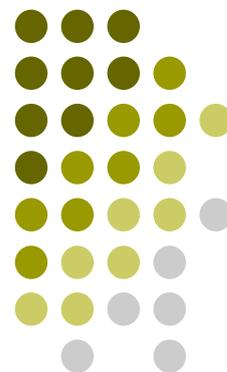


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Verger	Mrs Rachel Cottell
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Electoral Roll Officer	Mr Roger Brown
Fabric Officer	Mr Ray Frewing
Friends of Church	Mrs Beverley Pickering
Church Flowers	Mrs Diana Brown

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For a full picture of church life and worship, it should be read in conjunction with the Greenway Benefice Annual Review. The Annual reports for St. Paul's Shurdington and St. Mary's, Witcombe with Bentham will be available as separate documents shortly before their APCMs are held in April 2020

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HOLY TRINITY CHURCHWARDENS' REPORT

A busy year, particularly with baptisms, although fewer weddings.

Rev Susan, who has led us cheerfully and with humour, has had wonderful support from Rev Ian Gobey who has always stepped in when needed even though not in the best of health, and our reader Robert Poole, who has developed an impressive funeral ministry for our changing times. We were also fortunate to have continued help from that friend of Badgeworth, Rev Paul Youde, when the need arose.

There was further opportunity to develop the talents of Rachel Cottell and Hazel Cotton who each have a licence to officiate and who, as always, took to the challenge with great spirit, both relishing the research and planning required to deliver first class worship. I was privileged to lead the annual Carol Service, nerves just being kept at bay.

Church and village life connect regularly. We have had a wonderful series of concerts in the Church, well attended by members of the congregation and village residents. The coffee mornings and other events organised by the Friends of Badgeworth Church continue to bring Church and village closer together.

Our big event was the Christmas Tree Festival in December. A great deal of hard work was put into organising this by Rachel Cottell and her husband Nigel. Many thanks to them and to the school choirs and other musicians who sang and played throughout the day and to those who came to support them.

I remain indebted to those who contribute so generously of their time and talents to maintain the fabric of the Church and churchyard through music, bell-ringing, repairs, mowing, cleaning, coffee rota, flower guild, reading, intercessions and as sidespeople, sacristan, verger, treasurer, PCC secretary and all members of the PCC.

I want to thank Dr Colin Roch-Berry, my colleague Churchwarden until he stepped down in April, for his support and good humour.

I also want to pay special thanks to our fabric officer, Ray Frewing, who leaves us shortly to go and live close to his daughter in Newbury. His contribution to Holy Trinity over very many years cannot be overestimated. All will miss him greatly and have asked me here to wish him well.

Paul Stanfield

TRUSTEES REPORT

Administrative Information

Badgeworth Holy Trinity is situated in Badgeworth by Gloucester, Church Lane, GL51 4UL. It is part of the Diocese of Gloucester within the Church of England. The correspondence address is The Vicarage, School Lane, Shurdington, GL51 4TF.

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) is a charity exempt from registration within The Charity Commission.

PCC members who have served from 1 January 2019 to the date this report was approved are:

Name	Position	Dates if part yr
Incumbent:	Revd Susan Cooke	
Reader:	Mr Robert Poole	
Wardens:	Mr Paul Stanfield Dr Colin Roch-Berry	to April 2019
Deanery Synod		
Members:	Mrs Rachel Cottell, Mrs Hazel Cotton	
Mrs Sue Avery	Sacristan	
Mr Malcolm Brown	Treasurer	
Mrs Rachel Cottell	Safeguarding Officer	
Mr Ray Frewing	Fabric Officer	
Mrs Charlotte Holdaway		
Mrs Hazel Cotton		
Mr Phil Cotton		
Mr Roger Brown		
Dr Colin Roch-Berry		
Mrs Harriet Roch-Berry		
Mrs Mary Tombs	Verger	
Mrs Anna Stanfield	Secretary	

Structure, governance and management.

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

Objectives and Activities

Holy Trinity Badgeworth PCC has the responsibility of co-operating with the Incumbent in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. It also has maintenance responsibilities for Holy Trinity Church and churchyard.

Church attendance

There are 67 Parishioners on the Church Electoral Roll. The average weekly attendance, counted during October was 26, but this number increased on special occasions such as Christmas and Remembrance Sunday.

Review of the year

Rev Susan Cooke, well supported by the other members of the Local Ministry Team, the PCC and numerous supporting bodies and individuals, have been responsible for the promotion of all aspects of the Church - pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. The Vicar has benefitted from the assistance of our lay worship leaders, Rachel Cottell and Hazel Cotton and retired clergy, particularly Rev Ian Gobey, also Rev Paul Youde.

From 2013 the LMT undertook a review of the benefice development plan identifying strengths and weaknesses in light of the diocesan "Journeying Together" strategy. The Life Vision is now challenging the focus of the LMT, which is working with the PCC to bring to life in the Parish Bishop Rachel's vision of leadership, imagination, faith and engagement to drive the Church forward in Badgeworth with a 5 year strategy designed to maintain a flourishing Parish and the hope to reach out by mission to more people. A small group has worked hard to deliver a transformation programme for the Church to reinforce its place in the community and the support it can provide to all in the locality. A brochure delivered to all homes in the village has brought some commitments from those who are not always able to attend services.

A range of services are held to mark the festivals, sometimes as a benefice provision, the latter now held at Shurdington Primary School. Attendance for the Holy Week services was low, though attendance for Easter and Christmas was encouraging. Morning Prayer is celebrated each second Thursday of the month and Badgeworth Praise is celebrated with the residents of Badgeworth Court twice a month, inspirationally led by Rachel Cottell.

Members of Holy Trinity Church join with other Christians living in the benefice and who worship elsewhere for Open the Book at Shurdington Primary School.

The church has helped people from the community and those who have links to the community to come together in the presence of God, for the important events in their family life; Baptisms, Marriage and Funerals. The Vicar dedicates time to prepare people for the two former events, with Reader Rob largely responsible for funeral ministry.

Highlights of the year have been a truly wonderful concert series including Telemania, featuring the enormous talents of Liam Fleet. It is particularly good to report that he will do another concert for us. We laid on our first ever Christmas Tree Festival, splendidly organised by Rachel Cottell with help from her husband Nigel. As well as beautifully decorated and lit trees, this featured locally made crafts, a drawing competition and school choirs singing throughout the day. Thanks to all who came and enjoyed our wonderful church building.

Village events, many supported by the Church continue to flourish, particularly the monthly Saturday morning coffee and chat.

At the end of the year we said au revoir, but not adieu, to our regular Sunday organist, Matt Richardson. Matt is an exceptional musical talent so we shall miss his organ playing. The great news is that he will continue with the Benefice Choir which, it is hoped, will develop into the Greenway Community Choir.

Church fabric

The PCC makes plans for the good maintenance of church fabric and the churchyard. It remains very grateful for the band of volunteers who clean, decorate and look after the fabric of the church, including the team of volunteers led by Mr Ray Frewing, the Fabric Officer. The PCC is also grateful for the financial

donations from individuals, the Parish Council and the Friends of Badgeworth Church towards the upkeep of fabric and churchyard.

Finance

Total receipts to ordinary unrestricted funds in 2019 were £27,283, as detailed in the Financial Statements. The principal contribution (£12,302) was planned giving by members of the church, but this showed a further decrease of 5.5% from the previous year's figure. Income tax recovery via Gift Aid amounted to £3,982, and fund-raising activities to £2,163, and a welcome donation was received from the Friends of the Church towards expenditure on the fabric and the churchyard. A legacy of £500 was received from the estate of Mrs P. Reynolds. Total receipts to restricted funds were £3,573.

Total payments in the year were £30,612 (of which £2,573 came from restricted funds). The largest item of expenditure, £16,000, was Parish Share. This represented an embarrassing and unsustainable shortfall of 27.7% against the figure originally requested of the parish. This again reflected the concern of the PCC regarding the depletion of limited reserves. Expenditure of £1,290 was incurred for necessary tree work in the churchyard, though 50% of this expenditure was covered by a kind donation from Mr Tim Clink. Other significant items of expenditure were unavoidable costs of insurance, organist, heating, administration, etc.

The net result for the year was ultimately a marginal surplus of £243. The PCC is pleased that this effectively means a break-even situation, but is concerned that the only way to prevent depletion of now-limited reserves is to default to such a degree on the payment of the Parish Share. Despite fund-raising efforts, total income is at best static, while costs continue to rise through inflation. The planned budget for 2020 again predicts a break-even situation, but this is only achieved by committing to an even lower proportion of the requested Parish Share. The PCC undertook during the year a pamphlet and personal appeal to all households in the parish for support for the church; this produced a pleasing but limited financial and practical response, but not one that will go any significant way to solving our financial problems.

The balance in the Legacy Fund was £7,439. It has been the PCC's policy to designate this fund for special projects to improve the fabric and equipment of the church, but in view of the general state of the finances, this policy is under review.

Reserves Policy

It is PCC policy to maintain a balance in unrestricted funds (if possible) to cover emergency situations that may arise from time to time. The balance in unrestricted funds at the end of the year was £14,975. As £7,439 of this was in the Legacy Fund (see above), the balance of other unrestricted funds stood at £7,536. The balance in the general fund at 31st December 2017 was £6,266.

There are restricted funds for the maintenance of the fabric and of the churchyard. These are mainly financed by donations, particular from The Friends of the Church. The combined balance in these funds stood at £4,778.

It is the PCC's strategy to invest our funds balances with the CBF Church of England Deposit Fund.

Approved by the PCC and signed on its behalf by

Rev Susan Cooke

2020

TREASURER'S REPORT, 2019

The accounts for 2019 show a deceptively satisfactory surplus over the year of £243. To achieve such a break-even figure on a turnover of just over £30,000 was the intention and ambition of the Trustees, and so it is comforting that this has been achieved.

What is not satisfactory however is that this overall result has been achieved only by failure to pay our bills. Specifically, we only paid around 75% of the Parish Share requested from us. This is not the first year in which we have defaulted in this way, and looking to the future the only way in which we will be able avoid depleting our limited reserves any further will be to continue to default to a similar degree. In time, this will inevitably impinge on the level of service, particularly clergy provision, that we receive from the Diocese.

We have tried to increase our income, but it is an uphill struggle as our numbers gradually decrease. Our indefatigable fund-raisers, particularly Rachel Cottell and Phil and Hazel Cotton, have continued the regular and very successful monthly Coffee & Chat events in the village hall, and a number of fund-raising concerts has been held in the church. Rachel was also the moving (and practical) spirit behind our first Christmas Tree Festival, which proved very popular and uplifting.

A sub-group of the Trustees organised and produced a splendid leaflet that was delivered to all households in the parish seeking more support for the church, both in financial and in practical terms. Hopefully this raised awareness of the issues facing us, and it did produce £500 in one-off donations, plus new standing orders to the annual value of £960, as well as an offer of practical help with minor repairs, etc. Also during the year we also received a legacy of £500 towards fabric costs.

Once again The Friends of the Church made a generous grant that covered all of our expenditure on the fabric and on the churchyard through the year, and Mr Tim Clink contributed a much appreciated 50% of the costs of tree work in the churchyard. Without such contributions our finances would look decidedly worrying, and our gratitude also goes to all those who make practical contributions – and therefore save us from expenditure - in the provision of flowers, communion wine, cleaning, etc. and particularly to our regular work group that looks after the churchyard and minor repairs to the fabric. We are especially grateful to Ray Frewing, our Fabric Officer, who unfortunately will be moving away from the parish in the near future. His contribution to the church over very many years is incalculable – we shall miss him enormously.

In short, we have again benefitted from an immense amount of financial and practical support from a limited number of people, but the message from previous years remains – we have to try to find ways of increasing income if we are to keep our heads above water in the future.

Malcolm Brown
(PCC Treasurer)

HOLY TRINITY BADGEWORTH
Receipts & Payments Account, Jan 1st 2019 to Dec 31st 2019

	General Fund	Ch'yard Fund (res)	Fabric Fund (res)	Pamphlet Fund (res)	Organ Fund (des)	Bells Fund (des)	Fabric Imp. Fund (des)	TOTALS 2019	2018	Totals 2018
RECEIPTS										
<i>Incoming resources from Donors</i>										
Open Plate	1813								1409	
Envelope scheme	7040								8359	
Standing orders	2732								2262	
Parish Giving Scheme	2530								2400	
Wall safe	243								179	
Collections at weddings	59								315	
Collections at funerals	113								194	
Collections at baptisms	275								458	
Benefice Music	1345								0	
Donations	951	645	279	289		478			2642	
VAT recovered	0								0	
Income tax recovered	3982								4406	
Total:								22575		22625
<i>Other voluntary incoming resources</i>										
Friends of the Church		985	580						2255	
Sale of Assets	0								0	
Legacy			500						0	
Total:								2065		2255
<i>Activities for generating funds (Note 1)</i>	2163							2163	2675	2675
<i>Income from investments</i>										
Watson Petroleum	2								6	
Credit from Cbf Income Fund		295							288	
Cbf Deposit Fund interest	21						58		52	
Total:								376		346
<i>Other ordinary incoming resources</i>										
Three-in-one	0								1000	
Fees from funerals	2737								514	
Fees from weddings	939								1152	
Total:								3676		2666
TOTAL RECEIPTS	26747	1925	1359	289	0	478	58	30856		30567
Account Summary										
			31/12/2019					31/12/2018		
Balance brought forward 1/1/2019			19510					20544		
Receipts 2019			30856					32975		
Less Payments 2019			-30612					-34008		
Balance carried forward 31/12/19			19753					19510		
Represented by:										
Barclays Bank Community A/c		8177				3542				
Plus unregistered credits:										
HMRC Income tax recovery	0			3887				3887		
Friends of the Church	1565			2255				2255		
DCMS VAT recovery	0			600				600		
		1565				0				
Less unrepresented cheques		-801				-1397				
			8941					2145		
Watson Petroleum			181					72		
Cbf C of E Deposit Fund - General			2691					3170		
Cbf C of E Deposit Fund - Legacy			7940					7381		
Cash in hand			0					0		
TOTAL			19753					19510		

	General Fund	Ch'yard Fund (res)	Fabric Fund (res)	Pamphlet Fund (res)	Organ Fund (des)	Bells Fund (des)	Fabric Imp. Fund (des)	TOTALS 2019	2018	Totals 2018
PAYMENTS										
Grants (Note 2)	375							375		218
The work of the church										
Parish Share	16000								19500	
Clergy expenses	258								338	
Children	13								0	
Upkeep of services	153								74	
Training	0								0	
Hymnbooks / Psalters	0								0	
Benefice Music	1345									
Funerals & Weddings	1657									
Affiliation Fees / Licences	45								79	
Organist	2440								2696	
Total:								21911		22687
Church management & administration										
Administration	805			289					1516	
Professional fees	0								522	
Room hire	0								0	
Three-in-one	0								0	
Total:								1094		2038
Costs of generating funds										
Events & Merchandise (Note 1)	108								240	
Envelopes	90								83	
Total:								196		323
Church running costs										
Upkeep & improvement of fabric	0		654						3647	
Organ	0				307				298	
Boiler	110								96	
Oil	370								558	
Electricity	702								684	
Water	25								22	
Fire equipment	47								47	
Insurance	2713								2696	
Churchyard		1630							696	
Bell Appeal						478			0	
Total:								7036		8743
TOTAL PAYMENTS	27255	1630	654	289	307	478	0	30612		34008
NET RECEIPTS/(PAYMENTS)	-508	295	705	0	-307	0	58	243		-34008
BROUGHT FORWARD 01/01/2019	6774	2728	1050	0	873	704	7381	19510		24406
Transfer between funds										
CARRIED FORWARD 31/12/2019	6266	3023	1755	0	566	704	7440	19753		-9603
NOTES:										
(a) The financial statements of the PCC have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2007 using the Receipts & Payments basis.										
(b) The following assets are recognised but not necessarily valued in the Statement of Assets and Liabilities: Movable church furnishings held by the churchwardens on special trust for the PCC.										
(c) The expenses paid to clergy may include a small immaterial proportion which relates to their function as PCC members. No other payments were made to PCC members.										
(d) The Notes and the Statement of Assets & Liabilities overleaf form part of these financial statements.										
Approved by the PCC on February 12th 2020										
Rev Susan Cooke (PCC Chairman) and Mr Malcolm Brown (PCC Treasurer)										

HOLY TRINITY BADGEWORTH
Notes to Accounts 2019

Note 1:

Activities for generating funds

	2019		2018
Coffee Mornings	836		914
April Concert	161		0
Boating Party Concert	263		0
Midsummer Voices Concert	0		543
Nowell Concert	0		145
A Night at the Musicals	0	996	
Less Expenses	0	-240	
	0		756
Christmas Tree festival	741	0	
Less Expenses	-106	0	
	635		0
Bird Boxes	10		4
GHCT Ride & Stride	60		0
Christmas Postbox	92		74
Total:	2058		2436

Note 2:

Expenditure on Grants

	2019		2018
Glos Historic Churches Trust	50		0
Water Aid (from Harvest Festival)	0		150
Gloucester DBF (Bishop's Charities)	295		0
Gifts / Gratuities	30		68
Total:	375		218

Statement of Assets & Liabilities at December 31st 2019

	2019		2018
Cash funds			
Bank Current Account	8177	3542	
Plus unregistered credits	1565	6742	
Less unpaid cheques	-801	-1397	
	8941		8887
Cbf Deposit Fund - General	2691		3170
Cbf Deposit Fund - Legacy	7940		7381
Watson Petroleum	181		72
Cash in hand	0		0
Total cash funds	19753		19510