



THE PARISH OF LITTLEHAM CUM EXMOUTH

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PARISH & MISSION COMMUNITY ANNUAL REPORTS

for

The Annual Vestry Meeting and the Annual Parochial Church Meeting

**Wednesday 29th March 2017
7pm
Littleham Leisure Centre**

**Agenda
Minutes of the 2016 meetings
Electoral Roll Statement
Reports of the organisations etc.**

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NOTICE

The Annual Vestry Meeting will be held on Wednesday 29th March 2017 at 7.00pm in Littleham Leisure Centre, Littleham Rd. followed by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting.

ANNUAL MEETING OF PARISHIONERS – The Vestry Meeting: AGENDA

1. Welcome and Prayers
2. Apologies
3. Minutes of the previous Annual Meeting of Parishioners (see page 2)
4. Election of Churchwardens (Two from each church)

ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING: AGENDA

1. Minutes of the previous Annual Parish Meeting (See pages 2-4)
2. Submission of the revised Electoral Roll (See page 5)
3. Report on the proceedings of the PCC year (See page 5)
4. The Examined accounts for the year end 31st December 2016
(See separate document and page 6)
5. The report on the Ornaments, Goods and Fabric of the Church (See page 7)
6. The report on the proceedings of the Deanery Synod (See page 8)
7. Elections & Appointments –
 - a) Election of Deanery Synod members (4 being 2 from each Church – 2017/2020 session)
 - b) Election of PCC members
(3 persons from HT plus 1 from Littleham each for 3 year term)
(Casual Vacancies 1 HT – 2 years only plus 1 Littleham – 1 year only)
 - c) Appointment of Sidespersons (for each of the parish churches)
 - d) Appointment of the Independent Examiner
8. The Team Vicar's Annual Report
9. The Team Rector's Report (See Annual Report & Financial Statement document Pages 1-7)
10. Reception of reports from Church based organisations and groups
11. Any other permitted business

PARISH OF LITTLEHAM CUM EXMOUTH
ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING 9th MARCH 2016
Held at Holy Trinity Hall at 7.00pm

A THE ANNUAL VESTRY MEETING

1 The Rev'd James Hutchings, Rector, in the Chair, welcomed those present and opening the meeting with a reading.

2 **46 persons signed the Attendance Sheet** which is filed with these Minutes.

Apologies were received from 12 persons.

3 **The Minutes of the Vestry Meeting held on 16th March 2015**, which had been displayed following that meeting, and were included in the Bundle, were proposed by Mr R.J.Soutter and seconded by Dr P Primrose, were signed as an accurate record. Unanimously accepted.

4 **Election of Wardens for the Parish** for a period of one year. Four nominations had been received – **Mrs Margaret Elms and Mr Alan Whipps for Littleham and Mrs Sue Carrahar and Mrs Sue Stock for Holy Trinity**. These persons were duly elected and welcomed by the Chairman, who thanked them for standing for this post.

5 **The Chairman invited any questions**, there being none he closed the Vestry meeting at 7.10pm.

Signed.....Date.....

B THE ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

1 **The Minutes of the APCM held on 16th March 2015**, contained in the Bundle, had been displayed in both churches for a period of at least 3 weeks. It was proposed by Mr P Stock and seconded by Mr R.J.Soutter that these Minutes be signed as a correct record, all in favour, unanimously accepted.

2 **Submission of the Revised Electoral Roll:** (page 5 of the Bundle) In the absence of Neville Wright, Electoral Roll Officer, the Chairman advised the meeting of the need to amend the numbers printed in the bundle such *Total Number 260, made up 148 HT, 110 Littleham and 2 No preference*. The Chairman placed his thanks on record to Neville Wright for all his valuable work over the past years on the Electoral Roll and wished him well on his retirement from this role.

3 **The Report on the proceedings of the PCC to year ended 31st Dec 2015:** The full PCC met on 7 occasions during 2015 and attendance increased over the previous year to 86%. Items discussed included, Election of new PCC Secretary; Growing our church; Strategy to improve our financial situation; Discipleship & Evangelism in the Mission Community; Car Parking - Again!!; Pension Provision for church employees ; Parish Giving Scheme
The Chairman thanked Mike Goom for all his work as PCC Secretary.

4 **The Examined Accounts for the year ended 31st Dec 2015** (page 6 and separate document) the main challenge this year has been to match ever-rising costs by the generation of sufficient income to enable us to fulfil our commitment to the Diocese's Common Fund, whilst honouring all other financial commitments set by the PCC.

In 2014, the Diocese's assessment for our Common Fund contribution was £138,617 of which we actually contributed £123,000 (88.7%) – a shortfall of £15,617.

In 2015, we have contributed £112,000 (83.1% of our assessment of £134,707 – a shortfall of £22,707).

For 2016, our assessment figure is £127,156. Our projected budget figures for 2016 assume that we will pay this in full, **generating an annual budget deficit of £27,564.**

Clearly this is a significant challenge for our income generation efforts, through our giving, other fund-raising efforts and revenue-raising activities such as fees, etc.

We owe a continuing debt of thanks to all those who have supported us financially in the year. Notwithstanding the challenges above, very many do give sacrificially and generously and we could not survive without all these contributions.

We also continue to honour the commitment to donate 10% of all our Pledged Giving income to charities through our Mission Giving Committee (£16,321 in 2015, with £15,923 in the 2016 budget figures).

5 Report on the Ornaments, Goods and Fabric of the Church (page 7)

a St. Margaret & St. Andrew's Littleham: Churchwarden, Margaret Elms, presented the report and amended the Church Institute Trust to Glebe House Trust. She also asked for assistance with the Littleham Church Clean on 19th March 2016.

b Holy Trinity: Churchwarden, Sue Carrahar presented the report and invited any questions, but none were forthcoming. The Chairman thanked the Churchwardens for the time and intensive efforts needed to look after our buildings. These reports were unanimously accepted.

6 Report on the Proceedings of the Aylesbeare Deanery Synod (page 7) Paul Stock advised that all meetings were now Open Meetings and invited questions, but none were asked.

7 Elections and Appointments (page 8 of the Bundle)

a Aylesbeare Deanery Synod: This is the last year of the (2014/2017) Synod, so our 4 Reps will continue for a further year, until APCM in 2017.

b Parochial Church Council: 2 vacancies for Littleham (Sessions 2016/17/18) 3 years, Nominations received for Mrs C Garrett and Mrs J Hillman. 2 vacancies for HT for 3 years and nomination received for Mrs M Tuckett, as only 1 nomination received a casual vacancy will exist for 2 years term for 2017 elections, in addition to the normal vacancies. No other nominations received, so these people were duly elected for 3 years.

c Sidespersons:

i) Appointment of Sidespersons for Litt'm nominated by Mrs M Elms and Mr A Whipps:

Mrs M Elms	Mrs F Hughes,	Mrs C. King	Mr C Stubbings
Mrs S Stubbings	Mr K Tongue	Mr R Ward	Mr R Watson
Mrs M Watson	Mrs J Whipps	Mr M Woodcraft	Mr J Zweers

ii) Appointment of Sidespersons for HT nominated by the Mrs S Carrahar and Mrs S Stock:

Mrs E Alvis	Mrs L Bartlett	Mrs K Davison	Mrs E Edd
Dr M Elliott	Mrs J Goom	Mr M Goom	Mrs K Hoole
Miss B Jones	Mrs B Lagus	Mr M Lewis	Mrs J Jowitt
Mrs J Parkin	Miss J Parkinson	Mrs F Perriman	Mrs P Speedy
Mr H Terry	Mrs M Tomlinson	Mr S Tsepeinekov	Mr K Turner
Mrs S Turner	Mrs B Wilson	Mr G Wilson	

The above were all duly appointed with thanks.

d Appointment of Independent Examiners: *Mr Jim Bick of Bick Accountants Limited*, Chartered Accountants of 18a Littleham Road, Exmouth have been proposed by Alan Whipps and seconded by Sue Carrahar. They have agreed to continue in this capacity. They were duly appointed, unanimously agreed.

8 The Team Rector's Annual Report: please see separate document called "Annual Report and Financial Statements" Pages 1 - 7. The Rev'd James Hutchings commended his report to the meeting, which reported that 2015 At the heart of all that goes on in our parish are the great team of Sue Carrahar, Margaret Elms, Sue Stock and Alan Whipps – our Churchwardens – supported by their deputies and all who are PCC members and contribute on other ways to leading the parish. The mission community office is a focal point for the life of the parish and mission community and Kathy Whitehead even manages to do some administrative work alongside all of the pastoral work she does in helping church members and enquirers alike!

I think we have been conscious in 2015 of the blessings God has given us when we look at the situation faced by so many in our world. James also expressed the great loss to HT of Robert Knowling. No Questions were asked.

9 Team Vicar's Annual Report (see pages 8 - 9 of the Bundle) Benedict Cambridge, presented his report and invited Questions, but none were forthcoming.

10 Reception of Reports from Church based organisations and groups (pages 10 onwards)
The Rector named all of these individually, asking if there were any comments to be made. Items noted (**b**) **Catering/Social – HT**, Thanks to all helpers. (**cc**) **Exmouth Festival – Children's Tent** amended Exmouth Baptist Church with Hope Church (**nn**) **SPREE** weekend in July was @ Showbrook Park, Crediton. James thanked all those for their work in the life of the Church.

11 A O B: Tom & Brenda thanked the Church for their wonderful reception.

The Rector thanked everyone for their attendance and meeting closed with the sharing of the Grace.

Signed.....Date.....

Agenda Item 2:

Parish of Littleham cum Exmouth - Electoral Roll 2017

Statement to be presented to

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting on Wednesday 29th March 2017

The statutory procedures for the preparation of the new electoral roll have been completed, and copies of the draft new roll displayed in both churches for the statutory period of 15 days.

The new roll is made up as follows:-

Total No. of entries - **269**

Made up of **153** with Holy Trinity as their main church attended.

114 with Littleham as their main church attended.

2 with no preference.

This is an increase of **6** on last year's total, but there have been some deletions and some additions.

This concludes my official report.

Kevan Tongue (Electoral Roll Officer)

Agenda Item 3:

REPORT ON THE MEETINGS OF THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

The full PCC met on 7 occasions during 2016. It should be noted that besides these meetings almost all members sit on at least one Sub Committee. These Sub Committees undertake a tremendous amount of work to support the PCC, thus saving hours of the PCC Meetings. These Sub Committee have delegated powers, but all their minutes are open to scrutiny and questions at full PCC Meetings. Many routine items were discussed and in addition the following items were also discussed:

- Growing our church
- Strategy to improve our financial situation
- Development of LLC Site
- Discipleship & Evangelism in the Mission Community
- Car Parking at both Churches and LLC.
- Pension Provision for church employees
- Parish Giving Scheme

Attendance at meeting during the year was slightly down over previous year at 78%.

Mike Goom (PCC Secretary)

Agenda Item 4: Financial Review for the year ended 31st December 2016

Again in 2016, the main challenge has been to match ever-rising costs by the generation of sufficient income to enable us to fulfil our commitment to the Diocese's Common Fund, whilst honouring all other financial commitments set by the PCC (including the Mission Giving commitment – 10% of our Planned Giving).

Budget: In 2016 we set a deficit budget (-£27564) for our General Fund accounts, as it included the assumption of the full payment of our Common Fund Assessment (which we have not paid in full for some years). However, the figures at the end of December were such that the PCC was able to honour that full commitment and, indeed, have resolved to aim to do so again in 2017.

Income: In 2016 our overall Planned Giving remained about the same as 2015, but thanks to an increase in other donations during the year, a small legacy, and an increase in Fundraising income, our income figures were rather better than our (fairly cautious) budget figures. *We owe a very large debt of gratitude to those people, in both churches, who give a great deal of time, energy and expertise to our fundraising activities and the catering requirements which they generate.*

Expenditure: Three accounts, the Maintenance & Repair budget, Clergy Expenses, and the cost of The Net came in well under budget, thus reducing the final expenditure figure for the year.

Income minus Expenditure: (the bottom line!)

Having now paid the Common Fund in full, there is an Income over Expenditure deficit of £1853.

2017 budget:

In addition to the innumerable hours of time, and talents, which people so willingly give to help further the work of God in the parish in so many ways, we owe a continuing debt of thanks to all those who have supported us financially in 2016. Notwithstanding the challenge to match those ever-rising costs, very many do give sacrificially and generously and we could not survive without all these contributions. In order to meet our likely commitments in 2017, we have had to set a target for Planned Giving of 2% above the current level. Our significant challenge in 2017 is to meet this target!

Fund movement by type

	Opening	Incoming	Outgoing	Transfers	Gains/losses	Closing
Cyand - Churchyard						
Restricted	£4,380	£35,784	£37,861	—	—	£2,303
FGHT - Flower Guild HT						
Restricted	£1,408	£1,374	£2,045	—	—	£737
FGLit - Flower Guild Littleh						
Restricted	£140	£2,691	£1,370	—	—	£1,461
Fabric - Fabric						
Restricted	£19,722	—	—	—	—	£19,722
Halfways - Halfways						
Restricted	£31	—	—	—	—	£31
LegTr - Legacy Trusts						
Endowment	£62,475	—	—	—	£2,347	£64,822
LitBells - Littleham Church Bel						
Restricted	£530	£77	—	—	—	£607
OrdFund - Ordinands Fund						
Restricted	—	£220	£114	—	—	£106
Prospects - Prospects						
Restricted	£238	—	£40	—	—	£198
WelcomeP - Welcome Pack etc						
Restricted	£770	—	—	—	—	£770
YFW - Youth and Family Wor						
Restricted	£19,525	£30,418	£42,259	—	—	£7,685
YFWNC - Y&FW New Contract						
Restricted	—	—	—	—	—	—
General - General fund						
Unrestricted	£47,510	£226,741	£228,594	—	£3,210	£48,867
Grand total	£156,729	£297,305	£312,281	—	£5,557	£147,310

N.B. Legacy Trusts – the funds above represent the capital in the AB Waterfield Trust. The capital amount is not available to us, but any income generated by this capital amount is available for the upkeep of St Margaret's Church and Churchyard. The capital is held by the Exeter Diocesan Board of Finance.

Agenda Item 5:

REPORT ON ORNAMENTS, GOODS AND FABRIC OF THE CHURCHES

a) St Margaret and St Andrew's, Littleham

Not much happened in 2016 which in some ways is good news. The gutter and fascia repair on the NND Room enhances its appearance as does the cleaning and touching up of paint on the bell-frame but that can't easily be seen. An invitation to undertake a Quinquennial Inspection was finally accepted after the end of the year though the work on the bell-frame was after an inspection associated with that. The sound and lighting systems will need attention but there are no real problems with the boiler, yet. The British Legion, Littleham Women's Section laid up their standard in church on Advent Sunday and it took the place of the British Legion Standard damaged in 2015.

Margaret Elms and Alan Whipps

b) Holy Trinity

A fairly quiet year with only a minimum of maintenance required to keep everything running smoothly. A new LED light was fitted in the Lady Chapel, the old one having been out of action for some time. Due to the very high ceilings, replacing individual lights as they go isn't economical as the electricians need to bring in a scaffolding tower to do the work.

The gutters were cleaned in the autumn ensuring that there would be no blockages to cause any damp inside. However, our resident Peregrine Falcon has no respect for our concerns and is still happy to leave the remains of his meals wherever it suits him!

Following the retirement of Ken Woodley the clock is now maintained by Trevor Bradley to whom we are very grateful.

We had a successful Team Clean in February with many hands making light work of the various areas of the church needing that extra bit of attention. Several members of our congregation turned out to help and did a superb job!

The biggest undertaking in 2016 was the installation of a parking system to ensure that those who are entitled to park in the grounds can do so and those who are not would be sufficiently deterred and go elsewhere. We had some teething problems which was to be expected and we continue to keep a close watch to ensure that everything runs smoothly but, on the whole, it has proved very successful. We accept that there is a bit of inconvenience when coming in to the grounds but this is largely outweighed by the fact that we can park much more easily. Apart from the cost of replacing a few padlocks there has been no other cost involved as it was kindly set up by Marcus Di Vincenzo, managing director of MBSS.

Sue Stock & Sue Carrahar

Agenda Item: 6

REPORT ON THE PROCEEDINGS OF AYLESBEARE DEANERY SYNOD

As is its custom, the Deanery Synod met on three occasions in 2016. Its first meeting on 16th March took place at Littleham Leisure Centre, and the guest speaker, The Rev'd Canon Andrew Godsall introduced members to Natural Church Development, a concept that Coventry Diocese had recently embraced to foster growth. At its second, on 20th July 2016 in Peter Hall, Budleigh Salterton, four guest speakers took turns to share their experiences of school/church initiatives in different parts of the deanery. Finally, on 9th November in Aylesbeare Village Hall, members welcomed The Right Rev'd Bishop Sarah Mullally as guest speaker. She treated all to a personal and helpful reflection on the theme 'Growing in Prayer'.

Our Mission Community may elect six members to the House of Laity, four from Littleham cum Exmouth and two from Lymstone but was only able to field five members in 2016.

Keith Moore

Agenda Item 7

ELECTIONS AND APPOINTMENTS

a) DEANERY SYNOD

b) PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

c) SIDESPERSONS

i) St Margaret and St Andrew's Littleham:

The following have been nominated by Margaret Elms and Alan Whipps:

Mr J. Elms	Mrs F Hughes	Mrs C King
Mr K Tongue	Mr R. Ward	Mrs M Watson
Mr R. Watson	Mrs J Whipps	Mr M Woodcraft
Mr J. Zweers		

Deputy Churchwardens for St Margaret and St Andrew's, Littleham

The following have been nominated by Margaret Elms and Alan Whipps:

Mrs C King	Mrs J Whipps
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ii) Holy Trinity

The following have been nominated by Sue Carrahar and Sue Stock

Miss E Alvis	Ms H Coleman	Mrs K Davison
Dr M Elliot	Mrs J Goom	Mr M Goom
Mrs K Hoole	Miss A Hurley	Miss B Jones
Mrs J Parkin	Mrs J Parkinson	Mrs P Speedy
Mrs A Stiff	Mr H Terry	Mrs M Tomlinson
Mr S Tsepeinekov	Mr K Turner	Mrs S Turner
Mrs B Wilson	Mr G Wilson	

Deputy Churchwardens for Holy Trinity

The following have been nominated by Sue Carrahar and Sue Stock

Mrs D Cosslett; Mrs B Lagus

d) APPOINTMENT OF THE INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS

Mr Jim Bick of Bick Accountants Limited, Chartered Accountants, of 18a Littleham Road, Exmouth has been proposed by Margaret Elms and seconded by Sue Carrahar. He is the existing Examiner and has agreed to continue if re-elected.

Agenda Item 8: Team

TEAM VICAR'S REPORT

Looking back over another year, it will be my fifth year in the Mission Community this April, it is great to see the good things of God that we have experienced together.

It seems to me that the Mission Community continues to flourish, and it continues to flourish in its breadth and diversity. Unity is not about uniformity and I think we demonstrate that very ably here. Here you will find a diversity of church styles, theologies, congregations and demographics all held together. That is testament to the strong sense of hospitality and generosity that is held in common across the congregations. People coming new to our churches also thank me for the warm welcome they have received, so I must thank everyone for their continued generosity and willingness to encourage the breadth of ministry across the Mission Community. Thanks also to my colleagues and friends, both stipendiary and non-stipendiary, clergy and lay, who minister so tirelessly in our churches. I have also very much appreciated the hard work and dedication of our Church Wardens and all those who make our Sunday and other services run so smoothly. And particular thanks to Kathy, our Administrator, who often holds the whole thing together.

Alpha launched again this year to coincide with a global launch of a new Alpha Course and a brand new series of videos. These were hosted by two new presenters, filmed all over the world and featured expert voices from the worlds of theology and science. Nicky Gumbal still had a major role to play but it had a very new and fresh feel. We had a really good course, a highlight being a really powerful Holy Spirit focused away day at Prattshayes Farm on Maer Lane and a good number of our Alpha folk have joined a follow up group run by Elizabeth and Peter Burren. As always, the food was top notch thanks to Diana Cosslett, Margaret Elms and team.

Open to God continues to flourish. You will find a full report from one of our leadership team elsewhere in this bundle but since we have been going through particular Biblical books as a preaching series, our numbers have swelled and we are seeing folk from across the town. This last term, we have preached through John's Gospel, next term look out for a series on Esther!

Our monthly Sunday morning service in Littleham School also continues and flourishes. It is a central plank in our continued and growing relationship with our Church School in Littleham. We would love to see more of the families from the school community who wouldn't otherwise come to church. That has always been our prayer, that being in the school would allow us to bridge the gap between church and families that come to the school. We long to see the love and joy of knowing Jesus abound in their lives.

Speaking of Littleham School, I am delighted to say that my relationship with the School continues to grow. I continue on the Governing Body of the Federation (Littleham is Federated with Woodbury Salterton School) and I chair Littleham's Ethos Committee. We had our SIAMS (the Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools) this year and as a result we were told by Archdeacon Christopher who came to visit us that our school is Outstanding in its distinctive Christian character.

I continue to be chaplain of St Peter's School in Lympstone and on their Board of Reference, which is akin to a Governing Body but without the same statutory powers. I have been invited to lead a number of Senior School Assemblies as well as hosting their annual Carol Service at Holy Trinity. I also continue to be +Robert's representative to the USPG board (they have reverted to the old name, though 'propagation' is replaced by 'partners') and will be going off to their conference in June.

New Wine continues to be an important fixed point for many of us in our year and leading our church family at New Wine remains something of a highlight for me and a privilege to accompany people on what can be a very significant spiritual journey with some very powerful encounters with God along the way.

Last but certainly not least, we are in the process of completely reordering sound and vision at Littleham church. This will involve modernising our sound system so that the problems we have had with microphones on Sunday mornings and at weddings and funerals will be a thing of the past (though apparently they can't help if I forget to turn my microphone on!) We will also have the capacity to do the sound on Sunday evenings for the worship band much more effectively and without having to bring in our own speakers etc. and the scheme also includes a permanent fold away screen and projector. It will be very expensive but we hope to find a number of charitable funds to help us and a number of folk have said they would like to contribute. And so, all that remains is for me to say that I am truly blessed to minister here and to thank you all for your support and prayers.

Benedict Cambridge

Agenda Item 10:

RECEPTION OF REPORTS FROM ORGANISATIONS ETC.

NB: As last year, all items relating to Children and Young People are grouped together at the END of this section, under 'Children's, Youth and Family Work' (see pages 18-24)

a) BELL RINGERS - LITTLEHAM

The tower is affiliated to The Guild of Devonshire Ringers, through the Aylesbeare Branch, and we support their practices, outings and other activities. We have 7 regular ringers so can only ring all 8 bells if all are available and we have a visitor. So we could do to recruit a few more ringers – our practice evening is now on a Monday at 7.30pm. Anyone is welcome to come along and see what we get up to, and perhaps decide to join the band.

We have very good relationships with Lypstone and Topsham towers, where some of us also ring regularly and some of their ringers join us for practice and to make up a team when necessary.

We had a ringing outing in October, inviting Lypstone ringers and the Branch officers to join us. We rang at 3 towers – Dunsford, Holcombe Burnell and Ide, with lunch at The Lamb Inn. We enjoy visiting the Devon villages, churches and countryside, as well as the ringing.

Neville Wright

b) BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

The Bereavement Support Group, comprising appropriately trained members of Holy Trinity and Littleham church congregations, was set up in 2014 with the aim of responding to the needs of the recently bereaved by home visits. Experience gained in the first eighteen months, however, prompted a change in the Group's approach. Since June 2015, the aim has been to attract the bereaved to a monthly coffee morning in Trinity Hall hosted by the group and by Palmers Funeral Service (Exmouth). The coffee mornings, known as 'Stepping Stones', are advertised in the Link and took place on nine occasions in 2016, attracting an average of nine guests per session. In 2017 'Stepping Stones' will be held on the first Wednesday of each month between 11.00 am and 12.30 pm.

Keith Moore

c) CATERING/SOCIAL - HOLY TRINITY

As usual we were not exactly idle at HT in respect of social and catering events. In fact it seemed at one stage we were having wine and cake almost every Sunday, after the 10am service, to mark someone's 'special' birthday! But here are some highlights:

To mark the Queen's 90th birthday, there was an illustrated talk on the History of the Church followed by a cheese and wine supper.

In late June, 40 people went on a Coach Outing to Wells. It appears that all enjoyed themselves, and the only thing that was late was the coach!

The Mission Community welcomed James back from his sabbatical with a special "Sunday @ 4" at HT with a traditional Cream Tea. Thanks to Nigel and his helpers from 'Chill' for their hard work.

The Parish Social Committee was in action across the parish as the Bishop of Exeter came to visit the Deanery in July. Walkers from the two walking groups in the parish and numerous others accompanied him as he walked from Exmouth to Sandy Bay on the morning of Saturday 23rd July; Littleham's Catering Team provided a splendid lunch for him and many of his fellow walkers in the NND Room. He hosted an open Deanery Event in Holy Trinity on the Sunday afternoon (24th), preceded by an albeit much shortened time for afternoon tea in the Hall upstairs. Hardly time to knock back the Prosecco, let alone the vast array of sandwiches and cakes before he summoned everyone downstairs. A shame. Thank you, Aylesbeare Deanery Synod for financing the tea party!

The members of HT's catering team were the hosts for the "Baby Boomers": a formal dinner for 'that' birthday. Great fun and suitably noisy: guessing the baby pictures caused much frivolity. We seemed to have done it quite well, as we have been booked again for 2017!

Barbara Glenn's 100th birthday lunch, on Saturday 27th August was celebrated in great style: although she had already had a birthday lunch at the Strand Coffee House two days before, the 25th – her actual birthday. A total of 45 people were present at the lunch at HT, including five family members and nine neighbours. The Mayor, suitably clad in his full regalia, brought greetings from The Town Council.

Then on the 1st October came our own Harvest Supper, followed by the Catering Team being asked to provide, on the 29th October, a formal lunch at HT to mark Molly & Graham Giles' Diamond Wedding Anniversary.

So, as usual, most of our activities involved food and wine! Oh, except we don't actually serve wine on all Bank Holidays, when we have a 'party' in the Coffee Bar – just plenty of good coffee and tea and loads of 'free' goodies to eat!

We do thank everyone who supports all our activities, and we always welcome new ideas. It seems likely that most of our meals will now take place lunch times, rather than the evenings - lunch times seem more popular with both guests and staff alike.

Diana Cosslett

d) CATERING/SOCIAL - LITTLEHAM

There are several teams for catering which help 'grease social wheels' at Littleham. The after Sunday 10am Eucharist coffee makers wear 'angel' badges to show how they are regarded. Those for after the Thursday morning BCP Eucharist get on with the job and the socialising. The providers, on a rota, for the overseeing of food at 'Open to God' – Sunday 5.30pm arrive early, leave late and gladly accept anything that is brought to share. The Lent lunches were not quite as well supported as in previous years but a contribution was sent to Refugee Support Devon [after hearing from a representative at Hard Questions Cafe]. The Harvest Supper was held in the Littleham Leisure Centre with entertainment of quiz, poems and community singing. Littleham Lunches continued, were able to go to the Clinton Arms in December and the simple soup lunch for Bishop Robert, when he visited with others during 'Bishops in Mission' at the end of July, seemed to go off OK with the hot and cold soup being appreciated as did Bp Robert the chance to visit the church.

Margaret Elms

e) CHILDREN'S SOCIETY

Thank you to our supporters for another profitable year resulting in a final sum of £970. How wonderful if our next total might reach FOUR figures. Our two "Thank You" afternoons were held, the first in the Spring (St. George's Day) and the second in the Autumn when all the Boxes are gathered in and contributions counted by our Treasurer, Tony Crane. These two events, with PAY AS YOU LIKE Sales Table and Raffle, are always well supported - not to mention the temptation of the delicious TEAS provided by Diana, Bidy and Marie, with other kind supporters. The Christingle Service this year was a huge success. Four large tables at the back of Holy Trinity were prepared bearing everything that was needed for the children to make their own Christingle. It was wonderful to see the Church full of excited busy children with a helping adult on hand, reminding the children of the meaning of each item on their orange. Members of The Mothers Union continue our close link with The Children's Society, providing an assortment of knitted garments for distribution to needy children in Exmouth, Your kind donations of new wool are always greatly appreciated.

Norma Kennedy

f) CHRISTIANS TOGETHER IN EXMOUTH

Christians Together in Exmouth continues to operate with a small number of officers but is no longer responsible for organising events. This now is the responsibility of individual churches/ministers.

Events organised this year - Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, Good Friday Walk of Witness, Children's Tent and Songs of Praise - Exmouth Festival, and Carols at the Christmas Day Swim.

CTE met three times during the current year and was well represented at these meetings by most churches. It continues to be the main distribution point to make all churches aware of the Christian Outreach in our Exmouth Community, and by doing so it helps to promote the need for volunteers.

The main Outreach Projects are The Open Door Centre - Exmouth, The Community Larder (Salvation Army), The Glenorchy Job Seekers Club, and the Equipment Repair Service at Tower Street Methodist.

Dick Bishop CTE Representative

g) CHOIR – HOLY TRINITY

We are so fortunate that Holy Trinity Choir continues to provide four-part harmony (something to which many churches can only aspire), at Sunday morning services, at monthly Evensong as well as on special occasions. Our average choir turnout is about 10 for most services. Our annual Carol Service was successful, combining Stanford's *Magnificat in C* with more modern carols. As ever, I am grateful to those who augmented the choir for special occasions as well as to Sue Stock for supplementing the singing with her instrumental skills. I am also grateful to those who have deputised for me on occasions, namely Paul Kershaw, Mark Perry and Philip White, as well as Benedict Cambridge and Tom Lowes operating the MIDI machine.

I am indebted to members of the choir for their loyalty, talent and encouragement. They really are a fantastic group of people. Singing is a great tonic and we always leave choir rehearsals with a smile on our faces. Anyone interested in moving from the congregation to the choir? This would help us to maintain and enhance our musical contribution to worship. Please come and talk to me.

Paul Stock - Director of Music

h) CHOIR - LITTLEHAM

We desperately need more members if we are to continue as a choir. There have been so many absences due to sickness and other unavoidable commitments during the past year that the choir has comprised only three or four members to lead the music on many occasions.

If a few of the congregation know anyone who may be willing to help I shall be delighted to hear from them and it would be good if one day this report did not reflect an appeal.

Thank you to all those who have helped on special occasions.

John Pedrick

i) CHURCHYARD

The year has gone well for the churchyard. Controversy over plans for one particular headstone has been resolved. The Sexton and his team have done sterling work maintaining the grounds for the visitors and wild life together. The tree pollarding has gone well, opened up the churchyard and enhanced its beauty. We received a number of positive comments on this. The Natural Burial Area continues to be a feather in our cap and an important part of the churchyard. Clearing and reseeded is ongoing. Shaun is also developing a woodland area to one side which is included in the natural burial area of the churchyard. We have done fewer burials this year which has meant some difficulty with churchyard finances. Partly as a result of this the PCC voted to increase our fees in line with other churchyards in our area.

Benedict Cambridge

j) COFFEE & ART GROUP - LITTLEHAM

We have enjoyed another year each Monday morning, with usually about eight or nine people. Our work does vary, as we mostly draw and paint our own particular favourite things.

Jan is always there to give us guidance when needed. It is always a very pleasant, friendly time, and a good relaxing couple of hours each week.

We are able to contribute to the Leisure Centre funds, by being there each week, and always welcome anyone who would like to give it a try and boost the funds!

Jane Ladbury

k) COFFEE BAR – HOLY TRINITY

We have enjoyed another year of opening our doors from Monday to Saturday mornings. This must be our 24th/25th year of providing this worthwhile service to people from the town, visitors to Exmouth and friends from our own mission community.

Over the past year we have not only retained our regular volunteers but have also welcomed several new ones. Thank you to all for your commitment and we look forward to another enjoyable year. New volunteers will always be welcome so if you can spare a couple of hours a month please pop in to the coffee bar for a chat with one of us.

Fran Winton – on behalf of the volunteers

l) DISCIPLE AND EVANGELISM GROUP

The group met on a number of occasions with representatives from across the mission community. We contributed to a number of initiatives on special occasions during the year including the Queen's diamond jubilee, harvest, remembrance and Christmas. The group also oversaw planning for the Alpha course, the retreat at Sheldon led by Demelza Henderson and the start of planning for the weekend at Lee Abbey in 2017. The group also reviewed the implementation of the mission action plan and contributed to the planning of the new MAP. Following a review of mission community groups it was agreed at the end of the year to replace Discipleship & Evangelism Group, along with the moribund Publicity Group and the Children, Youth & Family Group, with a new "Mission Community Committee" comprising three representatives from each church plus the two stipendiary clergy. The new "MCC" met for the first time in early March 2017.

James Hutchings

m) EUCHARISTIC MINISTRY

The team of eucharistic ministers continues to serve the residential and nursing homes within the mission community

Maureen Douglas

n) FLOWER GUILD – HOLY TRINITY

The Holy Trinity Flower Guild had another very busy year: we had three weddings, two of which we did the flowers for; the third wedding did their own flowers but used our ribbon pew ends and gave a donation to the Guild. We did two memorial arrangements. We participated in Marriage Preparation day, showing photographs of floral displays over the years. We decorated the Church for the Queen's Jubilee and participated in Littleham's Flower Festival by doing a window display. Again we made daffodil posies for Mothering Sunday, provided the bread and grapes for Harvest, did pedestal arrangements for James welcome back tea, Bishop Bob's visit, Barbara Glenn's 100th Birthday lunch, and Molly & Graham Giles 60th Wedding Anniversary lunch; made table arrangements for the Baby Boomer's dinner and the Harvest Supper, all this plus our bi-weekly pedestal and Narthex arrangements, Easter and Christmas. Our generous congregation gave donations towards the purchase of Easter Lilies, and made some wonderful compliments on our Christmas decoration of the Church. We had our second annual Guild lunch at King's Garden Centre an occasion we will have again in 2017."

Doreen Gray

o) FLOWER GUILD – LITTLEHAM

This year being her Majesty the Queen's 90th Birthday Littleham Church decided to hold a Flower festival in her honour. With the help of friends, from local organisations and from Holy Trinity church we mounted many displays mirroring her life and dedication to our nation. The PCC kindly agreed to finance the project should we need but in the end despite expenses of some £750 we made a profit of over £1500. At the suggestion of Christine King we sent a CD of the Festival to the Queen and received a letter of appreciation and thanks from her. We are very grateful to all those who supported us, it brought great joy to us and to all those who value God's gift of flowers and our ancient church. Special thanks must go to Alan Whipps who mounted an exhibition of the history of the church and village of Littleham which was a delight to us all.

We held a small party to thank all those who worked so hard and as our Guild had depleted in numbers over the years we decided to ask Nicky Wright (who designed the last Exeter Cathedral Flower festival) to conduct some flower workshops in Littleham church. It was hoped that this would encourage those who had helped at the Festival to become regular members of the Flower Guild. The workshops were very successful and we have gained a few new members but we would love to have more help especially as there are already 9 weddings booked for this year.

We now have a new committee and hold meeting to discuss the decorating of our church for festivals and special occasions.

Pauline Mortimer

p) HOUSE GROUPS

Across the Mission Community many of our congregations are involved in a House Group. They provide a means for ongoing study of our faith and support and fellowship for the members. At present 12 Groups meet in the Exmouth area with a further 5 in Lympstone taking members from all congregations with a few non worshippers and from other churches. There is also a youth Bible study group and a new group that started after the last Alpha course in the autumn.

Groups usually meet fortnightly at varying times in the homes of members. Group leaders meet 3 times each year to exchange information on the courses they have studied, to review where there are vacancies for new members and to support each other in their mission.

Tea parties were undertaken in the year to encourage new worshippers to our churches to become members of house groups hosted by the House Groups and Pastoral Link leaders. These were very successful and it is hoped will be repeated during this year.

The clergy visited most of the groups during the year and celebrated Holy Communion with them – this is always much appreciated.

There is a large box of resource material at Holy Trinity which is always being added to as the Holy Spirit inspires us to discover new and exciting ways to learn more of God's purpose for our lives in our Mission Community.

Pauline Mortimer

q) LIBRARY – HOLY TRINITY

Thank you to those who have donated books this year. It is worth looking in the library for recent additions, especially if you want books to read in Lent. There are two blue index A4 files, one arranged by author and one by subject, and they will be updated when all the books are checked

Having enjoyed being librarian for a few years, I now need to hand over to someone else. I am grateful to Derek and Jennie Norris for taking the library on.

Pam Newcombe

r) LIBRARY - LITTLEHAM

The library is receiving books for which the bookshelves are now unable to accommodate. They have thus been offered free to anyone who wants them. The remainder have gone onto the bookshelves of Littleham Leisure Centre where again they are offered to anyone free. The long shelf for larger books has been placed in a more accessible position behind the pews, though it is rather low to see the books clearly. It seems to have been in use throughout the year but whether they are signed for in the black book is another matter. Some books with the Littleham Church Library stamp are occasionally unreturned, may be by visitors. But please give others a chance to see and read books which are found to be of special interest. Perhaps book recommendations might be offered. Finally notices that the books are part of the church lending library are clearly indicated.

John Hill

s) LITTLEHAM LEISURE CENTRE

The LLC is often thought of as Littleham Church Hall. It's worth remembering that we are a trust, and that the hall is leased from the church, and that we have to generate our own funding to operate the Centre. We consider that we are called to help mission and growth in the community.

The Centre has continued to welcome many Church and Mission-related groups in 2016 including: Sunday Club, Chill, Halfways, Praise-and-Play, Coffee morning-with-Art. These groups are not charged a fee, but some have been able to make a donation.

We continue to welcome Brownies & Rainbows, and the Children's Society to our hall at a subsidised rate. The Centre's financial health depends on the work of the LLC Management Committee's volunteers. Our income is derived largely from our secular groups - such as: ballroom dancing, modern dancing, karate. We are also able to attract a number of one-off bookings for weddings and parties. On the downside, health and safety issues and legislation are ever-present, and this year we have made a number of improvements (sometimes behind-the-scenes). Users may notice the improved emergency lighting. We have significantly increased our parking area by the provision of on-grass parking. Thanks to all who helped make this

possible. We strive to keep a 'tight-ship', and our volunteers' time and effort adds so much to what we can do, and keeps us solvent. We can still benefit from more willing helpers joining us, and there is some space for more regular groups.

Our current 52-year lease concludes in 2018. However, we believe that the LLC is running efficiently, and whatever is discussed, we are planning to serve into the future.

I conclude by thanking the part-time caretaker, and thanking all our volunteers who give their time so selflessly.

Roger Moseley, Hon. Chair.

t) MEN'S BREAKFAST

Men's breakfast is a time when men can get together and enjoy a hearty meal. We meet in the winter months about 4 times a year and cover a range of issues. This last year we have had two excellent talks about life in the R.A.F. and associated sorties, one uplifting talk by Ian Pusey that covered his life as a Christian Minister and his love for trains, and lastly a brilliant talk by Gordon Hutchinson from the Met Office about how the Met Office works, and all aspects of the weather. The off-shoot to this was that 14 men had a guided tour round the Met Office with Gordon as their guide. A wonderful experience. There is a possibility Gordon will come back in the autumn to give a full presentation at HT to the whole community - male and female with the possibility of another tour. My hope is that MB will grow and that we can attract non Christian men to our breakfasts, who may ultimately be attracted to Christ by what they see in us men.

Martin Holman

u) MISSION FOCUS COMMITTEE

A.P.C.M. REPORT 31 DECEMBER 2016

The Mission Focus Committee has continued to support the same missions both overseas and at home as it has done for many years.

There is little doubt, however, that the way we support mission is going through an exciting period of change both spiritual and practical, particularly in Home Missions where there is a tremendous movement towards Christian Outreach in all age groups within our Community.

We give strong financial and practical support to the Exmouth Community Food Larder, and The Open Door Centre which runs 5 separate community based projects covering a wide age group all with differing needs.

We also support the work of the Church Army under the leadership of Jeff Hill and Adam Prescott who are Evangelists for the Torbay Centres of Mission.

Our Missions Overseas continues to receive both our financial and prayerful support, and we are kept in touch with them through Link Partners, Specific Projects and Publicity Material.

The monies given to Mission for the current financial year totalled £16,361 and a detailed breakdown appears in the Annual Report and Financial Statement for 2016.

Dick Bishop - Chairman

v) MOTHERS UNION

Our group of Diocesan Members are pleased to welcome Brenda Lowes as the new Team Leader. We give heartfelt thanks to Norma Kennedy for her leadership over a very long time and can still value her experience and fancy posters. Our monthly meetings continue with each member taking turns to lead prayers and give a talk on something of their personal experience - Prison Teaching, Choral Singing, Galapagos Turtles, among others. We had an amazing afternoon with Margaret & Hamilton Cameron in their garden. The food was to die for and we have been invited for a return visit. We must have been good!

Our Prayers go to our Overseas Link Branches and Forthcoming Weddings, and Betty represents us at Christenings with the Teddy Bear and Prayer Book. Knitting is still a big project - Twiddle muffs for dementia people, Angel Pockets, Blankets for babies in Wonford Neonatal (a new project), and for Ndola Orphanage, so your donations of double knit wool, made up squares, money for postage, are all very much welcomed.

See our programme posters on the M.U. Table, and join us.

Brenda Lowe and Diana Cosslett

w) OPEN TO GOD

Open to God is Littleham's weekly evening service with a culinary twist. Beginning at 5.30pm with a bring-and-share tea, the service continues with a sense of community and hospitality through informal worship, teaching, and prayer. Food is integral to the service and we are very thankful for the time and care with which Avril Turner and her fantastic team of volunteers make sure we are fed and watered sufficiently. With a regular intergenerational congregation, Open to God provides a fresh approach to church while retaining a biblical and Anglican foundation.

Over the past 12 months Open to God has evolved into a regular pattern of expository preaching interspersed with prayer evenings and speakers from beyond the mission community. One of the unique features of this service is its leadership team which consists of Benedict and George Cambridge, Malcolm Belt, Nick Jackson, Nick Dunn, and Louise Prideaux. We take decisions mutually, plan our sermon series' collectively, and each take responsibility for certain areas such as the Music and Worship.

We have seen the congregation grow over the last year both numerically and in spiritual maturity which has to a great degree been due to our decision to concentrate on preaching through a book of the Bible. Often the members of our congregation attend elsewhere which doesn't provide an evening service, or for various reasons they are unable to attend our morning services. What they all have in common is their hunger to grow in their knowledge of the Lord through studying the word of God and through worship. Last term we preached through Ephesians and are now working our way through John's gospel. Next term we will be delving into the book of Esther. Speakers are usually the "home team" including Benedict, James, Malcolm, Elizabeth Burren, Ian Pusey, and Louise.

Another exciting feature of Open to God is the involvement of our young people. UR2 has not been meeting as a discreet group this year but the members have been involved in Open to God through planning powerful prayer activities, running the technology, helping with hospitality, and joining the musicians. We have also held occasional youth discussions after services which gives an opportunity to talk about any subject with a panel of leaders. Integrating our young people into church has always been a goal of UR2 and Open to God is a natural home for them as well as encouraging their ongoing discipleship.

Finally, we are indebted to our fantastic team of prayer 'ninjas' who provide a secure, confident, and spiritually discerning ministry after and sometimes during the service. We are very grateful to Sue Moseley for her organisation of this team whose support is invaluable in making Open to God a place where anyone can come and meet with God.

Louise Prideaux

x) PASTORAL LINK REPORT

2016 was a year of change for members of the Pastoral Link team who altered their name from 'Visitor' to 'Link', but the task remains unchanged – to assist the clergy in the pastoral care of members of both congregations and some former members. Membership of the team has also changed – we lost one team leader, Sally Jones, but have welcomed several new Links during the year. Our Links were commissioned in January and met four times during the year to share information and any problems that had arisen. Links are arranged in teams and team leaders meet to discuss the quarterly letters and administrative matters. The last meeting of the year for Pastoral Links took place at Holy Trinity where we had a lovely Christmas party. In November we were both able to attend another course about dementia which we found very interesting and helpful and, in the near future, we are arranging a meeting for all church members to give them an opportunity to understand more about this disease, with our aim being to make our churches dementia-friendly. Thank you to all who help in this important pastoral work.

Val Lambirth & Margaret Philpott

y) PRAYER CHAIN

I issue the Prayer Chain each week, dated for the Sunday at the start of the week, the circulation being mainly by e-mail with a small number of hard copies as well. Those whose needs are being remembered are church members or their families, or those who have asked us to pray for them. Prayer Chain members will not know everyone on the list. The needs are always treated as confidential and some of the names are 'disguised' as some people simply do not want personal needs to be made public but value prayer for them: we must respect this. The list is fairly small and limited in distribution, going to members in Littleham and Holy Trinity Churches.

From time to time, in addition to this, I circulate by e-mail only a Parish-Wide Prayer List which goes to a large number of recipients in both churches. This list is for church members only and whose needs are very much in the public domain. Because my ISP will only accept a group distribution list of up to 50 recipients, this parish-wide list goes out in two parts. The wording is identical on both parts and is always agreed with the person concerned or their family beforehand.

Ian Pusey

z) SAFEGUARDING

As has often been the case in recent years, the lead contact for Safeguarding in the Diocese has changed throughout the past year or so. However, they now have someone in post who is working to ensure that the appropriate information and training reaches those who need it! Although obviously, I have received Safeguarding training as a teacher, I am attending the Diocesan C1 & C2 trainings on Maundy Thursday(!), so hopefully will learn the current systems which are to be utilised regarding training of those working within a Parish.

In the meantime, it has been decided that DBS forms (formerly known as CRB) have to be completed every 5 years – a system now to be done online, for everyone who **regularly** works with either young people or vulnerable adults. If this applies to you, you will hear from me/the Mission Community Office in the near future! It is now an online process to apply for DBS. In addition to this, the guidance is that all "officers" of the church (PCC, Wardens etc), have been asked to complete a disclosure statement form, which includes referees for those who are taking up a new post. These are held on record locally and remain within the Parish.

Sue Stock (Safeguarding Officer)

za) WALKIE TALKIES

This has been another good year, with many lovely days of varied walks. We probably have on average about twelve walkers each week, one or two less when the weather is unpredictable, and holiday times.

We try to do as many walks as possible without having to drive to starting points, but when we do drive, we make sure the cars are full. The buses take us to most places we like to go to, so we are always grateful for our bus passes. We always finish the year with our Christmas meal, again this year we went to The Brasserie Restaurant at the Devoncourt Hotel, all seventeen of us, and enjoyed an excellent meal.

Jane Ladbury

zb) WALKING GROUP – HOLY TRINITY

We meet every other Friday for a not too demanding walk along field, coast or moorland paths, with occasional forays of a different nature to a specific place or area. Our walks mostly last for a morning with occasional ventures further afield lasting most of the day. We enjoy the company, the beauty of this lovely part of God's world and putting the world to rights!

Ian Pusey

CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES WORK

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the PCC and members of our Parish Churches who have unconditionally supported Liz and I over the past ten years in our lay ministry with the children, young people and their families within this Mission Community. I am so grateful and feel very blessed that I have been given the opportunity to stay in this role on a reduced hours contract, allowing me to train for ordained ministry alongside my parish commitments. For a long time, I had felt that God was calling me on, but was never quite sure what that actually meant or looked like! Following several prayerful conversations over several months (eighteen to be precise!) with Church family and friends, vocations advisors, my mentor, retired members of the clergy, spiritual directors and James our rector, I decided to explore the possibility of ordained ministry. After lots more prayer, several more meetings, many pieces of reflective work and essays, in June of last year, after Bishop Sarah had recommended that I attend a BAP (Bishops Advisory Panel) I was accepted to train for ordained ministry. I commenced my training in September 2016 on a three year course with SWMTC (South West Ministry Training Course). I am pleased to say that my first term has gone extremely well managing to complete and pass my first few assignments and have really felt God's presence and provision in all I have undertaken. This training, God willing, will lead to my ordination as a Deacon. If this is fulfilled, in the summer of 2019, having had prayerful conversations with all those concerned, it may well then be the right time for me to leave this parish and take up my curacy post (trainee Vicar), somewhere else. During these next few years, it will be my job along with James and the ministry team to make sure that there is succession planning in place, with each group sustainable with capable teams of leaders and volunteers. Over this period, through prayerful reflection, there will be groups that may change or even stop. Our prayer is that the work that will have been done over thirteen years will have all the necessary foundations in place to hand on to someone with a passion for Sharing Jesus with all who they come into contact with, through the work with our Children, Young people and their Families.

We have been blessed in so many areas as we look to take the Gospel message into our schools, groups, and our activities in the community we live and serve. Please see below a selection of reports on the work we do in this parish and in our community.

Nigel Candulent

aa) 2nd EXMOUTH (HOLY TRINITY) BROWNIES

During the past year we have done a variety of activities, both as a Pack and as part of Exmouth Division. We have done a great deal of craft, thanks to Little Owl's amazing skills, as well as more energetic activities! As ever, we are grateful to be able to use the beautiful grounds to play games.

We took part in Brownie Revels with a Christmas theme, and the Division Thinking Day, where our activities included book related crafts, street dance and Samba drumming.

At Christmas, we entertained the residents of Fernihurst with a variety of Carols and other musical items.

Sadly, as Sarah Hutchings (Snowy Owl), completed her GCSEs, she has now left us as she has moved on to Post 16 studies at Exeter College.

We as many of the Rainbow unit are reaching the grand old age of 7 next term, that they will move up to our Pack.

Sue Stock (Brown Owl), Mary Tuckett (Mowgli) & Caroline Walshaw (Little Owl)

bb) CHILL

Chill has been running for nearly 10 years and has firmly established itself as not just a club, but a family and a mission field. We reach into the heart of the Littleham community from its base at the Littleham Leisure Centre, with everything we do being rooted and established in the love of Jesus. We are providing a safe place and a "cool" place to be for young people aged between 11 and 18. Well over 400 different young people have come through the doors at Chill over this period. The main club from 7 30pm to 9pm has been for school year 6 (10 years old) to school year 9 (14 years old), but in September we lowered the start age to Yr 5(9 years old). This group is mainly made up of children from Littleham School, Littleham estate and existing members' friends.

“Chill in” was created for the 14 year olds and over who didn’t want to leave! This runs from 9pm until 10pm and is a great success. This has a more relaxed atmosphere where they are able to bring along their friends. Five of the ‘Chill in’ members were on the first Youth Alpha, with a number of members now attending Church regularly after making a commitment of faith.

Our young helper programme continues to flourish. At fifteen they can help at the club, under the supervision of the adults, taking on many different responsibilities. Currently, we have eight very committed young people as young helpers. We have also been able to give references to many of the young helpers, who have all secured part-time jobs, thanks to the positive feedback that we were able to give them. Last year saw two more of our young helpers who are also regular Church family members join the main adult team, growing in confidence and in their faith, which is really exciting. Our main requirement for being part of our adult leadership team is a living relationship with Jesus. I am so pleased to say that all of them had made a commitment to the Lord during their time with us at Chill. A mentoring programme is also in place to help those with their own faith journey. It is so very encouraging to see them show their faith in action, serving at the club they once attended!

Chill continues to be a place to build strong friendships and relationships, giving us the opportunity to invite the members and their families to Church, Church-run events, evangelistic events and explorer courses. It is also a place for all the adult leaders to show and share their Faith as they come alongside the young people, providing positive role models in their lives, which in some cases is sadly lacking. We continue to nurture our young helpers in a ‘youth’ Alpha style session pre Chill. We meet on a Friday night at 6pm, an hour before the main meeting. We share a meal first then have a very informal time chatting over all the big’ life’ questions.

Nigel Candulent

cc) HOLY TRINITY 0-5 GROUP

Our 22nd year has been another blessed year. Our group is seeing over 30 children weekly plus parents and carers attending with them. Praise the Lord. We have enjoyed many activities from cooking to painting and making cards. We made foam beach huts to hang from the trees for the first art trail in festival week. National Trust attraction, A la Ronde visited and exhibited the children's art work in October half term. Continued work with these families goes on bringing new families into contact with this Church by showing the love of Jesus in practical ways; with learning through play this provides a fantastic opportunity to reach un-churched families. Pray for more helpers please especially to assist with the craft work and during the snack time. Enquiries from anyone who can help, please ring Kay on 01395 222509 or pop into the group on a Tuesday morning between 10 and 12pm. Please continue praying for families to experience the grace that Jesus wants to give them through your 0-5 group in the family of God.

God Bless

Kay Atkinson (Group Leader)

dd) HALFWAYS

Halfways has now been running for four years and continues to be a valuable relational bridge between Church, school and the estate. Due to a change in circumstances George Cambridge was unable to continue the co-ordinate the running of Halfways, which meant a change in what the group were able to offer in terms of craft and school homework sessions etc. It was decided that we go back to the original vision of relationship building and once again offer a space for Church and families from the school to meet together in a very informal and relaxed setting. Thanks go to Sue Moseley for stepping in to coordinate rotas, publicity and all admin. Thanks also go to Tina Johnson for her enthusiasm and passion for this group. Halfways continues to use any money raised to support Littleham Leisure centre.

Nigel Candulent

ee) OPEN DOOR ICE(Initiatives in Christian Education) PROJECT

The ICE project continues to be a very important part of Exmouth Community College. The team is made up of the local Christian youth workers (including Nigel Candelent) across Exmouth. Helen Tribble oversees all that happens at Open Door. She is incredibly supportive of the work in the school and has made sure that ICE has a regular presence in the school. Jenna Burnet is now the part time leader and administrator, which is a vital link role between the school and ICE coordinating the schools work programme. Jenna has delivered different events during the school term such as a fashion show and the ICE awards, which are all about getting those involved who struggle with self-confidence. ICE continues to be involved in daily life of the school, delivering either lunchtime provision, detached work on the playgrounds, mentoring, RE lessons, pastoral work and assemblies. A new venture which will help support children with mental health issues and their families called Haven is being launched this year and is hoped to provide valuable pastoral support to all those who attend. Mr Alexander continues to meet with members from the ICE team and the local Churches every Tuesday to pray for the needs of the school. Although this will be the last year that Mr Alexander will be head due to retirement, we do hope and pray that the work that he has put into the school and the value he has placed on the ICE project will continue for many years to come.

Open door ICE Team

ff) PRAISE AND PLAY

This is a very exciting fresh expression of Church. Rachel Poole and her team of volunteers run this toddler friendly time of fun, fellowship, play and worship every Monday afternoon during term time. Its aim to reach out to the families on the Littleham estate (although not exclusively) and those with pre-school children. There is a time of play and a chance for the team to chat with the parents. Along with a time for refreshments there is a time of song and a story from the Bible and a time to pray. Rachel encourages moms dads and carers to bring their babies or preschool children to this special time together and has watched it grow steadily. It is always a very sensible way to start a group, slowly building up the numbers allowing firm foundations to be set in place. This was definitely the case for Praise and Play as it now does have a good amount of families who come along. Praise and Play celebrated its 2nd birthday in February 2017.

gg) SCHOOLSWORK

Our work in the schools remains strong and is a key part of our Ministry with children and their families. As the Church-link grows, we have been given lots more opportunities to develop the spiritual side of our work. Both schools have children who pray regularly as a group. These prayers include: other children; teachers; school life; their families; people in different countries; friends (and pets!!) and those who are ill. Both schools have age appropriate lunch and after school clubs which are all about building relationships. Thanks go to Abi Tokens who is the children's worker from Exmouth Community Church who helps us with the children's work in the Beacon school, and Jill Govier, Jennie Norris and Anne Sherwood who run an Open the Book in Littleham School every Thursday lunchtime. We are thrilled to announce that for the second inspection in a row the SIAMS (Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools) for both our schools have been judged as outstanding!! Praise the Lord.

Below are reports from the Head teachers - Sue Lockwood from The Beacon C of E School and Duncan Nelmes from Littleham School:

hh)THE BEACON CHURCH OF ENGLAND SCHOOL

It has been another good year for our school and whilst our decisions are always based on what is best for our pupils, it is good to have had our successes recognised by the inspectors who visit! A selection of quotes from our Ofsted and SIAMS (an outstanding church school) inspections follow:

'The school's successful focus on developing pupils' skills and understanding in mathematics and English is balanced well with pupils developing their skills in creative subjects such as music and art.' Ofsted 2016

'The governing body is a considerable strength of the school community.' Ofsted 2016

'With the support of all the staff and parents, you have created a family-friendly, harmonious school where pupils feel happy and safe.' Ofsted 2016

'Pupils relish being challenged to think more deeply about their learning. They greatly value the support they get from their teachers.' Ofsted 2016

'The quality of learning is routinely and firmly good or better.' Ofsted 2016

'Every pupil leaves the school being able to play at least one instrument. Most play more than one and a significant proportion effectively play more than two. Dance is also a significant strength throughout the school.' Ofsted 2016

'The distinctiveness and effectiveness of The Beacon Church of England Voluntary Aided Primary School as a Church of England school is outstanding.' SIAMS 2016

'The Christian distinctiveness is clearly reflected in its support for families and parents making a substantial impact where all feel valued.' SIAMS 2016

'The majority of teaching in religious education (RE) is of a very high standard which challenges children's thinking and deepens their understanding of the school's distinctive Christian values.' SIAMS 2016

'The school, through its distinctive Christian character, is outstanding at meeting the needs of all learners.' SIAMs 2016

'There is a strong emphasis on questioning ideas, reasoning answers and building upon the ideas of peers.' SIAMs 2016.

Sue Lockwood, Headteacher.

ii) LITTLEHAM CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

Celebrating success has been a key feature of this year at all levels. We were delighted to have Archdeacon Christopher visit the school and present us with our Outstanding SIAM certificate at the start of the academic year. We value our partnerships with the church so much, our highly embedded Christian values and the quality of the relationships that exist in school and it's wonderful to have these judgements confirmed through an inspection (Our SIAMs report is available online via our school website – www.littleham.devon.sch.uk).

Throughout this year, we have continued our strong focus on values including Friendship, Generosity, Compassion, Courage and Forgiveness. With each value the children have an acrostic poem which focuses

everyone on the value. For example, as part of the value of Generosity, the children explored this acrostic poem:

Generosity is...

Giving something we value to someone else

Encouraging the best in each other

Never selfish

Enjoying helping others

Raising support for a good cause

Offering what we can

Sharing our time and talents

Inviting someone to join in

Taking care of God's creation for future generations

You first, me last

As part of this focus, we started a Values Tree which is added to each time someone displays our values in action. It has been wonderful to how our values can grow throughout the year with the children's names added to the tree throughout the year – a real representation of our values in action!

Duncan Nelmes – Headteacher

jj) SUMMER CAMPS

Following the success of our first ever visit as a Church group to a Christian youth camp 4 years ago, we now have on our yearly programme 4 camps aimed at our children, young people and their families...

1. NEW WINE

George and Benedict organise this camp visit for us which is a weeklong event held at the Bath and West Showground Shepton Mallet, aimed at our families. Around 8 000 people from all over the South West and beyond attend this, which is a super mix of fellowship , worship, seminars , teaching and prayer ministry. There was a good number of our Church family who attended this for the whole week with an encouraging number who travelled up just for the day.

2. SPREE

This is an annual event, held over a weekend in July at the Sherbrook Park in Crediton. It is run by 'Urban Saints' and SWYM (South West Youth Ministries) and has over 1000 young people from all over the South West attend. It was a brilliant weekend and gave us so many blessings!! We had a wide age range of young people who took advantage of age appropriate spiritual programmes. There is also an opportunity for our young people 16 to 19yrs of age who have made a commitment to Christ to attend as stewards. This is all about living out their faith in service. Thanks go to Elizabeth, Matthew and Peter Burren, Rachel Poole, and all those who made and provided food, and helped with transport. Thanks also go to Demelza Henderson who popped in on the Saturday with Alice and William to say hello.

3. SOUL SURVIVOR

This was our fourth and last year of taking any young people to what is the largest Christian youth camp for teenagers in the country. Over 12 000 people attend this and is a really great place to take our young people to, showing them that there are many who are on the same journey as they are. It's also a place where many young people start a personal relationship with Jesus. Over 400 people in one night alone made a commitment of faith. Praise the Lord! Thanks go to Liz Candelent and Laura Byrd who helped at the camp. Unfortunately due to Soul Survivor moving from Shepton Mallet to Peterborough, we will not be attending. Please pray for those who attend our Churches that they will be able to go along with a group of Exeter Churches who have hired a coach to take them and others wishing to go.

4. SCHOOLS OUT YEAR 6 SUMMER CAMP

This is now in its 9th year and each year grows from strength to strength!! Our original vision for this was to have a weekend away for the children from our Parish who were about to leave primary school to make

friends with those in the same position. It was also a place where members of the ICE project could come along and say hello, so when our children started at the community college, there was a friendly face there to greet them. This had proved really popular and is now a permanent fixture in the schools calendar. The weekend which is held at Bristol schools camp on the cliff tops at Orcombe Point in Exmouth is a lovely mix of Bible stories, beach games, fun and fellowship. On the last day the parents are invited in to be shown around the camp by their children followed by refreshments and an end of camp service/prize giving. This is a really nice way to finish the camp and is a great witness to the parents. Our thanks go to all the helpers who give up their weekend to make this camp possible!

Thanks also go to all of those who have provided food and most importantly prayed for us!!. Without the help of these wonderful people, none of the camps mentioned above would happen.

Nigel Candeleant.

kk) SUNDAY PROVISION AT HOLY TRINITY

Our Sunday club has seen many changes over the last few years or so and has struggled with numbers of children due to some families moving out of the area etc and the children outgrowing the group.

The Sunday club last year was given a rest and instead we have encouraged any children who attend in the morning to use the family corner. Families are now encouraged to join us for our family Eucharist on the 3rd Sunday morning each month and also to come along to our informal 'messy' style service called Sunday@4. This now takes place every week in school time and continues to grow each and every week. Children, parents and grandparents mainly from Beacon school come along to enjoy a mix of craft, refreshments, interactive Bible stories, song, worship and prayer. (See Sunday@4 for full report)

Nigel Candeleant

ll) SUNDAY CLUB – LITTLEHAM (SJC; SUNDAY JUNIOR CHURCH)

Sunday Club continues to meet at Littleham Leisure Centre on Sunday mornings at 9.45am, where we share breakfast together before splitting into three groups for our teaching sessions (4-7's, 8-11's and 11+'s). We are really blessed by our 'brekkie' team who prepare, serve and clear away the breakfasts, leaving the leaders more time to talk to the children over breakfast, sharing some of the ups and downs of their week in a nurturing environment. Numbers continue to vary between 6 and 16. We meet twice a month, encouraging the children to attend the family communion service and the service in the school on the other Sundays. This group continues to be more of a junior worship with the session starting with the children and the leaders praying for forgiveness for all that we had done wrong during that week. They then have a time of age appropriate interactive teaching followed by prayer.

For this reason we are now looking at changing the name to reflect this, which for now will be SJC Sunday Junior Church.

All who attend leave the leisure centre and join the Church family at the communion, staying to join everyone for the notices and refreshments at the end of the service.

Nigel Candeleant and team

mm) SUNDAY @ 4

Sunday at 4 started around 3 years ago and was created to give families a service at Holy Trinity which is accessible in terms of a very informal approach to a Church service. It is also specifically aimed at children and their parents or carers from the Beacon school (although not exclusively) at a different time on a Sunday. Over the past 3 years, **Sunday@4** which meets on a Sunday at 4 (the clue is in the title!) has been shaped by what the children and the families have been telling us they would like to have in **'their'** time with us. From these really valuable discussions, it has craft and activity elements, giving the service a 'messy' feel. We then gather for a short time of interactive worship and prayer, involving children and their parents to participate, bringing the Bible stories to life through drama, actions and dressing up. 'Messy' Church is now a household name and is a very popular structure, being tried and tested in many Churches over many years. We have taken its main strengths and adapted it to work for our families here in this place and now run every week in term time.

nn) YOUTH MENTORING AND DISCIPLESHIP

This year we have concentrated on building on the relationships with some of our older teenagers who have made a commitment to faith through mentoring. Although there have not been any new explorer courses such as Youth Alpha run this year, we have continued to run 'Chill' Alpha, which is a chance to explore faith and those big 'life' questions with the young leaders, who for some have not made any firm decisions. It has been very important during last year to invest in those who have been on explorer course in previous years, made a commitment of faith and want to move on in their relationship with Jesus. Growing existing disciples is as important as making new ones, but in reality both are very important. It is our duty as Church family and disciples ourselves to make sure both are happening. Our prayer for this coming year is that we can strike a healthy balance between the two and that more members of our Church family come forward to offer their time and energy to help both of these areas grow.

Nigel Candelent