

The Parish Church of St Clement, Withiel

Annual Report of the Parochial Church Council For the Calendar Year Ended 31 December 2018

Administrative Information

St Clement's Church is situated in Churchtown in the very rural parish of Withiel (population 351). It was part of the United Benefice of Roche and Withiel until 31st August 2011, but on 1st September 2011 it formed, with St Wenn, the new United Benefice of St Wenn and Withiel in the Diocese of Truro within the Church of England.

The presentation of the new United Benefice was suspended on January 4th 2012, and was re-suspended on January 4th 2017. The Patrons are the Bishop and the Truro Diocesan Board of Patronage.

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The Parochial Church Council (PCC) is a charity excepted from registration with the Charity Commission. PCC members who have served from 1 January 2018 to date are:

Priest-in-Charge: Rev'd Elke Deeley (currently on extended leave of absence)

Wardens	Simon Coy	First Elected 4 th April 2005
	Betty Jarrett	First Elected 4 th April 2005

Representatives on the Deanery Synod:

Elected members:	Simon Coy	PCC Secretary
	Anne Cardew	
	Anita Dunstan	
	Emma Hutchinson	Lay Vice-Chairman
	Anthony Liddicoat	Treasurer
	Gwen Millett	
	Wendy Simpson	

Structure, Governance and Management

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. All Church attendees are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and stand for election to the PCC.

Objectives and Activities

St Clement's PCC has the responsibility of cooperating with the Rev'd Elke Deeley (the incumbent) in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. It has maintenance responsibilities for the Church. It rents the Church Room (formally a Priory Stable) from the current owner of the 1523 Priory.

The United Benefice of St Wenn and Withiel

A Pastoral Measure was put in place on 1st September 2011 to form the United Benefice of St Wenn and Withiel. Following this change, we have also moved Deanery to Pydar where we are now well ensconced.

Achievements and Performance

Church Attendance

There were 22 parishioners on the Church Electoral Roll in 2018. Fifty Sunday services were held with an average attendance of 14. This is a slight increase from 13 in 2017, but a disappointing reduction from 17 in 2016. The Church was full for the Christmas Eve Carol Service.

Review of The Year

PCC Meetings. There were Six PCC meetings during the year. The Vestry Meeting and the Annual Parochial Church Meetings were held on 23rd April 2018.

Charitable Giving: We made charitable donations to:

The Royal British Legion
Cornwall Historic Churches Trust
Cornwall Hospice Care
Christian Aid
Hope Gardens
International Book Aid

Baptisms, Marriages and Funerals

One infant was baptized during 2018:

Sunday 28 October 2018 Agatha Davies

There was one marriages during 2018

Saturday 26 May 2018 Rosie Maguire and Chris Moore

There were seven funerals at St Clement's in 2018

Tuesday 16 January 2018	Donald Henry Jennings
Tuesday 13 February 2018	Sylvia Rosamund Julia Hands
Saturday 28 April 2018	Thelma Elizabeth Wilson
Tuesday 05 June 2018	Jocelyn Alison Sharp
Friday 22 June 2018	Linda Carol Trebilcock
Thursday 30 August 2018	Heather Doreen Williams
Tuesday 11 September 2018	Edward Prettejohn

Special Services

The year started with a Carol Service in Cornish. The Mothering Sunday Service was well attended. Harvest Festival, and Plough Sunday were all celebrated in a way that befits a country parish. A Rogation-tide service was held followed by a blessing of Church-town fields and a lunch in the Church Room. Flower Festival Sunday was marked by a special service, partially in Cornish, to mark Merv Davey's period in office as Grand Bard. Juulie Barnecutt led our first pet service on Sunday 18th September. Remembrance Sunday was celebrated outside by the war memorial. The Good Friday Procession of Faith started with a service at Withiel. Members of both Parishes then walked to St Wenn when a further service was held followed by a soup lunch.

Fundraising and Social Activities

Sunday 7th January	Plough Sunday Parish Lunch
Tuesday 13th February	Pancake Day Party in Church Room
Saturday 17th February	Valentine Soup and Coffee Morning
Saturday 14th April.	Spring Event
Sunday 6th May	Rogation Sunday Lunch in Church Room
Sunday 24th June	Whitehay Cricket Match
Saturday 21st July	Fete and Dog Show
Friday 3rd August	Duck Race
Sunday 7 October	Harvest Parish Lunch
Saturday 17th November	Choir Concert in Church
Thursday 13 December.	Johnny Cowling in Church
Friday 14th December	Christmas Party

The Fabric of the Church and the Church Room

Work has taken place to replace the fabric in the screen between the Vestry and the Nave. Wendy Simpson has continued her seat cushion project in the Chancel. The Boiler Oil Tank was replaced. Maintenance is planned for some missing roof slates, the rainwater goods and the drains assisted by grants following an initiative by the Cornish Historic Churches trust.


Annual Financial Report 2018

We finished the year with net assets of £6,008.33, rather better than last year's £1,322.10. Total receipts were £11,615.12 (£13,488.45 in 2017) and are detailed in the financial statements.

A total of £6,928.89 was spent to provide the Christian ministry from St Clement's Church. As we slowly recover from the unforeseen cost of repairs to the Church Room Roof, we were able to pay £2,750 half what we were asked for. Next year we have been asked to pay £6,000.

Reserves policy

It is PCC policy to adopt best practice and maintain a balance on unrestricted funds (if possible), which equates to approximately six months' unrestricted payments (£3,464), to cover unforeseen eventualities and provide a working balance and cash flow. Our net assets of £ 6,008.33 at the end of 2018, meets this target.



Simon Coy
PCC Secretary
24 March 2019

for approval at the 2018 APCM to be held on Tuesday 23 April 2019