
St. Eustace Church Trustees Annual and Financial Report

of

**The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St
Eustace Church, Ibberton Blandford, Dorset DT11 0EL**

For the year ended 31st December 2022

Registered Charity no. 634175

Website: <https://www.achurchnearyou.com/church/9314/>

Incumbent: Interregnum

Independent examiner: Mr. R Allingham MA ACIB

Bankers: Lloyds Bank PLC

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St Eustace Church

Trustees Annual Report for 2022

Aim and purposes

The PCC has the responsibility of co-operating with the Benefice Ministry Team while the Hazelbury Bryan and the Hillside Parishes is in interregnum (The house of Duty Minister retired at the end of 2021). The PCC is also specifically responsible for the maintenance of St. Eustace Church, Ibberton.

Objectives and Activities

The PCC is committed to enabling as many people as possible to worship at our church and to become part of our parish community at St. Eustace. The PCC maintains an overview of worship throughout the parish and makes suggestions on how our services can involve all the community. Our services and worship put faith into practice through prayer and scripture, music and sacrament.

We try to enable ordinary people to live out their faith as part of our parish community through:

- Worship and prayer, learning about the gospel, and developing their knowledge and trust in Jesus.
- Provision of pastoral care for people living in the parish.
- Missionary and outreach work in the community including the provision of the village fete, offering food and fun at Easter with a Children's service, Special kid's service at Easter, Harvest & Christmas, supporting a children's Sunday group in the Village Hall, holding a Harvest Supper, Carol Singing, and a Christmas Carols by Candlelight service.
- Maintaining the fabric of the church building as a historic centre and focus of life in the village.
- Planning to establish a Fabric Fund so that people in our community who value the church building are able to contribute directly to its ongoing maintenance.

Achievements and Performance

Worship and Prayer

2022 saw an uplift in community worship and activity following the end of the pandemic. People seem comfortable being back in Church again without masks, although there is some hesitancy about taking communion, especially the wine.

We trialed a number of Sunday Clubs for children in the village hall and held church services for Easter, with a congregation of 40 made up of children of all ages, parents, grandparents and friends, Harvest Festival and Christmas. While these three services were well attended, the monthly Sunday Clubs were not and hence we have discontinued them. The services for the main festivals have had the bonus of encouraging families from outside the benefice to attend church. This has led to lively services and a feeling of the wider community making the most of our beautiful Church. We have also moved from one morning and one evening service a month to two morning services, one of which is a family service.

The average regular weekly attendance, counted during October was thirteen adults and ten children, with the number increasing on Harvest Sunday. Two Harvest services took place, one in the morning for kids and an adult orientated Evensong followed by wine and nibbles. Over the course of the year, we have seen a steady rise in service attendance and it has been a great encouragement to welcome new families to St. Eustace.

Christmas is a very special time of celebration where many sections of the community come together to join in the services. A Carols by Candlelight celebration took place in which all members of the village community were encouraged to take part, children and adults alike. This was followed by mulled wine and nibbles. Everyone was encouraged to bring Christmas foods and gifts which were donated to The Vale Pantry in Sturminster Newton.

Teaching, baptising and nurturing new and existing believers

It was with great delight that a service of Thanksgiving for the Gift of a Child occurred for Freddie Church on Sunday 19th June, 2022. There were no weddings and wedding blessings, church funerals, burials of ashes, baptisms or candidates confirmed during 2022.

Mission and Evangelism

The year had many community highlights following the previous two Covid lockdown years. A Platinum Jubilee lunch was held at the Village Hall following a special service in the church celebrating Queen Elizabeth II's 70 years as our monarch. Many members of the Church community were involved with the arrangements. The first Saturday in August saw the return of the Three Villages Fete at the Village Hall, bringing the churches of Belchalwell, Ibberton and Woolland together, not only to raise money for our respective churches but to bring the communities together, renewing friendships and welcoming new members of our small rural parishes. A well-attended Harvest Supper was held in the Village Hall which brought many members of our wider community together.

Provision of the church building for people to enjoy

Our church continues to be appreciated by our parishioners and many others as a space where life events are celebrated with joy and thanksgiving. As the year drew to a close, we have been exploring widening the use of the church building by considering the installation

of a composting toilet and a water supply. Concerts, retreats, overnight stays especially our location close to the Dorset Ridgeway, and to be able to have after service refreshments.

It is important to us that the church is available for private prayer not just to the church family but to the wider visiting community. To this end the church building is always open and the many entries in the Visitors' Book testify to this.

'A true labour of faith to build this church' Michael Watson & Michael Harris

'So glad it's restored, what a piece of history. What views!' A Witcher & S Norman

'A lovely step back in time. Very peaceful' Andy Sutcliff

'A very beautifully kept and wonderful church' Samuel & Elisa

Deanery Synod

At the moment St Eustace Church has no representatives although we are entitled to send two PCC members.

Spatial reordering of the church building and future projects

To encourage families to feel comfortable bringing young children to services, especially kids' worship, a small area in the North Aisle has been arranged with soft matting, a large wooden box of toys and books and a small table with children's height chairs. During and after the service the area is well used, bringing young and old together.

Provision of pastoral care for people living in the parish

In such a small community of 56 homes, people are acquainted and supportive of each other.

Provision of tangible support to the poor and needy

The Harvest produce and Carols by Candlelight service Christmas food and gifts donations were collected on behalf of The Vale Pantry. Also, a group of carol singers supported the local charity The Friends of Blandford Hospital with the proceeds of a collection bucket.

Other charitable giving

A bi-monthly digital Ibberton, Belchalwell & Woolland Newsletter was compiled until the benefice parish magazine was relaunched in October 2022. This collated news, comment, advertised events and features from the three communities. Paper copies were printed for members of the community who prefer to read their news in this format. It was delivered via email and WhatsApp and a copy was available on the Village Hall Website. This was a free publication compiled on behalf of the Church to maintain links between the church family and those who have not yet felt the need to take part in what we do. Two members of the congregation took part in the annual 'Ride & Stride' event organised by the Dorset Historic Churches Trust in September. One person visited churches on horseback and the other on foot.

Ecumenical Relationships

St Eustace Church, Ibberton is one of six churches in the benefice of Hazelbury Bryan and The Hillside Parishes. Opportunities to come together are through Lent Lunches, Benefice Services, fundraising events and bible study groups.

Optional Information

Volunteers

We would like to thank all the volunteers who work so hard to make our church the lively and vibrant community it is. In particular we want to mention our churchwarden Mrs. Alice Church and the Lay-Chairman Mr. Derek Old who have worked so tirelessly on our behalf and Mr. Christopher McCann who has helped us all to understand the church's accounts and its finances.

Structure, Governance and Management

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. At St. Eustace the membership of the PCC consists of a clergy/lay team (we are currently in interregnum), a churchwarden, and members elected by 28 members of the congregation who are on the electoral roll of the church. 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 full PCC met five times during the year with an average level of attendance of 75%.

Administrative information

We have enjoyed an improved year of fundraising which is encouraging in the light of the renovation work needed for the Church. We understand that there is reluctance on the part of some non-church goers to give money directly to the Church of England. In view of this, the PCC has set up a Fabric Fund which can only be spent on maintaining the fabric of St. Eustace.

We are also in the process of signing up to the Parish Giving Scheme which will help greatly with our collection of gift aid.

Looking Forward

In 2023 we are focusing our efforts as a community on the renovation of the Church and ensuring we have the finances to support this. So far this year we have had a successful quiz evening; a Summer Fete is planned and a 'Safari Supper' will be held in October. Next year we already have two bookings for weddings which gives us a good indication that the church is seen as a desirable place to celebrate important milestones in life.

While we are still in vacancy for a vicar, we are pleased that a date for interviews has finally been set; we should have a new vicar in place by the Autumn. We are sure this will be a great help to St. Eustace in moving forward and making the most of our Church.

Financial Review

Total income for the year improved, compared to 2021, by around 16%. However, the net position resulted in a deficit of £1,557 compared to a surplus last year of £1,653. This is accounted for by two major factors. We paid our full Church share in 2022 of £6,532, whereas in 2021 we only made a part payment of £3,600. Secondly, our electricity costs increased by over £1,100. In 2023 the Share will be reduced by approximately £2,000 which is most helpful.

Up until November, we had three electricity meters, none of which were smart meters. This was becoming untenable owing to the considerable increase in the cost of the daily Standing Charge per meter which has occurred. Accordingly, we have replaced the previous meters with one Smart Meter. This should have reduced our electricity costs, however, owing to incompetence on the part of our supplier, the new meter was not registered on their system. This has been pointed out to them and in due course we should receive a worthwhile rebate.

The other factor which we have to face is a substantial repair cost owing to maintenance issues which have become urgent. While the matter is in hand, the costs are likely to be beyond our means. However, we are vigorously exploring the opportunity to obtain grants from a variety of sources to cover a significant proportion of the costs.

Reserves Policy

St. Eustace Church is challenging when it comes to repairs and maintenance; it is inaccessible to road traffic; Listed and expensive to keep in good condition. The financial liability of repairs and maintenance over the next ten years cannot be estimated with any certainty, but could easily be in excess of £100,000. While a portion of this may be funded by grants, this cannot be guaranteed.

St. Eustace has a small number of parishioners many of whom contribute financially to support the church. There is virtually no prospect of reaching a reserve level of £100,000 within ten years, but we will endeavour to move in this direction as best we can.

We will aim to keep around three months of running costs in instant access accounts. The balance will be held in interest bearing accounts. If significant sums are unlikely to be required for a period of five years, we will consider higher risk fund investment.

Repairs to the fabric of the church building

On 1 October, 2021 Marcus Chantrey from Benjanin & Beauchamp Architects visited St Eustace and conducted the Quinquennial Survey. During 2022 Derek Old has been kindly working through the list of regular maintenance required.

Marcus Chantrey stated in the report: 'Structurally, the church has been subject to movement in the past and whilst a number of the walls lean, the architect's report especially relates to ongoing movement to the north aisle. The advice of a structural engineer now promptly needs to be sought as the church has some serious structural issues that need to be addressed.'

A Structural Engineer visited on 1st December, 2022 and again with a builder on 3rd December. They also examined a window in the North Wall of the nave. The Salisbury Diocesan Advisory Committee for the Care of Churches (DAC) was informed and visited in early 2023.

The PCC will continue to work with the DAC towards a faculty application. Once the full extent of the works that are required to stabilise the North Aisle are known, a Specification and the Schedule of Works will be devised. Possible grants to assist with the works have begun to be explored, some are 100% and others 50% of the total costs. The PCC have started to consider ideas for fundraising events and how donations can be made especially towards the project. Any works of this nature will involve substantial costs which for a small rural community is going to involve major fundraising.

Structure, governance and management of the charity

The PCC is a charity, but is excepted from registering with the Charity Commission within the meaning of the section 30 of the Charities Act 2011. Its governing document is the Parochial Church Councils (Powers) Measure 1956.

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

Ex Officio members

Incumbent:	Interregnum	Chairman
Warden:	Mrs Alice Church	
	Mr Derek Old (retired 2022)	Vice Chairman

Elected Members

Mrs C Old – Sidesman
Mr C McCann - Hon. Treasurer
Mrs M Newman – Hon. Secretary & Electoral Roll Officer
Mrs J Hill
Mrs M Freeland
Mrs H Sinkinson
Mrs L Fraser
Mr T Hill
Mrs C Doran
Mr P Closier
Mr C Church
Ms J Waker

Deanery Synod

Nobody at present

Membership of the PCC is determined under the Church Representation Rules and consists of certain ex-officio members (the incumbent/priest-in-charge, curate, lay readers licensed to officiate in the church), the churchwardens and members of the Deanery, Diocesan or General Synods and 12 members of the church who are elected at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM). Members are warmly encouraged to stand for election to the PCC and we try to ensure a balance of skills and experience where possible.

The PCC met five times during the year.

This Trustees' Annual Report was **approved** by the PCC

Signed on their behalf by Mr Derek Old, Lay-Chairman

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Date.....

St. Eustace Church

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SUMMARY OF ST. EUSTACE ANNUAL ACCOUNTS 2022

DONORS AND FEES

	£	£
Collections	1157.84	
Offertory Box	82.60	
Standing order non tax paying donors	480.00	
Standing order Gift Aid donors	3,966.00	
Tax recovered from Gift Aid	1,218.32	
Church Blessing	<u>207.00</u>	
		7,111.76

FUND RAISING

NGS Open Garden	300.00	
Fete	567.00	
Harvest Supper	<u>500.00</u>	
		1,367.00

INCOME FROM INVESTMENTS

Bank Interest	5.86	
Bath Building Society	92.76	
CBF Investment Dividend	<u>648.29</u>	
		<u>746.91</u>

<u>TOTAL INCOME</u>	<u>£ 9225.67</u>
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<u>TOTAL NET ASSETS AT 01/01/22</u>	<u>£23,387.38</u>
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RECEIPTS AND CREDIT BALANCES	<u>£32,613.0</u>
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RUNNING COSTS

	£
Heating and lighting	1,420.88
Insurance	1,527.36
Electrical Work	906.25
Church Share	6,532.45
Miscellaneous	<u>396.49</u>
<u>TOTAL COSTS</u>	£ <u>10,783.43</u>

DEFICIT BETWEEN COSTS AND RECEIPTS **£ 1,557.76**

NET ASSETS AT 31/12/22 **£**

Cash in hand	400.40	
Lloyds Current Account	1,040.22	
Lloyds Instant Access Account	7,857.69	
Bath Building Society Account	<u>12,531.31</u>	
<u>TOTAL NET ASSETS AT 31/12/22</u>		£ <u>21,829.62</u>

PAYMENTS AND CREDIT BALANCES **£32,613.05**

Note In addition to the assets listed above, the Salisbury Diocese controls the Curfew Trust Fund on behalf of the Ibberton PCC. The value of this fund at 31/12/22 was £21,797.78. Dividends from this fund are paid to the PCC.

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INCOME 2022

DATE	COLLECTIONS	OFF BOX	BANK GA	INTEREST	BANK NON GA	CBF Div
02/01/22	£15.00	£2.00	£748.00	£0.08	£40.00	
06/02/22	£27.00		£198.00	£0.09	£40.00	£161.20
28/02/22	£20.00 (1)					
06/03/22	£50.00	£3.30	£198.00	£0.08	£40.00	
01/04/22	£130.00	£18.60	£248.00	£0.10	£40.00	
15/05/22	£10.00	£9.20	£278.00	£0.09	£40.00	£161.20
05/06/22	£45.00					
19/06/22	£10.00	£2.00	£248.00	£0.10	£40.00	
03/07/22	£30.00		£248.00	£0.11	£40.00	
04/07/22	£50.00 (2)	£17.00				
07/08/22	£35.00	£12.00	£448.00	£0.42	£40.00	£161.20
12/08/22	£17.00	£4.50				
24/08/22	£35.00	£11.50				
24/08/22	£109.06					
18/09/22	£40.00					
18/09/22	£25.00		£298.00	£0.56	£40.00	
16/10/22	£70.00	£2.50	£308.00	£0.50	£40.00	
16/10/22	£20.00					
16/10/22	£43.90					
06/11/22	£42.00		£198.00	£1.16	£40.00	£164.69
17/11/22	£50.00 (1)					

DATE	COLLECTIONS	OFF BOX	BANK GA	INTEREST	BANK NON GA	CBF DIV
04/12/22	£15.00		£548.00	£2.57	£40.00	
18/12/22	£30.00					
25/12/22	£ 238.38					
TOTAL	£1157.84	£82.60	£3966.00	£5.86	£480.00	£648.29

Notes: 1. Payment direct to Bank .

2. CAF cheque.

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INCOME 2022

FEES

30/05/22	Church Blessing	<u>£207.00</u>
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FUND RAISING

19/06/22	NGS Open Garden	£300.00
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26/08/22	Fete	£567.00
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16/10/22	Harvest Supper	<u>£500.00</u>
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£1,367.00

BATH BUILDING SOCIETY

32/12/22	Interest	<u>£92.76</u>
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GIFT AID TAX RECOVERED

10/01/22	Payment	<u>£1218.32</u>
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PAYMENTS 2022

ELECTRICITY

14/01/22	£89.92
28/02/22	£55.21
30/05/22	£87.03
30/08/22	£400.07
12/12/22	£733.59
29/12/22	<u>£55.06</u>
Total	<u>£1,420.88</u>

Note: The three previous electricity meters were replaced by one Smart Meter in October 2022. However, SSE failed to plug the new meter into their system. They have agreed that they were at fault and will correct the estimated readings with accurate ones. This should result in a significant refund in due course.

INSURANCE

23/09/22 Insurance premium £1527.36

ELECTRICAL WORK

28/10/22 NDM Electrical. £906.25

CHURCH SHARE

14/09/22	£3,000.00
13/01/23	<u>£3,532.45</u>
Total	<u>£6,532.45</u>

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MISCELLANEOUS EXPENDITURE

09/08/22 Safeguarding Handbook	£5.99
28/02/22 M Tucker roof repairs	£280.00
18/05/22 and 14/10/22 Village Hall hire	£35.50
14/10/22 Smart Water	£15.00
08/12/22 Presents	£36.00
24/03/22 Vale Fire Safety	<u>£24.00</u>
<u>Total</u>	<u>£396.49</u>

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GIFT AID DETAILS

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APRIL	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC	2022
1.	30.00	30.00	30.00	30.00	30.00	30.00	30.00	30.00	30.00	30.00	30.00	30.00	£360.00
2.	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	£120.00
3.	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	£240.00
4.	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	£600.00
5.	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	£240.00
6.	50.00			50.00			50.00			50.00			£200.00
7.	500.00												£500.00
8.						50.00							£50.00
9.										60.00			£60.00
10.	8.00	8.00	8.00	8.00	8.00	8.00	8.00	8.00	8.00	8.00	8.00	8.00	£96.00
11.	60.00	60.00	60.00	60.00	60.00	60.00	60.00	60.00	60.00	60.00	60.00	60.00	£720.00
12.						80.00							£80.00
13.								250.00					£250.00
14.									100.00				£100.00
15.												50.00	£50.00
16.												300.00	<u>£300.00</u>
TOTAL	748	198	198	248	278	248	248	448	298	308	198	548	<u>£3,966.00</u>

Note: The confidentiality of the donors is protected by using numbers rather than names

This Financial Report for the year ended 31st December 2022, including the notes following, was approved by the PCC and signed on its behalf by PCC Chairman:

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Date

**Independent Examiner's Report to members/trustees of St. Eustace Church,
Ibberton Parochial Church Council.**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts for St. Eustace, Ibberton PCC (the Trust) for the year ended 31st December 2022.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 (the Act)

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:



Roy Allingham, MA. ACIB

Primrose Cottage, Belchalwell

25th April 2023