

St Paul's Church (Church of England), Landkey

Annual Report and Financial Statement for 2020



Landkey is situated two miles east of Barnstaple in North Devon
St Paul's Church is part of the Four Ways Mission Community which also includes these churches:

St James, Swimbridge with the Chapel of the Holy Name, Gunn,
St Peter, West Buckland,
St Michael, East Buckland.

It is also part of the Deanery of Shirwell.

Rector: Revd. Shaun O'Rourke

Churchwardens: Mrs Hazel Price and Mr Mike Foster

Church website: www.landkeyparishchurch.org

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Rector's report

To the Four Ways Mission Community on the Year 2020

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

It is with great pleasure that I write to you today, to ask you to accept our church reports for the year of 2020. It was an extremely difficult year for our churches, one unprecedented in my lifetime.

It has been a time of Lockdown: our churches shut; our services curtailed. However, we still maintained some services and invested in internet connections and were able to bring to the Mission Community Zoom services and live internet broadcasts of services every day at 10am and a 10:30 service was very well received, not only with our own congregations but also by the communities that we serve.

I feel that we must thank our Wardens. They have maintained our churches while this pandemic has been going on around us and their dedication to keeping our churches open for private prayer and running our projects like the mobile post office has been remarkable. For those churches who have no wardens people, have stepped up and taken on responsibilities of the wardens and my appreciation for those who have done so is deep and I feel humble at the efforts they have made. A massive thank you to our PCC members, also. They have continued to meet and direct the church forward in their deliberations and preparations for the future. It has been difficult as we have been under not only church regulations, we have been also required to meet government regulations as well. There has been a very large burden put on them and they have all made efforts to meet the needs of all whom we serve.

To the others who have also been part of the workings of our churches I know that my thanks will echo the thanks of our wardens: without you we would have been in a far worse predicament than we were.

And a massive thank you to our ministry team which has been so wonderful. We were lucky to have a new priest join us David Chance, and his ministry is already making an impact on our spiritual life, and I know he will continue to help us grow in our mission and our prayer life. To our Readers, Chris and Josie, once again thank you for your support: it has been, without doubt, a central part of us maintaining a cohesive ministry team - lots goes on behind the scenes to make ministry happen.

If we are honest about last year we have suffered as a church both in enjoying fellowship together and praying together but also in our finances - the church still costs money to keep going. This has affected not just our churches, but every church has found itself in the same position and of course this has had a knock-on effect to the Diocese which has lost its income to provide support and, as a Diocese, we find that is replicated around the country. The certainty that we enjoy

being part of the whole Church of England is also under threat. It is something that we must come to live with, but we have been fortunate that we have been mostly able to pay our parish share, and we stand in a good position, but we must understand that the parish share we pay is subsidised by other churches around the Diocese and churches or Mission Communities with a priest should be paying around £70,000 a year. As we do not meet that amount as a whole Mission Community, the shortfall is met by other churches that pay far in excess of £70,000 a year, some paying £150,000, the burden is spread around the whole Diocese to enable the placements of a priest in churches and areas that would never be able to pay the full amount. Not one of the Mission Communities would have a priest in the whole of the north Devon Deaneries, this is why it is so important to pay what we have been asked. And it is something that we have to make sure is part of our planning for the future.

As well as planning for the future mission in the communities we serve, so growth is going to be the focal point of our planning when we get back properly into our churches. Yes, the year has been hard, but we are also given an opportunity to start afresh, to begin again and to work for the glory of God. One of my favourite worship songs is The Heart of Worship (Matt Redman) because it's all about you, Lord.

And that will be our salvation for the future: working for God and God alone will bring us to a fresh new beginning. Our focus will be sharing the Good News of the Gospel of Christ because doing that will fill us with the power of the spirit and nothing, nothing at all can stop that - not man nor beast, nor force of nature. So let us move forward into this year with joy in our hearts.

With God's blessing on each and every one of you.

Fr Shaun O'Rourke.

1st May 2021

ST PAUL'S CHURCH, LANDKEY

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL 2020

St Paul's Church is at the junction of Church Meadow and Bableigh Road, Landkey, Barnstaple EX32 0JJ

The composition of the Parochial Church Council (PCC) as at the end of December 2020 was:

Rev Shaun O'Rourke (Priest-in-charge) (Chair)

Mr Chris James (Reader)

Mrs Josie Foster (Reader)

Mr Peter Elder (Electoral Roll Officer and Vice Chairman)

Mr Mike Foster (Churchwarden)

Mr Adrian Ley

Mrs Jean Loveridge

Mrs Eileen MacCaig (Vice Chairman)

Mr Eric Price (Deanery Synod representative)

Mrs Hazel Price (Churchwarden, Health & Safety Officer and Safeguarding Officer)

Mr Charles Waldron (Secretary and webmaster)

Mrs Carol (Ann) Rumble (Treasurer)

Bankers: Barclays Bank plc, 38 Boutport Street, Barnstaple

Independent Examiner: David Crick, 15a Silver Street, Barnstaple

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Preface

The year 2020 was like no other in living memory. The arrival of the Covid-19 pandemic meant that the church had to close for several months, something which had not occurred since the Middle Ages. When it did reopen, the continued presence of the virus ensured that attendance was low.

In response, worship moved online, congregation members were kept in touch by email where possible and the parish magazine was also sent out electronically. With the holding of social events made illegal, fundraising became a challenge and appeared to put the church's future in question.

In consequence, this report will differ from those of previous years, and I have avoided making comparisons. I have focused particularly on what it felt like to live through this pandemic as well as the effect that it had on the running of the church.

As I finish writing this report in the latter part of March 2021, a full year has passed since the first lockdown was imposed to halt the spread of Covid-19 and we are now in the third lockdown which has been in force since the beginning of January. Modern science has enabled a vaccine to be created at unprecedented speed and over 30 million people in the UK have now received at least one dose, offering hope for a gradual relaxation of restrictions. Church leaders, including those of St Paul's, have shown considerable willingness and ability to adapt to new circumstances and these skills may well be required again after the pandemic in a world which will probably be changed from the one that we knew beforehand.

The church year

As the new year was about to begin, the World Health Organization (WHO), was picking up information from Wuhan in China about a “viral pneumonia of unknown cause”. By 5th January, WHO was advising member states to take precautions to avoid the risk of spreading respiratory illness.

Life proceeded as normal over the first few weeks of the year with services being held each Sunday at St Paul’s. Events in China were troubling but, surely, they wouldn’t affect us? We vaguely recalled another respiratory disease, SARS, which caused some concern in 2002 but didn’t seem to spread too far from its source in China.

Like a brewing thunderstorm, though, fears that we might be in its path surfaced again. On 29th January, a case of coronavirus was confirmed in a student in York whose mother had travelled to the UK from Wuhan. The aim was to contain the disease through isolation of the individuals affected, so probably that would prevent it spreading in the UK.

The UK left the EU at the end of January and the prime minister was to marry his fiancée who was expecting their baby. Attention was thus drawn away from the disease which WHO named “Covid-19” on 11th February 2020. On 21st February, a cluster of cases was discovered in Lombardy and Veneto in Italy, with the first deaths from the disease confirmed the following day. By early March, infection had spread to other parts of that country, with the north especially affected. A partial lockdown was put in place.

Any hope that the UK would not follow in the footsteps of Italy began to evaporate when 34 infections were reported on 4th March, bringing to 87 the number known to have the disease nationwide. It was now clear that this was a highly infectious disease which would be difficult to contain.

With no weapons at their disposal to shield their populations, governments across the globe were having to face the unpalatable reality that severe restrictions on contact between people would be the only way to limit the spread of the virus and prevent health services becoming overwhelmed. At the beginning of March, the UK government advised anyone who had a new persistent cough and a high temperature to stay at home. The Church of England issued advice that Holy Communion should now be “of one kind” (i.e. bread only) and that there should be no sharing of the Peace. The service at St Paul’s on 8th March involved Holy Communion of one kind.

On 12th March 2020, the World Health Organisation (WHO) declared Covid-19 a Pandemic. With infections rising rapidly in the UK, government and church advice evolved rapidly. On the same day, St Paul’s PCC members agreed that their meeting due to take place on 16th March should be postponed. The realisation that we were facing an impending threat was now very real.

On Sunday 15th March, a Stations of the Cross service was led by Revd John Ewington and congregation members took care to avoid coming into close contact with each other as they progressed from one Station to the next. While it was becoming clear that further restrictions on the holding of services would be applied, it was hoped that our Mothering Sunday service on 22nd March could still go ahead.

Unfortunately, it wasn’t to be as, on 17th March, the Church of England issued an instruction that all church services should be suspended. It was felt at the time that churches could remain open for personal private prayer and arrangements were put in place for St Paul’s to be open from 10am-4pm daily from 18th March. Visitors were encouraged to wash their hands in the kitchen or use hand sanitiser. On 20th March, schools were closed.

On 23rd March, the government issued firm instructions that everyone should forthwith remain at home and only leave for very limited reasons. These were to shop for essential supplies, to exercise once per

day, for any medical need or to help someone who needed assistance or to travel to or from work if it were not possible to work from home. When outside the home, people were required to maintain a distance of at least two metres from anyone who was not a member of their household. People over 70 or who suffered from poor health were advised to avoid leaving their home unless absolutely essential, or to “shield”. The government’s advice was encapsulated in their slogan, “Stay Home, Protect the NHS, Save Lives”. The terms “lockdown” and “social distancing” had entered our everyday vocabulary.

Lockdown meant that churches had to close entirely, even for private prayer, and St Paul’s followed this instruction immediately. It was an anxious time with no-one knowing for sure what level of risk they were exposing themselves to when undertaking even the few activities permissible outside the home. We were in a situation which no living person had ever experienced before, and parallels were drawn with the Black Death of the Middle Ages.

In order to provide some form of worship, Revd Shaun immediately set up an account on Facebook called “Mission Prayer Programme” through which he streamed Sunday and weekday services.

Online services did not suit everyone so the decision was taken that Revd Shaun would send out a weekly letter to all congregation members, a routine which continued for several months until services were being held again.

Eventually, it was possible to re-open the church, first to the clergy (May), then for private prayer (June), with services resuming on 2nd August. However, the pandemic had not gone away, despite infection rates having fallen dramatically over the summer and few congregation members felt confident enough to return to church. Those who did gather each Sunday throughout the late summer and autumn enjoyed the services and found the required social distancing, mask wearing and lack of communal singing challenging but better than not being able to worship together at all.

There was much to be thankful for, though, including the support of those who felt unable to come to church. Despite anxiety over whether the church could survive financially, giving continued, meaning that the accounts ended the year in a better-than-feared condition. Then there were the special services which the PCC decided to arrange despite the challenging circumstances: Remembrance Sunday, the Outdoor Carol Service and Christmas Mass were all appreciated by the wider parish.

The efforts of those who adapted to the demands of offering public worship and worked hard week after week to ensure that this happened is recognised, with Revd Shaun and the churchwardens, in particular, shouldering the considerable burden gladly and selflessly.

In my capacity of PCC Secretary, I have been heartened by the support shown to St Paul’s, from church members as well as from the wider community. Perhaps the most poignant moment came in October when planning for the Annual Meeting was under way. Hope for the future of the church seemed to be at its bleakest then with no end in sight to the pandemic. Unexpectedly, though (to me, at least), at a time when it almost seemed a futile exercise electing and appointing individuals to positions of responsibility, there was an upwelling of support from enough people to ensure that every single post on the PCC was filled. For that, I was very appreciative: it appeared as though there was hope, after all!

This is a brief portrayal of how the church year felt as we lived through these unprecedented times. More detail on the ways in which the church coped given in the sections which follow.

Church attendance and worship

Each year, data on the numbers of worshippers attending church is compiled and submitted to the Diocese of Exeter. Collectively, this information is known as “Statistics for Mission” and the Diocese uses it, in part, to calculate how much each of its churches should contribute to the Common Fund.

Church attendance in 2020 was clearly affected by a long period of enforced closure and, when communal worship was allowed, by the understandable wariness of congregation members to put themselves at risk while the virus continued to circulate. Some worshippers chose to watch Revd Shaun's services on Facebook or on other platforms such as The Church of England's online services.

Under these circumstances, there is nothing to be gained by comparing attendance with that of previous years and I have, therefore, not included the Statistics for Mission table which has usually featured in this section.

Briefly, for the record, the number on the Electoral Roll in 2020 was 31 and, when services resumed in August, typical attendance was around ten. There were two notable exceptions to this pattern, though. The first of these was the Act of Remembrance held on Sunday 8th November just before I I am beside the war memorial which attended by around 80 people. The second was the outdoor Christmas carol service which attracted as many as 100 people. In both cases, appreciation was expressed for St Paul's having held these events under difficult conditions.

It is also very pleasing to be able to record that a wedding took place on 17th October. Very few guests were allowed to attend but the weather was sunny and the couple were delighted that they could marry in St Paul's.

The Parochial Church Council (PCC)

The role of the PCC is 'to co-operate with the priest-in-charge in promoting in the parish the whole mission of the church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical'.

The PCC met eight times in 2020, including the meeting held after the Annual Meeting in October. In order to comply with government guidance on social gatherings to limit the spread of Covid-19, all except the first of these meetings took place online using the Zoom video conferencing platform. The meetings were conducted in a spirit of willingness to work together for the benefit of the church.

The PCC met for the first time in the year on 13th January at a specially organised meeting in the church, held with purpose of advancing the plans to install a toilet in the building. The architect, Jonathan Rhind, had produced sketches of two alternative designs but the assembled PCC members quickly agreed that Sketch 1 would be the preferred option as it would allow access to the church from the west door to be maintained, while the other would not. There was no agreement, though, on whether plans to remove some pews to provide for a more versatile use of the building should be considered.

The arrival of the Covid-19 pandemic put a halt to all discussion of project work, and it was not until 1st June that the PCC met again, this time online by Zoom. As members had not seen each other for several months, the priority then was to enquire how each had fared during the lockdown.

Ann Rumble had been appointed treasurer on 28th March 2020 following the earlier resignation of Tom Wilks and she was welcomed to the PCC meeting. Churches had been required to close entirely when lockdown was imposed on 23rd March 2020, causing some disquiet among members of the clergy who felt that it was unnecessarily restrictive to prevent them entering their own churches. This rule was relaxed on 7th May, though, and, by the time of this PCC meeting, attention was turning to reopening the church for private prayer.

Hygiene would be of the utmost importance to limit the spread of infection and it was agreed that the church would open for private prayer twice per week from 17th June 2020, being from 2-4pm on Wednesdays and 10am – noon on Sundays. The interval between openings would exceed the maximum

of 72 hours which the virus was thought to be able to survive on exposed surfaces and would minimise the need for additional cleaning.

The church's finances were a matter for concern as events to raise funds could not be held within the government's rules for limiting the spread of Covid-19, nor was it possible to hand around the collection plate, even when services resumed. Congregation members had been encouraged to maintain their giving by transferring payments electronically, where possible. Expenditure had exceeded income by £2681 at the end of April, although this was due to the previous year having ended with a deficit of £3100 incurred by the need to pay architect's fees for drawing up plans for the toilet installation. There was concern that the monthly payments to the Diocese of Exeter for St Paul's share of the Common Fund might prove to be unsustainable.

By the time of the next PCC meeting on 6th July, Hazel and Mike had been able to report that the twice-weekly opening of the church for private prayer had not encountered any difficulty. Attention was now focused on restarting services in church, with government permission for this to happen having been granted on 4th July. It was felt that the hygiene procedures in place for private prayer would be transferable to those required for services in the church. It would be necessary to ensure social distancing, the wearing of face masks and a record of those attending would need to be kept for 21 days after each service to assist Track and Trace, if required. A date of 19th July was set for the resumption of services in church.

Revd Shaun had, since April, been writing a weekly letter to congregation members to keep them in touch with church matters during the lockdown. It was felt at this meeting that this communication should continue as, even though services were soon to resume, it was likely that few people would be willing to re-join social gatherings while the virus was still in the community.

It was agreed that the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) would be held in October. In a normal year, the Diocese of Exeter requires APCMs to take place by the end of April but that deadline had been extended by six months due to the pandemic. PCC members approved the documents relevant to the APCM at this meeting.

A further PCC meeting was held remotely on 20th July to confirm the arrangements for restarting services, for which there had been a delay. It was now agreed, though, that services would resume from 2nd August with Morning Prayer as it would not be safe for Holy Communion to be offered.

The question of whether the Mission Community magazine should be offered in print form again was one of the first issues dealt with at the PCC meeting held on 14th September. To minimise the risk of spreading infection, the magazine had been sent out by email since the lockdown was imposed in March. With the reported number of cases of Covid-19 now very low, some magazine readers had asked if they could receive the printed version again. Revd Shaun was aware, though, of Diocesan advice that the distribution of printed material should be avoided wherever possible. Accordingly, it was agreed that the magazine should continue to be sent out by email, with printouts being made available to those without an internet connection.

At this meeting, the date of 12th October was set for the APCM. A Harvest service was arranged to be held on 27th September to coincide with Gift Days on 26th and 27th September. It was hoped that a service of Remembrance could be held in November.

Concerns about the ability of the church's funds to sustain continued payment into the Common Fund and it was agreed that Revd Shaun would seek help from the Diocese to reduce payments.

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting took place on 12th October the minutes for which were circulated soon afterwards. During the PCC meeting which followed, a discussion was held on the future of the

church. There was agreement that the church needed to adapt to new ways of offering worship but less consensus as to how this might be achieved: more discussion and consultation with representatives of the local community would be required.

The penultimate PCC meeting of the year took place on 16th November and Christmas services were utmost in members' minds. Covid infections had risen dramatically across the country during the autumn and a new lockdown had been imposed earlier in the month, due to last until early December. It was felt that planning should begin for an outdoor Carol Service to be held on the afternoon of 20th December as well as a Christmas Mass in the church on 24th December.

At this meeting, it was also agreed, following Shaun's discussions with the Diocese that the final two instalments to the Common Fund should be stopped, pending an assessment early in the New Year of the church's ability to pay them.

The final PCC meeting of the year was held on 9th December at which plans for the two Christmas services were finalised. There had been concern that the second lockdown which had been due to end on 2nd December might be extended due to rising Covid cases. The lockdown had been lifted, though, and the PCC felt that the outdoor Carol Service on 20th December as well as Christmas Mass on 24th should proceed. This would be under strict conditions to prevent the spread of infection and Risk Assessments would be carried out.

The other substantial matter discussed at this meeting was the future of the church and how it could best serve the needs of its parishioners after the pandemic. In an attempt to engage the wider parish in this debate, Charles had taken part in the Parish Council's Zoom meeting on 2nd December. He presented a report to the councillors on the challenges facing St Paul's as well as the ways in which it serves the community. The report had been well received and the view was expressed that it was important for the parish as a whole work together as it emerges from the pandemic.

PCC meetings usually adhere to a standard agenda and the matters described above were typically discussed under the items of Mission, Wardens' Report, Treasurer's Report and Fabric, these being the subjects which usually give rise to the most debate. Safeguarding is a regular item, under which any issues relating to the care of children or vulnerable adults can be reported. PCC meetings always began and ended with a prayer and typically lasted for around an hour and a half.

Church building and its contents

The Fabric Committee, comprising chosen members of the PCC and others with relevant knowledge, is responsible for advising the PCC on the maintenance tasks that need to be carried out. It is the job of the PCC to decide on the work to be done, based on funds available.

Despite the pandemic, maintenance was carried out on the church where necessary. A cause for concern was a patch of roof over the north side of the nave where corroded nails had been allowing slates to move in the wind, risking the ingress of rain. Mike Foster had been routinely inspecting the patch and rearranging the slates where necessary. One enhancement that was carried out in October was the installation of an internet connection to allow services to be live streamed from the church.

Children

In principle, St Paul's maintains close connections with Landkey Primary School. Covid-related restrictions on social contact meant, though, that visits to the school by members of St Paul's could not take place, nor could school services, such as Harvest Festival, be held in the church.

Safeguarding

The PCC has a policy in place to enable it to comply with the House of Bishops' (one of the three houses of the Church of England) guidance on safeguarding children and vulnerable adults. Safeguarding matters were discussed at all PCC meetings.

Financial matters

Fundraising was not possible in 2020 in ways that would have been feasible had the pandemic not occurred. Events such as the annual Garden Party, for example, could not be held and the collection plate could not be used, even when services resumed.

To compensate for this, soon after the lockdown was imposed in March, the PCC appealed to congregation members to maintain their giving to the church if they were able to and encouraged donations to be made electronically by BACS.

Many people responded, ensuring that the church was able to continue paying its costs. For this, the members of the PCC were very grateful.

It is the aim of PCC to pay its share of contributions to the Exeter Diocese's Common Fund. It recognises that it is from this Fund that the costs of providing clergy are paid and that there is an obligation to help meet these. However, in these extraordinary times, it was felt that, in order to maintain its financial security, St Paul's might have to consider paying to the Fund only what it could afford. The final two monthly instalments of 2020 were withheld, with the agreement of the Diocese, although it was later found to be feasible to pay them at the start of 2021.

Website (www.landkeyparishchurch.org)

The PCC contributes towards the running costs of the website which is maintained by Charles Waldron on an otherwise voluntary basis. It provides an important means of communicating church matters to the public and was made particular use of during the pandemic as a place where news of church services, both online and in church could be displayed,

*Charles Waldron
25th March 2021*

The accounts for 2020 were approved by the St Paul's PCC on 26th April 2021

FINANCIAL REVIEW OF 2020

Since taking on the role of Treasurer, it has made me realise how wonderful, generous and kind members of the church are. I never thought at the start, that the pandemic would continue to still be with us today, but we will continue with our work to do the best that we can.

This last year 2020 we managed to end with a surplus of £914.44 That was after we cleared all our outstanding debts, paying the Exeter Diocese in full for the year and the Architects fees from 2019 of E2,976.72.

Due to the pandemic, we were unable to do much of the usual fund raising because of social distancing. During the Spring members took on a sponsored knitting for blankets, raising E433. Then in the Autumn Eileen organised a a talent contest, giving GIO to each volunteer to see how with their skills could generate more money. Amazingly through card making, wreaths. and decorations the final sum was E395.30. With sincere thanks to all for their efforts in raising funds at this time.

May I also say many thanks for the donations, grants, church collections, envelopes, S.Os and D/debits given throughout the year.

It is wonderful to know how much support the Church has to move forward into 2021, to be a beacon of light for the community. With God's blessing to you all.

Ann

March 2021

Emma Charles

LANDKEY PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

ACCOUNT SUMMARIES AT 31ST DECEMBER 2020

	at 01.01.2020	General Receipts	Grants/ Donations Received	Interest Distributed	General Payments	Account Transfers	at 31.12.2020
	£			£	£	£	£
Unrestricted Reserve Account	24,947.09	1,270.00		67.79		7,878.82	18,406.06
Restricted Accounts:							
Fabric	8,333.16	1,300.00		22.03	-		9,655.19
Churchyard (a)	30,097.28		400.00	76.26	(953.74)		29,619.80
Pullman	1,049.42			3.39	-		1,052.81
Bell Fund (b)	5,758.60			35.99	-		5,794.59
Bank and Cash Reconciliation	2,343.68	20,808.46			(22,115.74)	7,878.82	8,915.22
FINAL BALANCE	72,529.23	23,378.46	400.00	205.46	(23,069.48)	0.00	73,443.67

	£
(a) Churchyard Account:	
Balance as at 01.01.20	30,097.28
Add shared interest	76.26
Parish Council Grant for graveyard	400.00
	<u>30,573.54</u>
Total Churchyard Expenses	(953.74)
Balance as at 31.12.20	<u>29,619.80</u>
b) Bell Fund Receipts	
Balance as at 01.01.20	5,758.60
Interest	35.99
Balance as at 31.12.20	<u>5,794.59</u>

Represented by Balances as at 31.12.20

Cash Book balance	8,915.22
Saver Account	58,733.86
Santander Account	5,794.59
	<u>73,443.67</u>

I certify the Statement of Receipts and Payments for the Landkey P.C.C. has been prepared from the records of the Church Treasurer and that the Statement is in accordance with the records and supporting documents.

SIGNED
 J W CRICK
 Chartered Accountant

DATED 12th March 2021

ST PAUL'S CHURCH, LANDKEY

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT for period 1 January to 31 December 2020

		£	£
INCOME			
Plate			2,396.56
Envelopes & S.Os.			9,655.40
Social Fund Raising			806.30
Fees			1,402.00
Church Yard			400.00
Donations			2,269.00
Dividend & Interest			205.46
Gift Aid Refund			3,708.70
Income for Charity			150.00
Misc	Tea Money (to Fabric Fund)	265.00	
	War Grave Commission	15.00	
	Magazine Money	220.50	
	Gift Day	1,455.00	
	Fundraising for Fabric Fund	1,035.00	
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			23,983.92
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EXPENDITURE			
Common Fund			11,177.00
Church Cleaning			1,060.00
Church Repairs			291.00
Churchyard Upkeep			953.74
Utilities & BT			855.74
Service Expenses			1,017.36
Charitable Donations			150.00
Insurance			3,749.93
Misc:	Architect's Fees	2,976.72	
	Magazine Money	220.00	
	Weekly Giving Envelopes	36.32	
	Voucher for Auditor	30.00	
	Green Bin	36.00	
	Clergy Scarf	35.00	
	Boiler Service & Fire Extinguisher Service	190.92	
	Raffle Licence	20.00	
	Music Licence	96.00	
	Royal British Legion Wreath	50.00	
	Sanitizer materials	23.75	
	Treasurer's (TW) Expenses	100.00	
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			3,814.71
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			23,069.48
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SURPLUS for 1st January to 31 December 2020			914.44
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LANDKEY PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

RECEIPTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2020

	2020 £	2019 £
RECEIPTS		
<u>Voluntary Income</u>		
Covenants	9,655.40	10,680.15
Collections	2,396.56	2,479.58
	12,051.96	13,159.73
 <u>Other Voluntary Income</u>		
Donations	1,019.00	495.01
Gift Day	1,455.00	804.00
Grants from Landkey United Charities	1,250.00	
Churchyard Donation ex Landkey PC	400.00	800.00
Fees	1,402.00	2,046.00
	5,526.00	4,145.01
 <u>Events and Activities</u>		
Fund Raising	806.30	1,770.67
Fundraising for Fabric Fund	1,035.00	
Tea Money (for Fabric Fund)	265.00	295.00
	2,106.30	2,065.67
 <u>Other Income</u>		
Interest (subsequently divided between Funds)	205.46	286.67
Tax & VAT Refund	3,708.70	3,923.60
Fund Raising for Charities	150.00	425.10
Magazine money	220.50	228.00
War Grave Commission	15.00	
	4,299.66	4,863.37
 <u>TOTAL RECEIPTS</u>	23,983.92	24,233.78

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SHIRWELL DEANERY SYNOD FOR THE YEAR 2020

What is a Deanery Synod?

A deanery synod is a synod convened by the Rural Dean (or Area Dean) and/or the Joint Lay Chair of the Deanery Synod, who is elected by the elected lay members. It consists of all clergy licensed to a benefice (or Mission Community) within the deanery, plus elected lay members. (*Source: Wikipedia*).

Which churches comprise the Shirwell Deanery?

Berrynarbor	St Peter
Bittadon	St Peter
Bratton Fleming	St Peters Anglican-Methodist
Brendon	St Brendan
Challacombe	Holy Trinity
Combe Martin	St Peter
Countisbury	St John the Evangelist
East Buckland	St Michael
East Down	St John the Baptist
Ilfracombe	Holy Trinity
Ilfracombe	St Philip & St James
Kentisbury	St Thomas
Landkey	St Paul
Lee	St Matthew
Loxhore	St Michael and All Angels
Lynton	St Mary the Virgin
Martinhoe	St Martin
Mortehoe	St Mary
Parracombe	Christ Church
Shirwell	St Peter
Stoke Rivers	St Bartholomew
Swimbridge	St James Swimbridge (with Gunn, The Holy Name)
Trentishoe	St Peter
West Buckland	St Peter
Woolacombe	St Sabinus

(Source: Diocese of Exeter)

Purpose of the Deanery Synod

Deanery Synods meet to bring together the views of parishes in the deanery on common opportunities and problems so that they may work together to promote the mission of the Church. Visiting speakers are often invited to help in this. They consider the business of the Diocesan Synod and make common concerns and views known to this wider body.

Deanery Synods are an opportunity to meet with other Christians, to worship together, to learn from each other and to share experiences. They meet 3-4 times each year (in a normal year). Deanery Synod representatives are ex officio members of the PCC and are called to be a link between the parishes in the local area. *(Source: Diocese of Exeter website).*

Structure of the Shirwell Deanery.

Rural Dean: Revd Rosemary Austin

Secretary: Maureen Richards

St Paul's representatives: Eric and Hazel Price (Ann Rumble took over from Hazel in October 2020)

Deanery Synod Report 2020

The Shirwell Deanery Synod AGM was held at Combe Martin on 19th February 2020. At the meeting the Rev. Ann Lewis gave an informative update on the Ilfracombe Food Bank. Synod met again in October online using zoom during which Jess Meale gave a talk on the work of The Children's Society. Neil Hobbs stepped down as Synod Secretary but offered to hold the fort until a successor was found and Maureen Smith stepped down as Treasurer. Maureen Richards, the Lay Chair, has taken on the role of Secretary and Treasurer. It was agreed that no Parish Share (£20 per parish) would be levied by the Deanery in 2021.

Eric and Hazel Price, 1st May 2021