURCH FLOWERS

We were very busy with weddings last year -6 in all- . The Easter Lily scheme was very well supported and we were delighted with the response to our request for donations towards the cost of the Christmas flowers. We did special arrangements for the Patronal Festival on Feb 4th 2017 and of course posies for Mothering Sunday. As usual, I cannot finish my report without thanking all the 'flowers ladies' for their time, enthusiasm, skill and dedication in making St. Feock church look beautiful. We are now finalising plans for the Flower Festival at the end of May 2017.

Wendy Gladwyn,

CHURCHYARD REPORT

Glenn's team continue to do a good job with the grass cutting and strimming, taking care to avoid the primroses and bluebells in the spring.

The annual autumn tidy up by a few volunteers achieved its limited aim but more could be done with more gardeners joining in. The benches are due for their spring refurbishment and weather permitting will be done for Easter.

It would be helpful if the dustbins labelled for flowers did not contain plastic/china pots, oasis, earth etc so the contents could go on the compost heap without hand sorting!

Our churchyard continues to attract favourable comments from visitors.

Jake Backus

ST FEOCK PARISH CHURCH MAGAZINE

As the newly appointed (November, 2016) Production Editor of the magazine, I am happy to report that it is in sound financial health. Reference to the Church accounts for the year shows the following:

Income:

Subscriptions	£2,470
Advertising	<u>£5,598 8,068</u>

Costs:

Printing	£4,252
Other	<u>£ 75 4,327</u>

Profit

£3,741

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The magazine is delivered to some 470 households in the parish, mostly on an annual subscription basis. Out of the 470, ten are delivered free and six are posted. The remaining copies are left in the church for visitors to buy.

The average size of the magazine over the year was 64 pages of which 22 are advertisements (our main source of revenue).

The production is very much a team effort from all our contributors and a strong Editorial Team of Diana Wallis, Catherine Bicknell, Helen Owers, Helen Blake, Mary Jelliffe, Christina Sullivan, and Monica Derrick (looking after subscriptions). Additional support has been

provided by Delia and James Robinson. James is hoping to provide further support in the future, time permitting, despite having now left the village.

Please keep reading and contributing.

Lesley Smith

ELECTORAL ROLL

The Electoral Roll currently stands at 96.

CHURCH HALL

The Church Hall (St Feock Church Community Hall) has been our great achievement in 2016. Starting from a fairly rough base, the hall has been transformed by dry lining and replastering the walls and putting in a new floor and suspended ceiling. We have also had state of the art electrics and sound system, lighting and a fantastic new kitchen. The toilets too have been transformed. It is warm and welcoming and now has a high occupancy rate with new bookings coming in all the time. All for a total cost of around £32,000. In addition we have been given money for new round tables – great for the Friday lunches - and new comfortable chairs which will be coming shortly.

Enormous thanks must go to everyone who put in hours of voluntary work, those who donated and raised both small and large sums of money and to the contractors who were so helpful and generous. However, this report cannot go by without a special mention of Martin Davey who project managed the whole refurbishment, who did much of the work himself, and who found such very good deals on supplies and contractors for us. It would not have been done without him and both the church and wider community can be most grateful.

Rosalind Smith