

APCM Report 2015

Background

The PCC is responsible for supporting the incumbent in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the church – pastoral, social and ecumenical. It is responsible for the maintenance of St. Mary's Church and churchyard, Chilcombe Church, the burial ground in Shipton Lane and the boundary walls of the Rectory.

PCC Membership

The following served on the PCC during the year, either ex-officio or following election in accordance with the Church Representation Rules.

Ex-officio Canon The Reverend Stephen Batty (Rector and Chairman)
Mr. Ian Ibbotson (Church Warden)
Mrs. Chrissie Bailey (Church Warden)
Reverend Mrs Susan Linford

Lay Representatives on the Deanery Synod Mr Ian Ibbotson

Elected Members Mr. Peter Broomhead
Mrs Celia Cummins (Resigned November 2015)
Mrs Linda Bongers
Mrs Susan Moores
Mrs Elizabeth Orza
Mr Julian Piper
Mr Peter Tompkins
Mrs Pauline Woodford

Treasurer Mrs Irene Piper
Secretary Mrs Audrey Smith

PCC Meetings

The PCC met 7 times during 2015 with an average attendance of 83%

Committees and Working Groups

The PCC was supported by the following:

The Standing Committee (the only Committee required by law):

It has the power to transact PCC business between meetings of the PCC subject to any directives that the PCC may have given.

The Fete Working Group

This organises the annual Church Summer Fete

The Mission Sub-Committee:

This proposes each year – for consideration by the PCC – a list of charities to be supported through the Church. It has particular responsibility for St. Mary's links with the Church Mission Society and the Salisbury/Sudan Medical Link.

Review of the Year

The Church Electoral Roll- the number on the electoral roll is 88 (2015 - 88), 87 within the parish and one outside the parish. 3 names have been removed from the Roll and 3 added.

The average Sunday attendance at services through the year was 53 adults + 3 children (52 + 2 children). The attendance on Easter Day was 103 adults + 15 children (89). The attendance on Christmas Eve was 81 + 13 and Christmas Day was 67 + 9 (52). There were 3 (4) Baptisms and 3 (5) weddings during the year.

Organists:

David Woodford continued as our regular organist throughout the year, supported by Julian Piper and Heather Rogers. We thank them for ensuring we have organ music for our regular services.

Highlights of the year included:

- (a) The Summer fete which raised £7038 (£6061) in August
- (b) Carol singing around the village was very successful again this year and raised £210.09 (£198.99) for the Children's Society

Chairman's Overview

This Spring's memorial service at Sherborne Abbey for Gil Williams who for ten years chaired the Salisbury Diocesan Board of Finance served as a reminder of the way in which discipleship involves the harnessing of our individual gifts with the needs of stewardship. Gil, who was successful in business as an early entrepreneur in the computer industry freely gave of his gifts in advising and leading financial strategies for Salisbury Diocese. Gil was one who did not separate financial responsibility from mission. And along with the PCC's commitment to review and consolidate the flow of finances through St. Mary's goes the responsibility of seeking forms of outreach and mission which will help the church to grow here. A forthcoming weekend focussed on Stewardship and an 'away-day' for the newly constituted PCC will help us form strategies and responses to future needs, in respect to both finance and mission, as well as our worshipping life.

Christian giving, of course, does not rest only in the way we direct our finances; there are many ways folk here in Burton Bradstock give their support to the ongoing life of the Church. One of these is bell ringing. The village is blessed in having a solid team who practice each week and who ring before services as well as for significant civil anniversaries. Thank you to our bell team for their expertise and excellence. And the recent efforts in church cleaning was eloquent of the intertwining of church and village life: there was great support from a wide range of people who gave up their time to direct their energy toward a thorough Spring clean that left St. Mary's gleaming from its flooring to its roof timbers.

A big thank you to all, especially our churchwardens Ian & Chrissie and our Benefice administrator Lesley and my colleagues here in the villages for their support during my first year as Rector in the Bride Valley.

Stephen Batty

Chairman, PCC

Mission Sub Committee Report for 2015 Annual report.

There were coffee mornings, produce sales, a Lent Lunch and a "Farmers and Sailors Music and Games Evening" and two church collections raising money for the two charities, £1,252 for the Sailor's Society and £1,455 for Farm Africa.

Donations for Farm Africa made at Mike and Ann Reads' Party are also included.

There was a coffee morning for CMS, the Church Missionary Society, which raised £156.

A big thank you to all those who contributed and attended these events.

It has been the custom for the Mission Committee to suggest two charities to the PCC each year. The PCC have requested that in future the Mission Committee's fund raising activities be directed towards the church's two link charities, the Sudan Medi-Link and The Church Missionary Society.

Celia Cummins, a valued member, having moved away, is no longer on the Mission Committee. Heather Rogers after several years of active service is leaving the committee. Ian Ibbotson is also leaving the committee.

In 2015, Anne Read joined the two remaining members, Liz Orza and Elaine Colbert, and they will welcome new members from the PCC and elsewhere.

In addition to the work of the Mission Committee, Hilary Mousley raised £100 each for the CMS and the Bible Society.

Ian Ibbotson

Sub Committee member

Bride Valley Benefice Council 2015/16

During the year the Benefice Council has met 6 times, and all parishes have been represented at most of the meetings. Matters on the agenda range from service rotas to decisions about what to study in the Lent groups. Chairman Canon Stephen Batty was welcomed at the May AGM.

The Benefice is responsible for paying clergy and lay reader expenses, mainly travel (45p per mile), and the Administrator's salary. It has been a pleasure to welcome Lesley Dove back to the Administrator position; Lesley meets with other administrators throughout the Deanery and we benefit from this exchange of ideas.

The BVN continues to make a valuable contribution to Benefice finances, and for this we are grateful to editor Will Newell, distribution organiser Irene Piper, and a particular thank you to Shaun Snow, who took over the advertising manager position from Ian Ibbotson last year. The money raised through the BVN means that the parishes have less to pay to support the work of the clergy in the Benefice. Burton Bradstock's contribution this year was maintained at last year's level, £2520.

The Benefice AGM takes place on Monday 23rd May, in Puncknowle Village Hall at 7pm. All are most welcome to attend, and we look forward to seeing many church members there.

Elizabeth Orza & Peter Broomhead

Burton Bradstock representatives on the BVC Council

Lay Pastoral Assistants

Throughout this year the Pastoral Assistants have supported people within the Parish of St Mary's Burton Bradstock. This involves visiting those who need company; the bereaved and people who are sick- this is an important bridge between the Church and those who live in the village.

We have been fortunate enough to attend various training days during the year. These include a quiet day giving us time to meditate and listen. A day spent thinking about helping those with dementia was very informative.

The over 60's group which meets on the second Thursday of each month has grown this year with the variety of activities, coffee mornings, afternoon teas and lunches. We visited Abbotsbury Gardens tearooms for lunch.

The Anchor provided us with a delicious Christmas Lunch and gave all the time to chat – which is sometime not easy for the helpers at the monthly meetings.

Thank you to those who pray for us and a big thank you to those who help with transport and preparation

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Secretary of the Parochial Church Council
Parish of St Mary's Burton Bradstock with Chilcombe
Burton Bradstock

2nd March 2016

Dear Members of the PCC,

I have completed my review of the Accounts for the twelve months ended 31st December 2015 in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission and the Church Accounting Regulations.

I am satisfied with the quality of the Accounts, their accuracy and the analysis.

I shall be happy to sign off the final copies of the Accounts at your convenience.

Yours faithfully

John Bowden
Independent Examiner

Treasurer's Report for St. Mary's Burton Bradstock with Chilcombe 2015

Financial Review

Throughout this report the following definitions apply:

***Unrestricted Funds** may be used by the PCC for any of its ordinary purposes.*

***Designated Funds** represent sums set aside, out of ordinary unrestricted funds, for specific designated purposes, but they can be transferred back at any time.*

***Restricted Funds** may be expended only on those restricted objects specified in the original bequest or specific purpose for which donations were invited.*

Total receipts on unrestricted funds were £38,344 of which £18,992 was planned giving, £9,605 unrestricted voluntary donations and £4,321 from Gift Aid.

Special fund raising efforts resulted in a further £2,277.

Restricted receipts of £11,684 were received largely owing to over £7000 (net) raised for the fabric fund at the Church Fete and 1 legacy received for the maintenance of the Clock and Bells.

Planned giving through envelopes and banker's orders increased by 12% and total income went up by 12% also.

£44,634 was spent from unrestricted funds to provide the Christian ministry from St Mary's & Chilcombe including the £32,746 contribution to the Diocese parish share (88% of which is spent on Parish Ministry, including stipends and housing, and Parish Resources).

The parish share sum that the churches in the Deanery have to find is shared between the churches according to a formula that is based mainly on a head count of the church membership multiplied by a categorised average amount per member. We have to find more of the sum than most of the other churches in our Deanery as our membership number of 65 is greater than most. Whilst acknowledging that some members can give more and some less, the Diocese categorises our church at £415 per member per year (£8 per week). Our planned giving receipts in 2015 equated to an average of £300 per member (£6 per week).

£9532 was spent from restricted funds as detailed in the Financial Statements.

The net outcome for the year was a shortfall of receipts over payments on *unrestricted funds* of £6,289 and an excess of receipts over payments on *restricted funds* of £2,227 giving an overall reduction in our reserves of £4138.

The shortfall in *unrestricted receipts* over payments caused difficulty in paying our Parish Share which brought about a review of funds with the assistance of the deanery treasurer. Some money that was not restricted at donation but had been designated to the Fabric fund was identified along with transfers that could be made to cover previous fabric work payments. The PCC actioned appropriate transfers which increased the unrestricted funds available.

Looking forward to 2016 the challenge for the Church is to pay the requested Parish Share of £31,261 from our unrestricted annual receipts so as not to further diminish reserves, whilst still being able to meet our other obligations as well as to develop church growth, service & ministry. The PCC is working very hard to improve the current financial situation. Looking at reducing payments, maximising Gift Aid and the introduction of the Gift Aid small donations Scheme (GASDS) are examples, as is the introduction of an annual Stewardship campaign and Gift day.

Reserves Policy

It is PCC policy to try to maintain an unrestricted balance on funds which equates to 6 month's payments. This is equivalent to £27,000. This is held to smooth out fluctuations in cash flow and to meet emergencies. This reserves level is currently being met.

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST MARY'S BURTON BRADSTOCK AND CHILCOMBE

Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2015

Receipts and Payments Accounts

C of E R&P Category	Note	Unrestricted Fund	Unrestricted Designated Fund	Restricted Funds	Total 2015	Total 2014
	1 & 2	£	£	£	£	£
Receipts						
Voluntary receipts:						
1	Planned giving	5	18,992	300	19,292	16,956
1	Planned giving for charity (10% Scheme)	6	0	865	865	780
3	Collections at services - incl. Cash, Gift Aid occ.		5,825	0	5,825	6,689
4	All other giving/voluntary receipts incl Appeals, Wall safe		3,780	350	4,130	2,282
6	Gift Aid recovered	8	4,321	243	4,564	4,964
7	Legacies received		0	500	500	1,100
			32,918	2,258	35,176	32,771
9	Activities for generating funds - Gross	9	2,277	9,048	11,325	6,061
10	Investment income - interest		49	377	426	3,660
Church Activities						
11	Statutory fees		3,056	0	3,056	1,767
12	Trading - sales		35	0	35	197
13	Other Receipts	10	10	0	10	0
	Total Receipts		38,344	0	11,684	50,028
Payments						
17	Costs of Fund-raising activities	9	723	2,138	2,861	0
Church activities						
18	Mission & Charity Donations from PCC funds	6 & 7	110	865	976	893
19	Parish share		32,746		32,746	30,783
20	Salaries, wages and honoraria		0		0	870
21	Clergy and staff expenses	4	2,520		2,520	2,520
Church Expenses						
22	Mission and evangelism costs	11	539		539	323
23a	Churchyard & Cemetery	12	4,185		4,185	4,414
23b	Printing & Stationary for Church		360		360	497
23c	Alter Church Running Expenses	13	542		542	933
23d	Insurance			3,156	3,156	3,288
23e	Church Minor Repairs	14		75	1,849	1,682
24	Church Utility Bills		2,551		2,551	1,842
25	Costs of trading & Sales		320		320	0
26	Governance Costs		37		37	18
Major Capital Expenditure						
27	Major repairs to the church building					8,610
28	Major repairs to other PCC property - including redecoration			1,450	1,450	
	Total Payments		44,634	75.00	9,457	54,166
	Excess (-shortfall) of receipts/payments		-6,289	-75	2,227	-4,138
	Transfers between funds		16,892	-235	-16,657	
	Excess or shortfall(-) after Transfers		10,603	-310	-14,430	-4,138
	Current & Deposit a/cs 1 Jan 2015		19,811	420	75,067	95,298
	Current & Deposit a/cs 31 Dec 2015		30,414	110	60,637	95,298

Statement of Assets & Liabilities

	Unrestricted Fund £	Unrestricted Designated Fund £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2015 £	<i>Total 2014 £</i>
Cash Funds					
TSB Current Account	16,469	110	1,979	18,559	9,083
TSB Current Account Two	764	0	0	764	1,553
CBF Deposit Funds (C of E Central Board of Finance) - 1D St Mary's General	1,016	0	0	1,016	10,983
CBF Deposit Funds (C of E Central Board of Finance) - 2D Chilcombe Fabric	1,004	0	7,696	8,700	8,653
CBF Deposit Funds (C of E Central Board of Finance) - 3D Admin	0	0	0	0	0
CBF Deposit Funds (C of E Central Board of Finance) - 5D St Mary's Fabric	9,047	0	50,962	60,008	59,678
CBF Deposit Funds (C of E Central Board of Finance) - 2D Chilcombe General	2,113	0	0	2,113	5,348
Total of Cash Funds	30,414	110	60,637	91,160	95,298
Other Monetary Assets					
Income Tax Recoverable in 2016 for money Gift Aided in 2015	5,925		275	6,200	
Liabilities					
Organist Fees for 2015	930			930	
Remaining money owing to tithed Charities from proportioned amount of Gift Aid tax recovered in 2015, on 2014 10% Charity planned giving.			181	181	
Repayment of receipts in 2015 from uncanceled SO			300	300	
Total Liabilities	930		481	1,411	

The following notes 1 to 14 form part of these financial statements.

Approved by the PCC on 14/03/2016 and signed on their behalf by

Revd Canon Stephen Batty (Chairman)

Notes

1 The Financial Statements have been prepared in accordance with the Charities Act 2011, on the Receipts and Payments basis, and the Church Accounting Regulations. All figures are rounded to the nearest pound.

2 Funds details & transactions.

Unrestricted Funds may be used by the PCC for any of its ordinary purposes.

Designated Funds represent sums set aside, out of ordinary unrestricted funds, for specific designated purposes, but they can be transferred back at any time.

Restricted Funds may be expended only on those restricted objects specified in the original bequest or specific purpose for which donations were invited.

Endowment Funds The PCC does not have any Endowment Funds so this column is not shown in the Financial Statement.

Funds summary 2015

	01-Jan-15	Receipts	Payments	Transfers	31-Dec-15
Restricted Funds	£	£	£	£	£
St Mary's Fabric	65,078	9,378	-6,088	-17,407	50,962
Chilcombe Fabric	8,653	47	-1,004	0	7,696
Rectory Redecoration - Restricted	1,336	350	-1,450	0	236
Organ Fund - Restricted	0	63	0	750	813
<i>(separated from Fabric Fund in 2015)</i>					
Clock & Bells	0	500	-50	0	450
10% Restricted Charity Giving	0	1,046	-865	0	181
Restricted Income from Uncancelled Standing Order	0	300	0	0	300
Total	75,067	11,684	-9,457	-16,657	60,637
Designated Funds					
Rectory Redecoration - Designated	420	0	0	-420	0
Organ Fund - Designated	0	0	-75	185	110
<i>(separated from Fabric Fund in 2015)</i>					
Total	420	0	-75	-235	110
Unrestricted Funds	19,811	38,344	-44,634	16,892	30,414
Total	19,811	38,344	-44,634	16,892	30,414
Total Funds	95,298	50,028	-54,166	0	91,160

Transfers between Funds

The shortfall in *unrestricted receipts* over payments caused difficulty in paying our Parish Share which brought about a review of funds with the assistance of the deanery treasurer. Some money that was not restricted at donation but had been designated to the Fabric fund was identified along with transfers that could be made to cover previous fabric work payments. The PCC actioned appropriate transfers which increased the unrestricted funds available.

Following a question raised by a trustee as to whether Insurance payments should be made from St Mary's Fabric Fund from 2014, professional & legal advice was sought and, to cover the possibility that insufficient notice may have been given, the 2014 Insurance payments were transferred back to the Fabric Fund. Insurance payments from the start of 2015 onwards are to be taken from the Fabric Fund.

At their meeting on 23rd of Nov 2015 the PCC approved a net transfer from the restricted Fabric fund to the unrestricted General fund of £16,472

The Organ Fund shown within the Fabric Fund prior to 2015 is shown separately from Nov 2015.

Rectory Redecoration took place in the spring. Financial donations towards this were received from all the Parishes in the Benefice along with substantial volunteer assistance. Following the redecoration un-designation of the Designated Rectory Redecoration Fund was suggested which the PCC approved.

3 The following assets are recognised but not necessarily valued in the statement as Assets & Liabilities: Movable church furnishings held by the church wardens on special trust for the PCC and which require a faculty for disposal.

4 Expenses paid to clergy and others may include a small proportion, which relates to their function as PCC members. No other payments were made to PCC members.

- 5 The restricted planned giving was received in error, from an un-cancelled standing order, The amount has been restricted to pay back as soon as possible.
- 6 Charitable payments made from Restricted 10% tithed giving:
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| Salisbury DBF Medi-link | £433 |
| CMS | £433 |
- Charitable payments of 50% of collections taken at special Church Services:
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| Salisbury Diocese Guild of Bell Ringers (Church Service & AGM) | £29 |
| Association of Country Women of the World (WI carol Service) | £81 |
- 7 Donations for Charities passing through the Church Bank Accounts in 2015 not shown in these accounts:
- | | |
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| Mission Committee Fundraising | |
| Sailors' Society | £1252 |
| Farm Affrica | £1405 |
| Bible Society (£153 of this from Bible Boxes) | £253 |
| CMS | £100 |
| Royal British Legion – Remembrance Sunday Collections | £339 |
- Collections in church not passing through the church bank account:
- | | |
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| Children's Society – Christingle Church Service & candle boxes | £97 |
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- There have also been collections at Funerals for:
 Burton Bradstock School £195, Weldmar H.T./Donkey Sanctuary/ R.N.L.I. £142,
 British Red Cross £426, Scope £104, D&S Air Ambulance £72,
 K.C. Spaniel Rescue & Welfare £15, Cancer Research UK £135
- 8 Gift Aid recovered in 2015, from donations received in 2014, has been allocated proportionally to the funds to which the original money was donated.
- 9 Receipts for generating funds are shown *gross* with full expenses shown as payments.
 Net amounts received from specific fund raising events for PCC funds:
- | | |
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| Barn Dance | £1,107 |
| Dorset Historic Churches Trust | £286 |
| KWATZ concert | £195 |
| Harvest Lunch | £115 |
| Church Fete (Restricted) | £6,910 |
| | <i>(includes a later £128 payment towards equipment for future Church Fetes)</i> |
- 10 Uncashed cheque from Dec 2014 - payee declined payment.
- 11 Local mission activity is any local activity showing the church in the community including hall hire
- 12 Includes grass cutting contract for Churchyard, Burial ground and Rectory £4080

13 Altar Church Running Expenses includes Sundry cleaning materials and spares, candles and communion wine and wafers

14 Church minor repairs details

Replacement microphone mounting brackets	62
Sound system repair	444
Addition to Rectors' name board	35
New outside name info board	265
SmartWater security paint	168
Fire safety check – extinguishers service	65
New hose for vacuum cleaner	15
Audio microphone repairs	60
Boiler service & repair & test	185
Electrical testing	500
Organ repair	75
Clock repair	<u>50</u>

Total 1924

Lyme Bay Deanery Synod Report.

Matters concerning the Church of England and the views of Parishes in the Deanery are brought together here for transmission to the Diocesan Synod and to the parishes. The Deanery Synod representatives can also elect candidates to the Diocesan and General Synods.

Of particular note this year was the discussion on Parish Share which was reported to the PCC. The matter of church insurance and the monopolistic position of The Ecclesiastical Insurance Company raised in 2014 appear to have been settled in 2015 by the greater involvement in the market of competing companies.

Ian Ibbotson – Deanery Synod Representative.

School Report

School Organisation

At present we have 84 pupils on roll. Two thirds of our intake is now outside our catchment area and we rely on parental choice.

The children are split into four classes as follows:

Sails Class - 13 Reception and Year 1 pupils taught by Mrs Procter.

Boats Class - 21 Year 1 and 2 pupils taught by Miss Sanderson.

Class 3 - 23 Year 3 and 4 pupils taught by Mrs Wardle.

Class 4 - 27 Year 5 and 6 pupils taught by Miss Varndell.

Each class also has a teaching assistant who also deliver interventions, such as Speech and Language, Emotional Literacy Support and Maths and English. In addition we have 4 teaching assistants who work with children on a 1:1 or small group basis.

We have a full-time school secretary/finance officer who works in the office. Other staff include two midday supervisors, three kitchen assistants, one caretaker and two cleaners who job-share. Since the previous meeting there have been no changes to our staff.

Governing Body

Mr Julian Piper continues in the role of Chair of Governors this year with Mrs Pat Lewis-Badgett as Vice Chair.

School Development

This year the school has been working on the priorities in the School Development Plan, as highlighted in the Ofsted report following our inspection in June 2015. These are:

- To improve writing skills by extending opportunities to write at length in literacy.
- For pupils to consistently apply their knowledge of spelling, grammar and punctuation in written work.
- To improve teachers' feedback and marking to ensure pupils know how to improve their work and have time to act on the advice.
- For pupils to improve their handwriting and presentation of their work.

Curriculum

This year the second cycle of our two-yearly programme of Learning Quests has been introduced. The children have thoroughly enjoyed the work and focussing on the local area has brought the learning alive for them. This year the Learning Quests have been:

- Journeys. This Learning Quest was introduced with a whole school visit to Seaton Tramway.
- Houses and Homes. As part of this Learning Quest we welcomed Bruce Upton, from Bridport Museum, to help the children research homes and families of Burton Bradstock in the past. To end the Learning Quest the whole school visited Montacute House.

- Food and Farming. A visit to Washingpool Farm is part of the programme for this Learning Quest.

After School Clubs

The school offers a number of after school clubs through professional providers, school staff or volunteers. This year the range of clubs include Football, Tag-Rugby, Drama, Crochet, Netball, Choir, Keyboard and Recorder. The children have requested a Chess club so the school is looking for a volunteer to enable this to take place.

Friends of Burton Bradstock School

The Friends of the school continue to work tirelessly to fundraise for the school and to organise community events for the children and their families. In 2015/16 The Friends donated £4000 to the school to purchase a new handwriting scheme and new laptops for the children. This is in addition to subsidising transport for visits and trips to reduce the cost to parents.

Links with the Church

We continue to have strong links with the church and we have welcomed Reverend Canon Stephen into the school. Our Friday assemblies are led by the 'Open the Book' team and give the children the opportunity to hear the major Bible stories accompanied by relevant prayers and quiet reflection. We also hold our major celebrations in the Church - Harvest Festival, Christmas, Easter and our Leavers' Service.

Links with Parents and the Local Community

We have weekly Good Work Assemblies where the children lead and share their work and achievements. We have a Parent Forum that has been set up to enable parents and school to work together for the benefit of the children.

We hold regular events in the village and welcome support from the community. These include our Christmas Fair, The Annual Duck Race and this year for the first time a Bingo night. The children also take part in the Remembrance Sunday Poster competition run by the British Legion, the Village Flower and Produce Show and competitions run by the village Library.

Minerva Learning Trust

As a school we have close links with other schools within the Pyramid. In the last 18 months some of the schools within the Pyramid have come together with the intention to form a Multi-Academy Trust. It is hoped that by developing this Trust there will be greater collaboration between the schools for the benefit of all our pupils. The planned conversion date is 1st April 2016. At this time the school will become an Academy and be part of the Minerva Learning Trust, with The Sir John Colfox Academy, Bridport Primary School and St Mary's School.

Mrs Claire Staple- Head Teacher

Sacristan's Report

First I will give a brief reminder of the role of the Sacristan.

The Sacristan is responsible for the care of the communion linen, and the white altar cloths, together with the laundering of these along with the smaller cloths used on the credence tables.

Preparation for the services of Holy Communion; that is to say putting ready wine, wafers, and the water, the linen, and candles.

The sacristan also looks after the altar frontals, which are changed according to the liturgical seasons, along with the matching bible ribbons.

Report: A significant event this year has been having an Assistant Sacristan, and I am very grateful to Liz Orza for having taken on this role.

In the Sacristy the altar hangings, linen and Communion vessels remain in good order. Having said that, much of the linen is quite old and is not therefore easy-care fabric. We appreciate the extra care which has to be shown in handling this in order to maintain our high standard of presentation.

Though we have had the candlesticks modified this year the candles continue to present problems which we are still endeavouring to overcome, and again thanks must go to all those who persevere with them week by week.

Jane Stubbs – Sacristan

Fabric Report

Our church insurers Ecclesiastical Insurance paid us a useful visit this year, which spurred us on to check all our property affairs and documents. The advice from our insurers helped us to formulate some new policies and we now have:

- Health and Safety Policy
- Fire Risk Assessments for Chilcombe Church
- Fire Risk Assessments for Burton Church and its tower and vestry
- Evacuation Policy for Burton Church.
- Gas and Electric tests are up to date and we have carried out required electrical remedial work at Burton.

From the Quinquennial Reports, we learnt of outstanding building works required at Chilcombe church for which we obtained competitive prices and this work will take place during 2016. In addition, the support framework to the Chilcombe bell has recently collapsed and this may be dealt with as part of the Chilcombe repairs.

There were no major building issues for St. Mary's church, Burton so any jobs required will be dealt with as additions to any other work, which may take place.

There was mention in the Quinquennial reports of woodworm and beetle infestation at Burton and in two chairs at Chilcombe. Quotations have been sought from organisations, which deal with such infestations and those returned are being considered.

The churchwardens, together with the new Rector, the Vice-chair of the PCC and other willing helpers carried out a full inspection of the church, the rectory and the burial ground this year. This revealed several pressing matters to be addressed as a matter of urgency. These included:

- Defective ironmongery to the main gate
- Work to be carried out on the main door, to reduce noise when being opened during services
- The communion rail
- The wall to the rear of the churchyard, which required safety work

These works have now been completed and are a great improvement to our church.

An unfortunate incident resulted in the small gatepost and wall being knocked down, by a lorry driver. Fortunately, an observant neighbour was able to identify the company for whom the driver worked and all repairs have been carried out, at no expense to the church.

In 2016 (and therefore not represented in the accounts which refer to 2015 only) our clock face has been restored, thanks to an anonymous and generous donation and separate legacy. It is now restored to its normal position.

The stonework of the windows in the Burton south transept is suffering from water penetration and remains a problem to be considered in the near future.

The PCC is also responsible for the Rectory garden walls and the Shipton Lane burial ground.

Prior to Easter 2016, St. Mary's was subject to a thorough clean. All surfaces were cleaned, using scaffolding in some areas, and all the storage spaces cleared and rationalised. We offer a very great thank you to all those who assisted in this exercise and to all who look after the fabric and the furniture of our two beautiful churches throughout the year.

Chrissie Bailey and Ian Ibbotson - Church Wardens.

Bells

As it seems to be customary with these annual reports, I can report that St. Mary's bells are in good order. As always, this is due in no small measure to the work and dedication and to the regular care and maintenance carried out by our Steeple Keeper, Mrs. Jane Stubbs, ably assisted by another member of our team, Roger Brown.

This year our bells have also been inspected by both our insurers and the local professional Bellhanger. Both gave our bells a clean bill of health, although the Bellhanger did point out some adjustment will be needed to the clapper on one of the bells sometime in the future. Also, due to normal wear and tear, we have had to replace the rope on the tenor bell (which is the heaviest at 10 ½ cwt).

As is usual, I would like, on behalf of us all, to thank the team (Jane and Roger in particular) for the way the Belfry and Ringing Chamber are kept so clean and tidy – a fact that is often commented upon by visiting ringers. However, the cleaning doesn't stop there. The team regularly clean the tower steps from top to bottom (some 98 steps). So special thanks are due to them for that. Lastly but by no means least, we all walk by our Church and look up at the clock – but who winds it? – the bell ringers do, twice a week.

Finally, over the last year or so, due to health/physical problems, four of our team have been forced to give up ringing although they are still included in our team for our social activities. Despite this, we are still able to meet all the calls for the Bells to be rung which is solely due to the willingness and dedication of those ringers still active in the Band. We are always willing to teach anyone who would like to take part in what is a most rewarding and sociable exercise. If you are interested, contact myself or any of the ringers known personally to you. You can of course just turn up any Thursday evening at 7.00 pm.

Basil Dent – Tower Captain

Lesson Readers

On behalf of us all, I wish to thank those who read lessons for our Church services. This is a valued ministry that is much appreciated. There may be others in the congregation who would like to go on the list; please let me know, you will be most welcome.

Mike Read

Church Fete

Our church fete team wish to express their thanks and gratitude to everyone who oversaw the games, stalls, auctions, teas, church flowers, tower tour, public address and car parking. The support from so many residents came together on the day to ensure that everything was ready for the event by mid-morning, enabling the team to put the final touches to the event. After the fete closed, the enthusiastic helpers cleared everything away.

For yet another year, we were blessed with excellent weather for the church fete. This was Stephen's first church fete at St. Mary's. He welcomed the early visitors with some well-chosen words outside the rectory gates, then, officially opened the fete when everyone had entered the grounds. The traditional attractions, including the "Punch & Judy" show for children, St. Swithun's Band, added to the wealth of games and stalls, helping to make this a most enjoyable afternoon for all. Two new games were added this year, including 'Try your Strength', which was very popular. The fun dog show returned for a second year, and proved an attraction for residents and visitors alike.

As many of the parishioners will appreciate, the preparation for the fete activities commenced back in January and proceeded through until mid-September. We are so fortunate to have an experienced and dedicated team who managed the organisation and implementation of the fete so well and efficiently – thank you.

The fete attracted many visitors, accompanied by lots of children, who appeared to have really enjoyed their day, which is so rewarding for all concerned. As a result, we exceeded our target and produced a total in excess of £7,000 to support the Fabric Fund, and enhance our lovely church.

Peter Tompkins – Fete Co-ordinator

Flower Arrangers Report

The Flower Arrangers have had another happy and successful year.

At all the Festivals the arrangements have been executed beautifully especially for the Candlelit Carol Service which was attended by about 150 people.

We still have 19 members in the team and most attended a gathering for coffee at Casterbridge when I thanked them for all their hard work.

It was lovely to welcome Margaret Harding after her nasty accident, albeit in a wheelchair, as she had broken both legs. She is looking forward to getting back to flower arranging as soon as she is fit to do so. All the flowers are donated by the team and the only small annual cost is for floral foam.

We look forward to the coming year and we hope to give pleasure to the congregation and visitors alike.

Pat Broomhead – Organiser of Church Flowers

Bride Valley Bring and Share Lunches

For some years now St Mary's church has hosted bring and share lunches. There are 5 per year on the first Sunday in March, May, July, September and November. (This year the November lunch will actually be held on 30th October to coincide with the United Service in St Mary's church). The Fair Trade stall is also present.

These are happy occasions when people from all the valley can meet to share food and friendship, though it must be said that the majority are from Burton Bradstock, though there some regulars from further afield. Average attendance is about 20.

The food is of a delicious standard and thanks must go to all who contribute, and those who willingly lay tables, clear away and tackle the daunting amount of washing up. Without such helpers, and of course the participants, these events could not take place.

Betty Champkins

Tiny Tots Pram Service

2015 was a significant year for Tiny Tots as we celebrated twenty years since its inception. At our July service and garden party we were delighted to welcome Mrs. Pam Atkinson, wife of the late Canon John Atkinson, former Rector of this benefice. Pam first had the vision for a Tots and Pram Service to provide a 'stepping-stone' between baptism and church, and also to link playgroup, school and church. This linkage from baptism to Tiny Tots then to the family service still happens occasionally.

At the garden party we also welcomed many who had helped over the years, some even from the very beginning, and our new Rector was able to enter into the celebrations. Yvette made a delicious cake, laden with twenty candles, which was enjoyed by thirty parents and helpers and a good crowd of children. We presented books to James Clack and Lily Tancock for their transition to 'big school' in the Autumn and welcomed several new babies.

As always, the monthly attendance at Tots varies; during the last twelve months it has ranged from three to ten little ones. We are grateful to those dear friends who help once or twice a year, providing refreshments and giving us practical support, and to Cilla, who is with us every month when able, welcoming the families as they arrive, and helping the tots to post their attendance cards in Postman Pat's letter box.

Please encourage any parents/carers with pre-school children, babies or bumps to come along to Tiny Tots on the second Friday of each month (except August) at 2.15 p.m., where they will be most welcome and have plenty of messy fun!

Please pray for us too as we try to share the love of Jesus with these little ones and their families.

Audrey, Heather and Ryder

Children's Society

Thank you to all those who have helped to contribute to the total of £996.09 for 2015. Home boxes have raised £689.44 by a large number of people donating their loose change during the year. This money will be used to protect and help vulnerable children in this country who often have no one else to turn to.

The Christingle Service was a joyful time where, in the lighting of the candles, we celebrated that Jesus came to be the Light of the world. Children explained about the symbols of the Christingle and took part in readings, prayers and singing and the St. Mary's Handbell Ringers captivated us with their enchanting sound. The collection from the Christingle and the children's candle boxes amounted to £96.56. The service was followed by the usual party in the Village Hall and our gratitude was expressed to all those who helped with this.

Carol Singing around the village raised £210.09. In 2016 we are hoping that more people will have a box for those heavy coppers in their change and thus collectively will make a difference to vulnerable children in this country.

Pauline Woodford – Local Representative for the Children's Society

Open The Book Team

Open the Book continues to flourish due to the enthusiasm and hard work of our dedicated team who take a weekly assembly in the school. We are warmly welcomed by pupils and staff each Friday when we gather in the school in our biblical robes and join with children to enact stories from the Bible. Last year on 4th November some of us went to an OtB training conference at Salisbury where Bob Hartman, author of The Lion Storyteller Bible, taught us how to develop the vocal and visual impacts of our work. He emphasized that as we develop the biblical characters the children will learn how God interacts and reveals Himself in their lives.

We have had two presentations in the Church. On May 24th we had a Pentecost Praise Service and children combined with our team, dressed in costumes from around the world, to give a colourful drama about the

gift of the Holy Spirit. This year on Mothering Sunday we had a special service where the team again combined with children to give a presentation of the story of when the young Jesus was lost at the Temple in Jerusalem. We later sang, much to the pleasure of the mums, the Mothering Sunday Song. In February we were commissioned for our work in the schools, along with the Thorner's team, by our Rector at a service in Puncknowle.

Please will you continue to support us in your prayers so that this outreach work will plant a seed for primary school children to learn about Christian knowledge and the place of God in their lives.

Pauline Woodford

The Pew News

Pew News has been published every week throughout the year and there has rarely been any shortage of information coming in to the editor. During the year, the format of the front page was changed to make it more appealing and there were many positive comments about the new layout ("It makes it look much more desirable to read"). Thanks are due to Jane Stubbs and Susan Paul who have finished off the production when the editor was away and, in the early part of the year, to Howard Bongers who routinely photocopied the master in time for the Sunday services. Tim Linford uploads each week's copy to the Village website and it is also circulated by email to a wide mailing list which includes former members of the congregation and others interested in the work of the Church (even as far afield as Canada). It is helpful that contributors have generally adhered to the Thursday deadline for copy although, where late copy has been notified, it has often been possible to delay production in order to accommodate late news. The thought for the week during last year was a text from one of the prescribed readings. Since the beginning of 2016, this has changed to a quote from the Psalms in order to aid preparation for worship. The weekly collects are printed for use in services and their use for congregational participation has increased latterly. The information about Church finances has also kindled more interest in this important topic.

Julian Piper (Editor)

Church Brass Cleaning.

Thanks are due to all those who continue to enhance the beauty of the church by cleaning the brasses. Their hard work is much appreciated. If anyone else would be willing to join the rota and take a turn just once a year, please contact me for details.

Mary Ibbotson (898484)

Holy Dusters

The Holy Dusters continued to keep our church clean and tidy throughout the year. Two of our number hung up their dusters but we were joined by two new recruits so we are able to continue with our one month on, one month off rota.

St. Mary's was given a thorough spring clean in March, from roof to floor. The Holy Dusters joined other parishioners to make our church look bright and clean. The church is a credit to all who took part in this event. Thank you to all who have helped over the year.

Pauline Tompkins

Burton Bradstock Parish Church
Part of the Bride Valley Benefice

Pew News Sunday 28th February 2016
Lent 3rd

Welcome!
We extend a warm welcome and New Year greetings to all those worshipping with us today and during the week, especially newcomers and visitors on holiday. Please make yourself known to us and let us know if there is anything we can do to help you enjoy your time in the Village and Valley.

Information about the church is on the stand in the south aisle - please browse and take or purchase items of interest.

Supporting material suitable for children for each Sunday's services is available, and please ask if you would like soft-top for use with young children/babies during the service.

St Mary's Church

11.00am Holy Communion by extension
led by Mike Reade
Old Testament: Isaiah 55: 1-9
Epistle: 1 Corinthians 10: 1-13 - Gospel: Luke 13: 1-9

6.30pm Evensong
led by Revd Ryder Rogers
Psalm 12: 1-3 - Old Testament: Genesis 28: 10-19
New Testament: John 1: 35 - end

Thought for the week:
Be exalted, O Lord, in your strength! We will sing and praise your power.
(Psalm 21: 22)

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