

St Keyne Church – Annual Report of the Parochial Church Council for the Year Ended 31st December 2022

Administration

St Keyne Church is the ecclesiastical parish church situated at St Keyne, with the parish being part of the Benefice of Liskeard. The location address is:

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St Keyne Parochial Church Council (PCC) is a charity excepted from registration with the Charity Commission. PCC members who have served during 2022 are:

<i>Incumbent</i>	Rev Stephen Morgan	Chairman
	Mr Phil Aindow	Curate
<i>Warden</i>	Mrs Margaret Smee	Lay Chair
<i>Warden</i>	Mr Paul Ward	Treasurer
	Mr Charlie Boney	Deanery Synod & Worship Leader
	Mrs Liz Piper	Lay Minister
<i>Elected members</i>	Mrs Sharon Clemens	
	Mrs Lambrini Featherston	
	Mr Mark Featherston (Co-opted)	
	Mrs Gill Hall	
	Mr Michael Hasshill (Co-opted)	
	Mr Roger Hayes	Secretary
	Mrs Sally Lewis	
	Miss Joanne Thorn	
	Mrs Christine Westlake (Co-opted)	

Bankers: Lloyds Bank, The Parade, Liskeard PL14 6AW

Independent Examiner: Miss Rosalind Bunkum, c/o Rural Business School, Duchy College, Stoke Climsland, Callington PL17 8PB

Structure, governance & management

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) 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.

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 elections to the PCC.

As the PCC has ultimate responsibility for a wide range of matters affecting the parish, including compliance with health and safety, disability discrimination legislation and child protection, appropriate training procedures have been adopted. These include training courses arranged by the Deanery and Diocese, which are attended by a PCC representative, who reports back to the PCC as a body, and the dissemination of reading matter. The major risks to which the PCC is exposed, have been identified by its members, reviewed and arrangements made to manage them.

The St Keyne Educational Trust was set up following the sale of the church room in 2007 (it was originally bequeathed to the parish for educational purposes) and has the incumbent and the Church Wardens as trustees and is administered separately from the PCC.

A Standing Committee was established during 2014, with an immediate aim of taking day-to-day decisions related to the progress of repairs associated with the lightning strike on St. Keyne Church Tower and continues to ensure that decisions can be taken quickly in light of similar incidents e.g. the vandalism damage to windows in 2015. This committee consists of The Incumbent, the Church Wardens (also Treasurer) and the Deanery Synod delegate.

Objectives & activities

The primary objective of St Keyne PCC is the promotion of the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to the doctrines and practices of the Church of England. In line with The PCC (Powers) Measure 1956, the PCC has the responsibility of co-operating with the incumbent, the Rev. Steve Morgan, 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 building.

Achievements & performance – church attendance

In 2022, there were 21 parishioners on the Church Electoral Roll, 8 of whom were not resident within the parish. By custom, St Keyne Church also serves those people living in the neighbouring Trewidland area of the ecclesiastical parish of Liskeard, which contributes to this

high percentage of non-resident parishioners on the electoral roll. The average weekly attendance when services were held in 2022 was 14, some 17% lower than 2021, although the fact that the number of services per month increased needs to be considered (see next section).

Achievements & performance – review of the year

The full PCC met thrice during the year in addition to the APCM, with an average attendance of 80%. Church services, when held, continued to be at 9.30 am. The pattern established in the autumn of 2021 as the Covid-19 situation eased, three services per month were held from January – May 2022. This was increased to four services per month from June:

First Sunday: Morning Prayer led by the congregation, usually with an invited preacher.

Second Sunday: Family Service led by Charles Boney (Worship Leader)

Third Sunday; Holy Communion led by Rev Steve Morgan or Rev Phil Aindow

Fourth Sunday: Café Style Worship led by Charles Boney (Worship Leader)

- Fifth Sunday in the month: United Benefice Service at St Martins, Liskeard.

Some special services were held at different times e.g. a Carol Service outside St Keyne Village Hall on 10th December at 6.30pm with St Martin's Church and the Christmas service, as is now customary, at 9.30pm on Christmas Eve.

Mission work was through 'Messy Church. Messy church was started in St Keyne in January 2020. The intention was to provide a service that would be inviting for all ages to attend. The five values of Messy church are All-age, Creativity, Christ-centred, Hospitality and Celebration. As long as these values are upheld, BRF who provide the resources are happy for any church to set up a messy church, use their logo and have access to the many resources they provide.

Unfortunately, with the restrictions and lock downs over the following two years we were unable to meet; however Messy church packs were compiled and handed out door-to-door during 2020 and 2021. We did meet a couple of times outside in the park in 2021, but attendance was low. During 2022, we had 14 families (27 children) attend in total, some came once, others two, three or four times in the year. This was very encouraging.

During messy church, half the time is spent doing creative activities; in the past year we have made Noah's Ark, Easter gardens, a vine collage, painted glass tea light holders, made flags, painted stones, planted seeds, made potato heads, caught bugs, made paper boxes, marzipan

fruits and more. This has been a lot of fun. We have also listened to Phil, Grace and Mark telling bible stories and have joined in with action worship songs and prayed together.

While messy church is a lot of fun and nurtures community, ultimately our prayer and hope is that people will meet with Jesus and strengthen or begin a lasting relationship with the Lord. It's been great to have a dedicated team who give their time and energy. It takes a fair bit of preparation time and energy on the day. Thank you to Charlie, Margaret, Sharon, Phil, Liz, Jo, Jean and Grace and cake makers Sally and Denise and all your prayers and moral support.

Expenses are kept to a minimum, the main expenses being the hire of the hall and purchasing of craft material. All donations given to messy church are put in the church collection. Expenses were £254 in 2022, all from the St Keyne Education Trust)

Messy church in the future: The next Messy Church is being planned for the first week of April and we will endeavour to have Messy Church at least once in all the school holidays throughout the year. Other ideas going forward are creating a space in the small woodland by the church that could be used and having more regular meetings, perhaps once a month. Please give feedback and ideas for how messy church may progress in the future.

Financial review

Total receipts were £10,401.02 with expenditure of £9,379.73 as shown in the Statement of Income and Expenditure, resulting in a surplus of £1,021.27. The balance to be carried forward to 2023 was £53,763.66. The latter includes the significant legacy of £50,000 from Mrs Loveday Alger, received at the end of 2020.

Perhaps unsurprisingly in view of the increased number of services, plate collections were up by 216% compared to 2021. Due to a move by several members of the congregation to giving through banker's orders, planned giving increased by 14% compared to 2020. Tax reclaimed was £1,940.80. Some of the usual village fund-raising events took place (Cream Tea in the summer & the Polperro Fishermen's Concert before Christmas), which raised £860. Total expenditure was 49% above that of 2021, mainly due to maintenance work carried out on the valley gutter and exposed woodwork and also due to increased electricity prices.

The St Keyne Educational Trust (SET) is administered separately from the PCC, but for information had an investment of £77,500 with the CCLA Investment Management Ltd COIF Charity Funds on 31st December 2022. The interest accrued is credited to a bank account with Lloyds Bank, which stood at £770.90 on 31st December 2022. In 2016, it was agreed that following the use of SET funds for the window-guards, efforts would be made to repay the

monies to maintain the original capital sum of £80,000. No funds were transferred from the PCC accounts back to SET in 2022; however, owing to the decision of the trustees to utilise some of the funds to cover the costs of 'Messy Church'.

Reserves policy

The current reserves policy is to maintain a balance in the two accounts to cover annual expenditure, with the St Keyne Educational Trust as a reserve for unforeseen capital expenditure.

Future plans

During 2022, St Keyne Church will attempt to focus on its 'mission work' through Messy Church as well as working with Trewidland School, St Martin's Choir and supporting the Christians Against Poverty (CAP) initiative.

Planned maintenance works include the re-gravelling the path. A Quinquennial Inspection was carried out and the report is awaited.

St Keyne PCC took the decision to utilise the £50,000 legacy from Mrs Loveday Alger to carry out improvements to St Keyne Church to provide mains water, toilet and 'kitchenette' facilities. These improvements would be aimed to attract larger congregations and enable mission activities and so improve social and financial sustainability in the long term. If possible, the PCC would also look to fund the installation of improved heating and solar panels to improve environmental sustainability.