



The Parish of the Church of St Mary Magdalene Huntshaw

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Annual Report and Financial Statements

of the Parochial Church Council

for the year ended 31st December 2019

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The Parochial Church Council of the Church of St Mary Magdalene Huntshaw

Annual Report for the year ended 31st December 2019

Aim and Purpose

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

Objectives and Activities

When planning our activities, the PCC has considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit, and the specific guidance on charities for the advancement of religion.

The PCC is committed to enabling as many people as possible to worship at our Church, and to become a resource for the whole parish community. Our services and worship put faith into practice through prayer and scripture, music and sacrament. To facilitate this work, it is vital that we maintain the fabric of the Church

Worship and Prayer

The PCC offered two services a month on Sundays. On the second Sunday we held an All Age Service aimed at younger people and families and on the fourth Sunday a Holy Communion or Evening Prayer service aimed at more traditional worshippers. We are grateful to Tim Overton who assisted Rev. Paul with the services. The average Sunday service was attended by 12 – 15 people including children although numbers fluctuated. During special services and festivals, numbers were higher.

The evening service was discontinued in November 2019 due largely to a sharp decline in attendance. Rev. Gary Owen who joined the Mission in September took the final evening service in November.

Achievements and Performance

The Friends of the Church of St Mary Magdalene remained active during the year and up until June 2019 organised regular events including an open day, an evening dedicated to bats and as always, a successful Christmas party. These events made the church central to the community. Between June and mid-December events were put on hold due to building work. Successful fundraising resulted in raising £45,000 which was used for internal flooring repairs in the nave and the vestry, restoration of the west door and replacing the roof of the tower. During the year, the floor repairs along with the removal of four pews from the rear of the nave allowed us to create a flexible community space which has been used for social gatherings and meetings.

An independent project led by Richard Sears involves restoring the three listed bells. Richard has had advice from the Devon Bellringers Association and the Loughborough Bell Foundry with representatives from both organisations visiting the church. He has secured funding to place scaffolding in the tower to allow close up preparatory work.

Electoral roll

At present there are 9 parishioners on the Electoral Roll.

Deanery Synod

Our member of the PCC who sits on the Deanery Synod is Audrey Alimo, who stepped into this role after the resignation of Robert Chugg, the previous church warden. The Synod provides the PCC with a link with the Churches around us, and with the Diocese as a whole. It also receives reports from the General Synod.

Mission Community Council

Robert Chugg represented the PCC until September 2019. Audrey Alimo assumed the role from September 2019

Church Fabric

Grants were secured to bring about long overdue repairs and refurbishment for the church as recommended in the Quinquennial Inspection 2016 (see Achievements & Performance section).

The Church Yard continues to be well maintained although our plans to create a wildlife friendly environment have not yet come to fruition.

Financial Review

We are grateful to Alverdiscott and Huntshaw Parish Council for their generous contribution to the support of the maintenance of the churchyard. All the church accounts are now computerised. We thank Peter Denard for auditing the accounts. See Treasurers Report for the audited accounts.

Structure, Governance and Management

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. The Council comprises the Incumbent, the Churchwarden and other members who are elected at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting, by those on the Electoral Roll. Members of the congregation are always urged to join the Electoral Roll, and to stand for election to the PCC if they wish to do so. The PCC members are responsible for making decisions on all matters of general concern and importance in the parish, and for all financial matters.

Safe Guarding

The PCC have adopted the Safeguarding policy of the Two Rivers Ministry and no issues were reported.

Administrative Information

The Church is situated in Huntshaw, and is part of the Deanery of Torrington, in the Diocese of Exeter. The correspondence address is: The Rectory, High Bickington, Devon EX37 9AY.

The PCC is a body corporate (PCC Powers Measure 1956, and the Church Representation Rules 2006) and a Charity excepted from registration with the Charity Commission.

PCC members who have served during 2019 were:

The Incumbent

Rev Paul Bysouth

Rev Gary Owen joined the PCC September 2019

Churchwardens

Robert Chugg (resigned September 2019)

Audrey Alimo

Deanery Synod Rep	Robert Chugg and latterly Audrey Alimo
Treasurer	Lesley Wall
Secretary	Rachel Chugg (resigned September 2019)
Safeguarding Officer	Lorraine Hooper
Members	Michael Barrow Mark Hooper

The Future

Rev. Paul Bysouth is due to retire in January 2020 and we owe him a great debt for turning the fortunes of the church around. In particular he has transformed the services and increased the congregation by implementing family focused All Age Services. We thank you Paul for your hard work and commitment to the Huntshaw community. We also wish to thank Wendy Bysouth for her continued support over the past three years. We look forward to Rev. Gary Owen taking the reins and leading the church into the next era.

The success of activities hosted by the Friends Group demonstrates the importance of broadening the use of the building so that it continues to be valued by the whole community. Replacing an unsafe section of pews with an open seating area for meetings/displays etc. will help us to achieve this wider use. We want to see the church at the heart of the parish and an important development this year has been the linking up with the new parish hall committee. The two groups intend to organise joint events throughout the year, the first of which will be an open day in January 2020. The church will continue to provide the All Age church services and we hope to see these grow further. The Friends Group are planning the next stage of the restoration and repairs which we hope to see completed by 2021.

The churchyard is well maintained but is not very wildlife friendly and we are keen to embrace the aim of the Diocese to improve the ecology of churchyards. Thus, we hope that 2020 will be our year for achieving this aim.

The church is moving forward with confidence and is more integrated into its local community with a bigger congregation and more use for community events. The building is being repaired and refurbished and we look forward to another successful year in 2020.

Approved by the PCC on 15th^t October 2020 and signed on its behalf by:

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Rev. Gary Owen (Chairman)

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Audrey Alimo

**The Church of St Mary Magdalene Huntshaw PCC Accounts
Year to 31st December 2019**

2018	General Fund	2019
	Receipts	
805	Gift Aid	650.65
	Uncovenanted Planned Giving	
902	Collections at Services	1,287.88
157	Gift Aid Income Tax Recovered	73.66
	Dividends	
	Sundry	
5	Donations	
	1,868	2,012.19
	559.00	
	Grants and Legacies	370.50
369	Fund Raising (Gross)	
	Investment	
2,475	Income	2,580.10
539	Fees	598.50
	Charitable	
	Income	73.00
	Diocesan Loans	5,000.00
3,923	Transfer from Savings Account	700.00
	7,306	8,951.60
	9,733	11,334.29
	Payments	
319	Church Expenses	34.00
457	Clergy Expenses	342.60
	Upkeep of	
1,576	Church	2,265.75
120	Heat and Light	115.30
	Upkeep of	
30	Services	896.58
3,761	Major Works	5,334.00
100	Charitable Giving	
1,494	Common Fund	1,442.00
150	Employment Costs Donations	314.20
75	Miscellaneous Expenses	88.46
	Diocesan Loan Repayments	
848	Churchyard Expenses	864.00
	8,931	11,696.89
	802	-362.60
	Excess of Receipts over Payments for the year	
	Balance B/F 1 January 2019	1,950.72
1,951	Balance carried forward	1,588.12

Financial Statement For Year Ending 31/12/2018

Designated Funds and Payments Account

	2017	2018	2019
Huntshaw Parish Church - Deposit Account	4406.1	3053.02	315.77
Receipts			
Interest	0.77	3.79	0.6
Sub Total	4406.87	3056.81	316.37
Payments			
Insurance	1353.85		
Trans to Current A/c		2741.04	300
Sub Total	1353.85	2741.04	
Excess Receipts over Payments	-1353.08	-2737.25	-299.4
Balance at 31/12	3053.02	315.77	16.37
Huntshaw Parish Church - Tower Fund	1310.18	1406.45	325.19
Interest	0.24	2.67	0.68
Receipts	96.03	98.07	100.02
Sub Total	1406.45	1507.19	425.89
Payments			
Trans to Current A/c	0	1182	390
Excess Receipts over Payments	96.27	-1081.26	-289.3
Balance at 31/12	1406.45	325.19	35.89
Huntshaw Parish Church - Dennis Charity	53.22	53.34	53.34
Interest			0.12
Trans to Current A/c			10
Balance at 31/12			43.46

Statement of Assets and Liabilities

General Unrestricted Funds

Huntshaw Parish Church - Deposit Account	3053.02	315.77	16.37
Huntshaw Parish Church - Tower Fund	1406.45	325.19	35.89
Huntshaw Parish Church - Dennis Charity	53.22	53.34	43.46
Huntshaw Parish Church - Current Account	1214.49	1950.72	1588.12
Sub Total	5727.18	2645.02	1683.84

Investments

Charifund Income Units	35,183.58	30,500.44	35,569.32
CBF Investment Fund	23,607.94	23,197.82	27,541.44
COIF Charities Investment Fund		2,826.35	3,331.74

Restricted Funds

None

Total Assets	64518.7	59169.63	68126.34
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Liabilities	66	5,000	EDBF Loan
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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL ('THE TRUSTEES') OF ST MARY MAGDALENE CHURCH, HUNTSHAW

I report to the Trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Parochial Church Council of St Mary Magdalene Church, Huntshaw (the 'Trust') for the year ended 31 December 2019.

Responsibilities and basis of the report

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

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

Independent Examiner's Statement

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

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

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

Signed:

Date: 20th July 2020

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