



The Parochial Church Council of the Parish of St Peter and St Paul

Uplyme

Annual Report 2024

Purpose

St Peter and St Paul's Parochial Church Council (PCC) are part of the Axe Valley Mission Community, which it joined in 2019

Worship takes place each Sunday morning, two Sunday evenings, two telephone services (from January 2025 the telephone service has now ceased, it has run for 5 years from the start of Covid and is no longer needed) and Compline on the first Monday in the month. Fifth Sundays are held in various Axe Valley Mission Churches. We have a regular Together@10 Service where the seeds have been sown and are beginning to grow and flourish. Now we are encouraging families with children to come to other morning services such as Together@Communion, where a Junior Church will be held in the vestry. Our lay ministry leading team has increased and people are encouraged to read or lead prayers. As well as our Team Vicar we have been indebted to the retired Reverend Canon David Lawrence, but he has now moved away. Roger Grose and Ann Gray, our Licensed Lay Ministers, members of the AVMC ministry team and our lay preaching and leading team for enabling us to maintain a full programme of services. We have seen a gradual increase in numbers attending worship particularly Together@10. Leisa Potter our newly appointed Team Rector was Licensed in November and has begun her ministry in the AVMC.

Pastoral work continues with a monthly coffee morning at the Black Dog, a pastoral WhatsApp group to share concerns and the Anna Chaplaincy team have been put in place.

Home Groups are happening on a regular basis.

The Prayer Group continue to meet every Wednesday morning in church or at the home of Shirley Hobden. There is a strong music team led by Roger Grose, Eunice and Bruce Roberts, Adrian Pearson, Laura Condell and Kay Chaffin Johnson and there are various groups of singers and other musicians, who help to lead the worship.

Objectives

The PCC is committed to enabling as many people as possible to worship at our church and to share in the church community, to serve their needs and through this, to serve the wider Uplyme community.

We note the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and particularly, charities for the advancement of religion. In planning our activities for the year, we try to enable people to live out their faith as part of our parish community through:

- Worship and prayer
- Learning about the Christian faith - developing knowledge and trust in Jesus.
- Provision of pastoral care and opportunities for engagement
- Missionary and outreach work to share the Christian faith and to serve community

Achievements and performance

A Mission Action Plan has been developed for the whole Mission Community. A copy of which can be found on the Uplyme Church Website. A Worship Committee meets regularly and Worship Team meetings continue to be held to support our lay preachers and leaders. A Children's Ministry Team has been formed to oversee all youth activities.

At present there are 78 parishioners on the Church Electoral Roll.

Youth

There is a "Friday Night Fun" for Year 6 and above. Saturday Football and Shining Stars Toddler Group.

Activities

The Church is used for Concerts, Fayres, Knit & Chatter, Prayer, Meditation, Courses, Quizzes, Friday Night Fun, Bell Ringing, Lunches, Gospel Singers and many other occasions.

Charities

We support St Petroc's for the Homeless in Exeter, The Busoga Trust for clean water in Uganda and Ekisa Special Needs School in Uganda.

Structure, governance and management

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. All those who attend our services / members of the congregation are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and stand for election to the PCC.

The PCC members are responsible for making decisions on all matters of general concern and importance to the parish including deciding on how the funds of the PCC are to be spent.

The PCC normally operates by meeting every other month with various sub-committees meeting and conducting delegated activities and taking delegated responsibility in between. The other committees are responsible to the PCC and report back to it regularly.

Sub – Committees

Standing Committee: Meets when required and has limited power to transact business of the PCC between meetings. It consisted at the end of 2024 of the Vicar, the Wardens, the Treasurer, and PCC Secretary.

Finance: Sharyn Walker (Treasurer), Jan Impey.

Youth: A Children's Ministry Team has been formed consisting of the Vicar, the Wardens, Eunice and Bruce Roberts, Sheila Stratton, Jenny Perham and Jo Smith.

Building: The Building Team consists of Andy Bateman, Andrew Lightfoot and Rob Walker and the wardens.

Tech Team: consists of Mike McCoy, Brian Impey, Bruce Roberts, Geoff Linsley, Jo Smith

The Social Team: consists of Jackie Gannaway, Jo Cursley, Sheila Stratton, Nicky Terry, Pam Cridge, Jenny Perham and the wardens.

Cleaning of the church is done by Noreen Watson who quietly comes in and keeps the church looking welcoming.

The Church clock is wound every five days by James Booth.

The bells are being rung on a regular basis at both morning and evening services, and for special occasions. Andy Jarvis, Bell Captain oversees the bells and the ringers. Visiting groups come to ring and a fund raising day was held with lunch and cake to help raise money for the restoration of the bell frame which took place during 2024.

The PCC became a registered charity in 2009 and is mindful of its responsibilities as Trustees. The major risks to which the church is exposed, as identified by the trustees, have been reviewed annually and systems or procedures have been established to manage those risks. The PCC is aware of and is complying with its duty under section 5 of the Safeguarding & Clergy Discipline Measure 2016.

Safeguarding Uplyme Church have two Safeguarding Verification Officers who keep us up to date with DBS certifications and training for volunteers in various groups, such as Open the Book, Shining Stars, Friday Night Fun, Saturday Football and the Anna Chaplaincy. They also request that each group compiles their own risk assessment as required. Following liaison with the Exeter Diocese safeguarding team, they have put together a Homeless Persons Protocol

Administrative information

St Peter and St Paul's Church is situated in the village of Uplyme in Devon. It is part of the Diocese of Exeter within the Church of England. The correspondence address is Uplyme Church, Pound Lane, Uplyme, Devon DT7 3TT. The PCC is a body corporate (PCC Powers Measure 1956, Church Representation Rules 2006) and became a registered charity in 2009. Registered charity number 1131962

Team Vicar: Reverend Nicky Davies.

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PCC members who have served at any time from 1 January 2024 until the 31 December 2024 are:

Incumbent: Team Vicar – Reverend Nicky Davies

Churchwardens: Jan Impey and Sue Wells

Deanery Synod Representative: Don Draper & Matt Roe (Jan Impey up until April)

Treasurer: Sharyn Walker

Elected Members: Don Draper Mike Maccoy Robert Smith Jo Clarke Jenny Perham
Chris Buckingham (PCC Secretary) Jackie Gannaway