

NORTH BOVEY PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2018

Membership of the PCC: During the year the following served as members of the Parochial Church Council:

Ex officio

Incumbent: The Reverend Prebendary Simon Franklin

Churchwardens: Mrs Sarah Rego, Mrs Sarah Shorthouse

Deanery Synod Reps: Mr John Williams

Treasurer: Mr Peter Keesom

Secretary: Mr John Williams – address for correspondence: Gate House, North Bovey, TQ13 8RB

Elected Members

Mrs Deborah Jenkin, Mr Lionel Holmes, Mrs Margaret Weir, Mr David Hubble

Standing Committee

Revd Simon Franklin, Mrs Sarah Rego, Mr Peter Keesom, Mrs Sarah Shorthouse, Mr John Williams

Review of the Year

Services continue to be held on the first and third Sundays of the month with an informal worship attracting, on average, 10-12 people on the first Sunday and an average congregation of 16 people for Holy Communion on the third Sunday.

Other services held this year over and above regular services, have included Easter Sunday Holy Communion, and a Harvest Festival followed by a harvest lunch in the parish hall. Our Christmas services started with a Christingle service followed by a carol service and midnight communion on Christmas Eve when we welcomed walkers (led by Debbie and Dai Jenkin) from Bovey Castle Hotel. We also had a family service on Christmas Day.

We held 2 marriage services and a blessing of a marriage in the church this year, 5 baptisms and 2 funerals. This year it is intended to continue the planned programme of repairs by turning attention to the interior walls and the damp issues that exist. Further exploration and consultations have been ongoing with the Diocese towards the planning and implementation of the possible installation of a lavatory and kitchen facility in the base of the church tower and possible relocation of the organ to the side aisle of the church. Fund raising for the upkeep of the church buildings and day to day expenses of the church continues to prove challenging and we are extremely grateful for the hard work and dedication of the Friends of St John's as they continue to find innovative ways to procure much needed finances for the maintenance of the buildings. We are also thankful for the financial contribution from the annual North Bovey Fair proceeds, which helps greatly towards the insurance premiums for the church.

Whilst mindful of our own expenses we also try to remember others in need and endeavour to make several financial donations to charities throughout the year. We have sent donations to the Royal Agricultural Benevolent society, Farm Africa and the Teignbridge Food Bank.

We are indebted to all those who minister spiritually to our congregation and parishioners and particularly to Simon, our parish priest and to Lionel Holmes and John Randall who organise our informal worship services for their care and concern and guidance throughout the year.

This next year will provide new and exciting challenges for the congregation and PCC as we said goodbye to our vicar Simon Franklin on his retirement in March and look forward to working with the other churches in the Benefice as we search for a new incumbent to join our community. Planning is also underway in the Deanery as we look further ahead to 2023 when a reduction in the amount of paid clergy positions in our deanery is reduced and we have to find new ways of ministering and serving our parishes.

Financial Review

See 'Statement of Accounting Policies and Financial Review'.

Structure, Governance and Management: The Parochial Church Council is a corporate body established by the Church of England. The PCC operates under the Parochial Church Council Powers Measure. The PCC is exempted by order from registering with the Charity Commission. North Bovey is part of Moretonhampstead United Benefice with Docombe, Lustleigh, and Manaton.

Objectives and Activities

St John the Baptist, North Bovey PCC has the responsibility of cooperating with the incumbent (and in the absence of the incumbent the Rural Dean) in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. It also has maintenance responsibilities for the church of St John the Baptist, North Bovey

Safeguarding

Several PCC members have now completed the first stage of the safeguarding courses organized by the diocese and a Safeguarding Officer has been appointed who will be responsible for overseeing all safeguarding matters. Safeguarding is now a regular item on the PCC agenda and all members have been made aware of the appropriate persons to contact in the event of concerns raised by church members or other persons.

Church Insurance

St John the Baptist Church, North Bovey is insured with Ecclesiastical Insurance plc Policy number: 04XPG0280198 Insured for the recommended amount of £5.73million

Achievements and Performance

Church Attendance: There were 47 people on the Church Electoral Roll in 2018, 2019 will see a new electoral roll being compiled in accordance with new GDPR guidelines.

To be agreed by the PCC on 27th March 2019