



Annual Report for year ending 31st December 2008
St Paul's, Yelverton
St Peter's, Meavy
St Leonard's, Sheepstor
St Mary the Virgin, Walkhampton

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Mrs Drinda MacDonald ☎854884

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St Peter's Meavy

Mr Philip Helby ☎855010

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St Paul's Yelverton

Mrs K Howard (Deanery Synod)

Mrs BJ Gardiner (Deanery Synod)

Mrs W. Brown

Mr N. Bloomer

Mr P. Corderoy

Mr P. Lyons

Dr H. Leather

Mr B Medhurst (Treasurer)

Mr D Read

Mrs S. Stacey (Co-opted)

Mrs F Halls (Secretary)

St Leonard's Sheepstor

Mr T MacDonald (Lay Vice Chair)

Mr P Legassick

Mrs M Bennett

Mrs D Bayly (Clerk until 28 April 2008)

Mr R Bayly (Clerk from 29 April 2008,
also Churchwarden & Deanery Synod)

St Peter's Meavy

Mr John Fry (Lay Vice Chair)
 Mrs Rosemary Weir (Deanery Synod)
 Mr Kerry D. Elson (Deanery Synod)
 Mr Douglas Henderson (Treasurer)
 Mrs Mary Helby (Assistant Treasurer)
 Mrs Sarah Gordon (Secretary)
 Mr Bill Williams
 Mrs Penny Shobrook
 Mrs Pauline Hamilton-Leggett
 Mr Mike Inman (until April 2008)
 Mr Denis Walker

St Mary the Virgin Walkhampton

Mr J Knight (Lay Vice Chair)
 Mr J Lenthall
 Mr K Baxter (Treasurer)
 Mr R Locock (Deanery Synod)
 Mrs C Brannagan (Secretary)
 Mrs D D'Oyly (Deanery Synod)
 Mrs K Miall
 Mrs M Goddard

Bankers & Independent Examiners**St Paul's Yelverton**

Lloyds TSB, Royal Parade, Plymouth &
 HSBC, Bedford Square, Tavistock
 Examiner: Col. G. Mills

St Leonard's Sheepstor

Alliance & Leicester Commercial Bank,
 Bootle.
 Examiner: J. C. Fry FCA

St Peter's Meavy

National Westminster Bank Bedford
 Square, Tavistock
 Examiner: Mr. F.J.W. Hodgson FCA

St Mary the Virgin Walkhampton

Barclays Bank, Bedford Square,
 Tavistock
 Examiner: Mrs R Waldron

The Purpose of Each Parochial Church Council in the Benefice

Each Parochial Church Council (PCC) is a charity excepted from registration with the Charity Commission.

The PCC (Powers) Act 1956 states that the PCC *'is to cooperate with the minister in promoting in the parish the whole mission of the church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical'*.

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules 2006.

The Report of the Priest in Charge

I retired in June...as a solicitor... and as I write this report, I find myself probably busier than at any time in my working life as a lawyer having taken on, quite willingly and happily, the task of being Priest in Charge of this Benefice for a period of 12 months as a non-stipendiary minister, following discussions with the Bishop of Plymouth. Richard's resignation, announced in May, and taking effect in practice in August when he left Yelverton, came as a surprise to many. His departure has left many now realising just how much he and Lynn did and this is no truer than for me, as I stand in his shoes, doing a job that 10 years ago was undertaken by two stipendiary clergy in this group of parishes. I say this, not to make me out to be some sort of "super-hero", but rather to share with you just how daunting the task is to undertake. It is a vast enterprise. The Bishop of Plymouth, in coming to talk to the PCCs following Richard's departure, made it very plain how he viewed the situation in this Benefice:

"The Bishop recognised that there have long been problems within the Yelverton group of parishes (Benefice), and that this much predated the last 14 ½ years. The reasons for the problems are obviously complicated, wide and varied. It may even be argued that the Benefice is not the right structure. Other possible reasons include personality clashes, the unwillingness of some people to work with others, the wrong staffing, people with vested interests and playing power games and those attempting to maintain the "Status Quo". Moving forward, how do we best provide for the total needs of the benefice?"

This group of parishes needs time to get our common life together in order first. The Bishop noted that from discussions he had had during supper he sensed that there is huge excitement about this. We need to test the groupings and establish new and exciting ways of working in the service of God's mission and not what "you" think is right for "your" part of the "club" – William Temple said (roughly) that we exist for those on the outside of our congregation and not for ourselves. A mission Community is a new way of us all working and serving together - We are all ministers, of the gospel, lay and ordained, working together. It is, the Bishop believes, a God sent opportunity and assumes collaboration between clergy and lay members, parish and parish, and parishes and diocese.

How do we work in new ways? Our task is serving others. We need to decide whether four parishes together will work. There will be the need to build on some of the things we are already doing and implementing some new practices. The Benefice Council is one such practice. Separate PCCs are not the way going forward. Attending disparate meetings is not good use of a priest's time. Services will be rationalised with a variety of frequencies, timings and venues being offered and the group of Benefice Ministers & lay readers will be more evenly shared. Generosity is needed from all involved and careful attention is needed for Rev.Shutt's time & use. As a self-supporting minister, and despite his own wish to be freely available to all, a balance must be maintained between his use for the needs of the Benefice and also his studies and personal life in his retirement.

The practical outcome is that the interregnum has not yet begun – once the living has been suspended & Rev. Shutt is licensed as Priest in Charge for a 12 month

period, there will no longer be a vacancy, thus the interregnum will begin from the end of this 12 month period. This is a God given opportunity to build the Benefice into a cohesive working group ready for a new incumbent and we must be open at this stage to all possibilities.”

I have set out quite fully what the Bishop had to say that night last September because it forms the rationale of what has been happening in the Benefice over the last few months. I am attempting to take seriously the challenge that the Bishop laid before us to consider whether this group of parishes can work together. My very strong belief is that this can happen and in many ways, that vision is already taking shape. That sense of excitement that the Bishop referred to is being translated into action and is being guided by the Benefice Council who have agreed **three themes** which are:

- **Working together:** Strong West Dartmoor Benefice Brand. Worshipping together. Fewer Services/ More shared. Links to other Christians.
- **Managing Change/ Breaking the Mould:** Real engagement with Diocese. Becoming a beacon for the Diocese. Every Member ministry. Less dependent on “clergy”. “Wind up” Laity. Well managed change, explained and justified. Further changes of leadership well handled in 2009. Willing to try. Sensitive to wider culture. Less “Church Building” focussed. Financial problems solved.
- **Outreach/ Growth:** Getting “out”, physically and mentally. Seeking new members. Filling the church with crowds.

As a result of identifying these three themes, Four Priority Plans have been put forward:

- **Youth:** Knowing more people. Catering for children on their own, not forcing them into traditional/ adult worship patterns. Links with schools.
- **Worship Planning:** Delivering on working together, worshipping together, every member Ministry, breaking the mould and linking to other Christians.
- **Pastoral :** Developing a pastoral church, good pastoral process
- **Social:** More activity, events

This is the vision we hold before ourselves to move forward together in our common life, to serve God and to serve this community. This is a big task and one that needs to be undergirded with prayer, faith and love. Much has happened in a very short space of time and I am conscious that some are grieving for what they consider has been lost. I can understand that. Yet I am also greatly encouraged by the numerous things that are happening across the Benefice. Many of these things have been going on for years and continue to breathe life into this Benefice and this report itself bears witness to that. We are also stepping out in faith in many new initiatives. Here are a few: new name; new website; new Benefice Council; new café style church; new service pattern; new pastoral visitors group; new worship teams; new

joint ventures between parishes; new children's work...All this has happened in the space of 4 months. In my view, it is an incredible testimony to the goodwill and charity of the congregations in this Benefice that so much has been embraced so quickly.

Whilst it is undoubtedly true that "I the LORD do not change.." (Malachi 3.6). it is also true that the only constant is change. This is not change for the sake of change but change to help us rise to the challenge of being God's people in this place in the 21st century. In this task, all are called by God to love God and our neighbour as ourselves. We share this task together.

It is always dangerous to name people in any report because as soon as you do that, inevitably, means someone gets left out. However, there is a group of people I feel I must mention: my ministerial colleagues. They are working tirelessly together to deliver the vision that I have set out. I owe them a debt of gratitude for all that they do because many of them have foregone a quieter life in retirement to assist us all in the task of being church in this place. Without them what we do would be severely curtailed.

In short, I am working to demonstrate to the Bishop that this Benefice, as it emerges, changes and metamorphoses into a Mission Community over the next few months, in whatever shape that may be, is a place where he can safely appoint a Stipendiary Minister. I hold the view that whatever the difficulties there may have been in the past, the whole people of God are now "running the race with resolution with eyes fixed on Jesus". (Hebrews 12.-2). So despite the frustrations it is a joy to see such goodwill and resolution to see things move forward in this place.

As you know, my tenure in office as Priest in Charge is only 12 months. 22nd October 2009 will soon be upon us and you will be rid of me! "Good!" I hear you say! By that time, it is my hope and prayer that we will find ourselves firmly established as a Mission Community and I will be able to hang up my cassock...retirement...I wish...

This Report is a new departure. It marks an attempt to bring together our common life into one document, to chart how we have moved forward together in 2008. It will be an imperfect document, which, like many first editions, will need to be rigorously edited in future years. But it is a start, something that can be built on for the future.

Deanery Synod Report for 2008

The Tavistock Deanery meets three times a year, each session having a presentation by a visiting speaker, followed by Deanery matters that need to be discussed and resolved. The March presentation was by our Christian Youth Worker, Guy Airton, who is supported by Catlayst, who talked about the valuable work he is doing in the Tavistock Community College. This was followed by consideration of the proposed deanery plan with 3 mission communities – each to have 2 stipendiary priests. This was supported by the majority of those present despite its obvious shortcomings. In June we started with a 'bring and share supper' followed by a presentation by Mrs Sue Tucker, the Diocesan Rural Officer. Sue is trying to organize a 'Rural Support Worker' in this area and hopefully with some financial

commitment from the Deanery. Other matters discussed were the deanery plan, a Catalyst report and plans for the 1100th anniversary of the diocese. Finally in October, the Revd Mandy Rylands, the Diocesan Director of Ordinands, gave a talk about 'Vocations' and the Deanery. Then Mrs Anneliese Barrell gave us a run down on the July General Synod Group Discussions. We concluded with a breakdown of the programme for the Bishop of Exeter's proposed visit to the deanery from 17th June – 21st June 2009.

KDE

Report of the Parish of St Paul's Yelverton in 2008

PCC Meetings

The PCC met on six occasions during the year. Among the subjects discussed were:

- The Deanery Plan
- The situation to arise on the Rector leaving us on appointment to Frankley and the coming interregnum
- Our deteriorating financial position
- The successful garden party and other events
- The arrangements for the Rev Nick Shutt to become Priest-in-Charge and for the West Dartmoor Benefice

The PCC, like the other three PCCs in the Benefice, approved the terms of reference for the Benefice Council and supported the suspension of the patron's right of presentation.

The Alms and Oblations committee proposed the charities for the PCC to support. Sadly due to our difficult financial situation the level of giving was limited to the amount raised at the annual garden party. Significant further donations were given to nominated charities from our Lent Project and festival services.

“Up-4-It” was discontinued some months prior to Richard and Lynn leaving us. The Sunday School has been suspended until the New Year. St Paul's Mothers & Tots is thriving.

The PCC wishes to express its gratitude:

Firstly, to Richard and Lynn for Richard's leadership, and for the work of both of them, and indeed the whole Tebbs family, in the parish over many years. As the months pass the amount they have done becomes more and more apparent.

Secondly, to Nick, who leads us now, and to him and the whole team of Priests and Readers who minister to us, and by their self-giving have produced the pattern of services for the Benefice.

Thirdly, to the congregation for their support and co-operation during this time of change.

PCC Committees

Fabric Committee:

Miss D. Wallace
Mr M. Child
Mrs K Howard
Mr P. Lyons
Mr B. Medhurst
Rev. R. Tebbs (to 17/8/08)

Alms and Oblations Committee:

Mrs A. Read—co-opted
Miss D. Wallace
Mr M Child
Dr H. Leather
Mr B. Medhurst
Rev. R. Tebbs (to 17/8/08)

Social Committee:

Mrs W. Brown
Mrs B Gardiner
Mrs S. Stacey

Church hall

Mrs W. Brown
Mrs S. Stacey
Miss D. Wallace
Mr B. Medhurst
Rev. R. Tebbs (to 17/8/08)

Child Protection Officer:

Mr D. Ball

Data Protection Officer:

Mr P Corderoy

Services

(a) Weekly Services

The average Sunday attendance was as follows:

at 8 am Communion 9;
at 9.45 am Communion Services 40; and,
at Evensong 14.

There were 73 Communicants at Easter and 137 people in attendance for Richard Tebbs' last Service on 17 August.

(b) Occasional Offices

In 2008 there were:

7 Baptisms;
1 Wedding;
5 Funerals; and,
3 Interments of Ashes.

Treasurer's Report

Again this year the accounts must be viewed in two parts. A further phase in meeting payments for the work on the Tower; and the normal day to day running of the parish.

The Tower payments were all entirely within the planned costs, and leave a balance in the Tower Fund of £4,241 to meet the few remaining payments still due which will amount to no more than £3,000, and this will leave a small amount to help meet maintenance expenditure on the lime rendering which will be required in a few years time.

The general finances of the parish continue to give serious concern. There was a deficit of almost £3,500 in the year, and this was in a year when there was no heavy expenditure. Giving in one form or another from parishioners was almost unchanged in the year. However, unlike the previous year we received no legacies, but we did receive an unexpected donation of £1,000 from Maristow Estate at the time of the introduction of parking meters outside the church.

In view of our strained financial position we were not able to give as much as in previous years to the missions we like to support. The decision was taken by the PCC to limit our giving to the proceeds of another excellent garden party in addition to the proceeds of our Lent and Cream Tea Projects, the Carol and Crib Services, a Harvest Appeal and the collection at the Women's World Day of Prayer Service which was held this year at St Paul's. This did amount to an excellent £3,230, but was regrettably 30% less than in 2007.

The costs of our Team Ministry appear to be down by some £400, but this was entirely due to a reimbursement of just over £200 from the previous year. The big increases in expenditure were, not unexpectedly, a 76% hike in electricity costs (and still the church was cold I hear you say), and some £500 for a full electrical inspection. It remains for future years to deal with work arising from this inspection.

We managed to afford some major works to improve the Church Hall. The new kitchen door and windows together with the boarding on that face, followed similar work on the rear of the committee room. The fact that we managed this expenditure of a little over £3,600 together with a new cooker, and still had a small surplus, shows how well used the hall is.

It is a pity to finish on a low note, but our financial position is poor and going to deteriorate unless our members raise their level of giving and we are able to increase our numbers. That must be the aim for 2009.

BM

Fabric report

The gutters and down pipes have been cleaned, the organ and piano tuned, the kissing gate painted and the boiler serviced. The boiler heating control has been moved (in fact it is a new control) from the boiler room to the choir vestry, and the electrical (PIC) has taken place.

The goods and chattels have been checked and, apart from the fact that the 1891 conveyance is still missing, are substantially in order.

The final inspection of the tower (needed before retention moneys are released) took place on 15 January 2009, the date of preparation of this report. Subject to any amendment or addition which may be needed when the written report is received (and which, if needed, will be made orally at the annual meeting) the architect's opinion seems to be:

1. The damp area opposite the organ is caused by water soluble salts, and not by the ingress of water. It will probably take a year or so for this to clear up and the salts should be brushed off periodically (perhaps every six months).
2. There are one or two items to be dealt with by the builder (e.g. some rendering had come off round the turret doorway). Mr Farnham is arranging to deal with these and will at the same time replace a broken slate which was noticed.
3. The main work having been done, it is easier to see any other places of water ingress. One such was discovered, namely part of the stonework at the top of the turret. The water which gets in at this point disappears before reaching the bottom of the tower, and the written report will deal with the factors relevant to the decision whether to do anything about it.

Prayer Chain

The Prayer Chain at St Paul's continues as we have done for the last 8-9 years, receiving requests for prayer for things of immediate concern. This continues to be totally confidential – there is no need to ever leave a name – just the request. Please use us.

Catherine Leather.

Mothers' Union Report for year 2008

The year 2008 started under Lynn's enthusiastic and capable leadership with a full programme linked to the MU theme for the year, 'Time for Relationship'. During the year we explored all our relationships, from those with our families, friends and neighbours to our relationship with God.

On a practical note, we continued to build relationships with the wider community, including the annual Springtime service and afternoon tea - a very friendly and happy occasion - when we send invitations to all our local nursing, residential and care homes and the elderly living at home, along with other members of our community and congregations. We continued our support of the Mums / Dads / Carers and Tots group which meets in St. Paul's Church Hall every Tuesday morning. Always very lively and great fun, numbers are increasing, partly due to the recent addition of a brand new batch of baby siblings! Also a fundraising coffee morning provided an opportunity for local outreach as well as a sizeable contribution to support MU workers worldwide.

A 'Quiet Day' at Woodcroft and our monthly prayer group meetings have provided valuable time for prayer and reflection.

Following Lynn's departure after seven years of leadership, we have begun to look at the future role of our branch within the West Dartmoor Benefice. We have set aside a day in March for discussion and reflection on the way ahead and how to engage the various interests and abilities of all our members as we seek to fulfil the aims of the Mothers' Union, "by faith through practical action". We have a

programme for 2009; some events are already planned, some we will look at again as the year progresses and as we follow up our thoughts from our March meeting.

It is a time of re-evaluation for our Benefice branch and we offer a warm welcome to new members or anyone who might just like to come along to see what we do. If you would like to receive a copy of our programme, please contact Anne Medhurst on 853337.

With our grateful thanks to Lynn for her willingness and kindness to each one of us.

Carol Hughes

Choir

During the year members of the choir continued with commendable regularity their work of leading the sung and spoken parts of the services of Holy Communion, Matins, and Evensong in the church, in preparation for which they met each Friday evening for practice.

After studying the music locally over a period of several weeks the choir travelled to our Cathedral on October 11th to join with some 500 fellow singers from the diocese for final rehearsal and the singing of the annual Royal School of Church Music Festival Service under the direction of Andrew Millington, Master of the Choristers of Exeter. A truly thrilling and inspiring day.

Three times during the year we have had the joy of joining with singers from our other churches as the Benefice Choir, most memorably, perhaps, in the preparation and singing of Christmas Carol Services at St Paul's and St Peter's churches. We look forward to many similar happy occasions to come.

Led by Kerry Elson, we and a few friends spent two evenings before Christmas at local residential and nursing homes singing carols to, and with, the residents. Who can say which we and they enjoyed the more - the singing or the mince pies which followed!

Another year of pleasure and satisfaction from duty well done. Rewards that we would love to share with additional members. No experience or musical skills required. Why not come along any Friday at 7.15pm and join in the fun. A warm welcome awaits you.

Raymond Jukes.

ST PAUL'S CHURCH YELVERTON
Receipts and Payments Account for year to 31 December 2008

	2008		2007	
	£	£	£	£
RECEIPTS				
Voluntary Income				
Envelopes & Bank				
Standing Orders	23,502		24,469	
Cash Collections	3,038		3,080	
Tower Appeal				
Donations	161		53,693	
Other Donations	2,178		313	
Legacies	0	28,879	1,500	83,055
Tax Recoveries				
Income tax recovered on appeal donations	45		13,883	
Other income tax recovered	6,772		7,279	
VAT recovered on Tower Expenditure	4,385	11,202	12,175	33,337
Investment Income				
Interest on Tower Fund deposits	213		1,964	
Other Dividends & Interest	2,373	2,586	2,261	4,225
Other Income				
Fees	1,214		1,415	
Summer Fete	1,369		1,318	
Special Parish Efforts	2,054		2,203	
SPAG	100		67	
Miscellaneous	723	5,460	380	5,383
TOTAL RECEIPTS		48,127		126,000

PAYMENTS

The Ministry

Clergy Expenses	1,588	1,588	1,974	1,974
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The Church & Services

Heating & Lighting	3,212		1,826	
Fire & Insurance	3,151		2,883	
Cleaning	906		851	
Organist	0		0	
Choir	113		140	
Upkeep of Services	375		400	
Repairs & Renewals	1,367		889	
Repairs & Renewals on Tower	17,940		90,175	

	2008		2007	
	£	£	£	£
Property	0	27,064	0	97,164
Other Ordinary Parish Expenses				
Young Church and Orchestra	31		86	
Gardening	496		411	
Magazine Diocesan Insert	115		111	
Parish Expenses	278	920	350	958
Payments Outside the Parish				
Diocesan Common Fund Contribution	31,908		30,787	
Mission Giving	3,230		4,573	
Miscellaneous Tower Expenses	0		565	35,925
Miscellaneous Expenditure	5	35,143	0	
TOTAL PAYMENTS		64,715		136,021
SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) FOR THE YEAR		(16,588)		(10,021)
SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) to TOWER FUND		(13,136)		(9,025)
SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) to GENERAL RESERVE		(3,452)		(996)

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH YELVERTON

Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2008

ASSETS	Market Value	Cost	
	£	£	£
Investments			
Equities Investment Fund for Charities	26,148	11,592	
CBF Investment Fund Shares	16,770	14,543	26,135
Current Assets			
Cash at Bank			6,680
Cash in Hand			177
Deposit Account			41,500
Fixed Assets			
St Paul's Church Hall	Nil		Nil
Total Assets			74,492
 REPRESENTED BY			
Current Liabilities			
Loan from St Paul's Church Hall			5,000
GENERAL RESERVE ACCOUNT			
Balance at 1 January		68,703	
Surplus/(Deficit) after movements within designated accounts		(3,452)	
Balance at 31 December			65,251
TOWER FUND ACCOUNT			
Balance at 1 January		17,377	
Surplus/(Deficit) on Tower Fund account		(13,136)	
Balance at 31 December			4,241
Total Balance Sheet Value			74,492

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH HALL YELVERTON
Receipts and Payments Account for year
to 31 December 2008

	2008	2007
	£	£
Lettings	5,565	4,246
Electricity Meters	770	430
TOTAL RECEIPTS	6,335	4,676
EXPENDITURE		
Heating & Lighting	690	406
Repairs & Renewals	3,772	1,313
Insurance	1,333	1,212
Cleaning	504	548
TOTAL PAYMENTS	6,299	3,479
SURPLUS (DEFICIT) FOR THE YEAR	36	1,197

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31st DECEMBER 2008

	2008	2007
	£	£
ASSETS		
Current Assets		
Loan to St Paul's Church	5,000	
Cash at Bank	4,457	9,544
Cash in Hand	141	18
Total Assets	9,598	9,562
REPRESENTED BY:		
Accumulation of Funds		
Balance at 1 January	9,562	8,365
Surplus/(Deficit) for the year	36	1,197
Total Balance Sheet Value	9,598	9,562

ST.PAUL'S CHURCH YELVERTON

Notes to Financial Statements for year ended 31 December 2008

- 1 These accounts have been prepared on a Receipts and Payments basis in accordance with the requirements of the 1993 Charities Act for PCCs with income less than £100,000.
- 2 Liabilities arising in 2009 from the remaining costs of the work on the church tower will not exceed £3,000. This will be met from the Tower Fund, the balance of which amounted to £4,241 at 31st December 2008.
- 3 The Church Hall is included as a fixed asset. The cost has been written down to nil, consistent with an asset which has no market value.
- 4 Accounts have been prepared separately for the Church and the Church Hall, but it should be noted that the combined totals of receipts and payments amounted to £54,462 and £70,944 respectively.
- 5 The combined total of balance sheet reserves at 31st December 2008 for the Church and the Church Hall amounted to £79,090.
- 6 Moveable church furnishings held by the church wardens on trust for the PCC and which require a faculty for disposal are recognised but not included and valued in the statement of assets.
- 7 Monies received at funerals for specified charities are not included in the accounts.

Approved by the PCC on 9th February 2009
PCC Chairman
Mr Michael Child

Treasurer
Brian Medhurst

Report of the Independent Examiner

I am satisfied that the audit requirement of section 43(2) of the Charities Act 1993 does not apply and that the accounts should be prepared in accordance with the terms of regulation 7 of the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 1995.

My examination has included a review of the accounting records kept by the PCC and a comparison of the accounts with those records. I have reviewed all unusual items and sought satisfactory explanations. The procedures do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements to keep proper accounting records and to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the regulations have not been met, or to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Col.Gordon Mills
Combe Park Farm
Roborough

Report of the Parish of St Peter's Meavy in 2008

PCC Meetings

The full PCC met six times during the year with a good level of attendance at each meeting. The Standing Committee met once. The PCC also attended the joint meeting of all Benefice PCCs with the Bishop of Plymouth. At these meetings the finances of the Parish have been discussed (see examined accounts annexed for details). The current number on the Electoral Roll is 74 (2 members died during the year).

The PCC discussed and in August supported the Terms of reference for a new Benefice Council for the West Dartmoor Benefice.

The PCC discussed services, including support for different services and patterns of worship. The PCC supported the calendar of services drawn up for the Benefice.

Church Finances which included a Stewardship campaign, the formation of a "Friends of St Peter's" and fund-raising have been discussed. The PCC expressed serious concerns over the increase to the Common Fund contribution.

The Quinquennial report of 2007 raised some major fabric issues, particularly with the Reredos, the East window and the weather proofing of the Tower. All of these will require considerable financial outlay.

Access to the upper churchyard for those less mobile continues to be a problem.

The PCC discussed the erection of a memorial plaque for Sir Robert Ricketts Bt.

The PCC would like to thank the Rector, Richard Tebbs, and his family for their work in the Parish and Benefice.

The PCC would like to thank the Rev'd Nick Shutt, as our Priest in Charge, and his family for leading the Benefice and also the Rev'd Peggy Salmon, the Rev'd Jill Locock, the Rev'd John Weir, Mr Roger Locock and Mr Kerry Elson for their help and support.

Occasional Offices

In 2008 there were:

3 Baptisms

4 Weddings

10 Funerals (of which 2 were thanksgiving services)

2 Interments of Ashes

Financial Review 2008

There was an excellent response to the Stewardship campaign held in February and planned giving for the year increased by 24%. The campaign also resulted in several donations. The overall income for the year also shows an increase of 24%. General expenditure increased by 5.4% to give an overall surplus of £3,130. We have again met our contribution to the Diocesan Common Fund in full. This satisfactory outcome follows several years where the reserves have been called upon to meet a deficit.

The investment funds, which are held as a long term capital reserve, decreased in value by 30% reflecting the significant losses experienced by the stock market during the year.

During the year the building works, which were funded from the Fabric Fund, were confined to necessary work to upgrade the lightning conductor protection to meet current recommendations, alterations to the electrical installation to comply with current regulations and alterations to the boiler flue arrangement.

The calculation for future contributions to the Common Fund has been changed and will now be based primarily on the number of active and regular members of the congregation. The initial assessment for Meavy gave a contribution in 2009 amounting to an increase of 50%. Fortunately this was subject to a transitional reduction bringing the 2009 contribution down to £17,826, an increase of 8.65%. Together with our annual insurance premium, this equates to the whole of our planned giving, collections in church and tax recoveries through Gift Aid.

Following the quinquennial survey carried out in 2007 a number of quotations have been obtained which indicate that the likely cost of the recommended work will exceed £40,000. Much of this work cannot be deferred too long without resulting in greater increases in expenditure in the future.

The PCC and congregation face a difficult challenge, particularly in the present economic climate, in meeting the increased Common Fund contribution and financing the essential works necessary to preserve the fabric of the church building.

Fabric Report

Following the quinquennial examination of the church by our architect last year, quotes have been sought for the various items of work. These are all unglamorous but are essential to the long-term well-being of the church building. The major items are:

- Repointing the top third of the south and west faces of the tower;
- Renovating / replacing the guttering and other rainwater goods;
- Repairing the windows (in particular the east window has a split in it and is in medium term danger of collapse);
- Repairing the reredos which is splitting apart;
- Undertaking maintenance on the bells (the need for which is why the clock is currently not being allowed to strike).

Though not related to the quinquennial, we need to invest in the lighting system to replace the current incandescent lamp bulbs which are being phased out. Unfortunately this will also require new fittings and wiring. We also want to take advantage of the reredos work to remove one or both steps from in front of the altar to provide a safer working area for the priest administering communion.

Though the quotes for the repointing of some of the tower are still awaited, the estimate is that overall we will need to spend some £50,000 over the next five years or so. As a result, the PCC will be initiating more sustained fundraising that has been the case since the kitchen was finished, a "Friends of St Peter's" organisation is being established, and we are investigating sources of grant funding.

Fund-raising report 2008

Fund raising events this year have included a Lent Lunch in aid of Catalyst; the Cake stall at Meavy Oak Fair; a Songs of Praise in aid of the Mission to Seafarers; teas at Greenwell Farm open weekend in aid of Church funds; a walk in aid of the Devon Historic Churches trust; the Harvest supper and the sale of the Diocesan guide to Devon Churches. The refreshments served after services on 1st and 3rd Sundays have also raised £185 for Church funds.

Thanks go to all who have helped organise these events and to all those who have supported them.

For 2009 a Plant sale will be held on 16th May; the PCC will be responsible for the teas at Meavy Oak Fair on 20th June, a Flower Festival is planned for 25th - 29th June and we hope once again to organise a walk or event in aid of the DHCT on 12th September.

Flower arrangers' report

Taking over the Church Flower Rota from Mary Price was a hard act to follow and I am most grateful for the great legacy she left. There is a good number of keen and supportive "arrangers" on the rota and others who add their help and talents at Festival times. My thanks go to all of them and also to those people who donate money for flowers, or give flowers or foliage from their gardens.

We have received many compliments during 2008 on how nice the Church flowers look, both from the regular congregation and from visitors. This is very encouraging and we look forward to carrying on the good work by raising funds for St Peter's from a Flower Festival planned for June 2009.

Ros Tall

Bell ringers' report

The ringers have continued to support our worship by planning to ring before the service on the first and third Sundays of each month and for all major festivals.

Unfortunately as we are low on numbers, on occasion sickness or unavoidable absence has prevented us from fulfilling this commitment.

In addition to routine ringing, we rang for 4 weddings and 1 funeral during the year.

Last September one lady on our church roll joined the band, and is now learning to ring.

This year our May Day trip took us down to mid-Cornwall, where we visited and rang at five different churches and ended the day with a meal together.

The Deanery Bell Ringing Festival this year was held at Peter Tavy and a very enjoyable day was had. Our thanks go to John and Rosemary Weir, for giving their time and once again arranging the service for us.

Pauline Brown, Captain of Bells.

Meavy C of E Junior School - January 2009

Meavy School has continued to be a school with a strong Christian commitment and one that has a special feel to it which is often commented on by parents and visitors and this is reflected in the happy and friendly atmosphere of the school. The number of pupils on roll for the academic year 2008-2009 is 94 with a large intake in the Reception this year. March 2008 saw the OFSTED inspection which is always a tough time for any school, especially one where the head teacher has only been in place for just over a year. The result of the inspection has allowed the school to move forward with new initiatives and training.

Meavy School continues with its strong sporting achievements in Hockey, Netball, Tag Rugby and Cross country – we are lucky to be able to host one of the interschools cross country events right on our doorstep. This year the number of extra curricula activities and clubs has increased thanks to volunteers from school and from the local community.

The school has regularly visited St Peter's Church, both for services and as part of their RE curriculum. Services in church are attended by the whole school and parents and community members are invited. Services this year have included Ascension Day, Easter, St Peter's Day, the Leavers Service, Harvest Festival, a very moving Remembrance Day service followed by the two minutes silence at the War Memorial on Meavy Green and the Christmas Carol Service.

The school said goodbye to Richard and Lynn Tebbs at the end of the summer term, and presented them with a book of memories of Meavy School. Since September, the school has been pleased to welcome Nick Shutt and John Weir to provide spiritual guidance and to lead whole school collective worship on a weekly basis.

The school has continued to be actively involved in the local community; this was noted as outstanding by OFSTED. The school once again opened Meavy Oak

Fair with a pageant involving the whole school, the eldest pupils and the Scottish Dancing Group entertained the senior citizens at the Meavy Friendship Group Christmas Lunch and the Meavy Times (the school newsletter) is delivered to all houses in the village.

The Governors of Meavy School are a dedicated group of experienced volunteers who provide support and act as a 'critical friend' to the head teacher and the staff. Their work for the school is sometimes over and above that of the usual governing body – Summer 2008 once again saw them, along with some staff and parents, in the school repairing, painting and decorating. We have been pleased to welcome a number of new governors this year; however, there is still one vacancy to be filled.

Jenny Sharp, Meavy PCC Governor

St Peter's Church, Meavy

Financial Statements of the Parochial Church Council for the year ended 31st December 2008

Priest in Charge:

The Revd. N S Shutt
12 Blackbrook Close
Walkhampton

Bank:

National Westminster Bank
Bedford Square
Tavistock

Independent Examiner:

Mr. F.J.W. Hodgson F C A
Cumnor
Burrator Road
Dousland

Meavy Parochial Church Council
Financial Statement for year ended 31 December 2008

GENERAL FUND Receipts and Payments Account

	2008		2007	
RECEIPTS	£	£	£	£
Planned Giving				
Gift Aid	13,272		10,378	
Income tax recovered	3,053		2,747	
Not Gift Aid	1,270	17,595	1,046	14,171
Other Voluntary Income				
Church collections	1,909		1,788	
Donations	1,450		970	
Income tax recovered	298		170	
Special collections (see note 3)	928		1,040	
Fundraising (see note 4)	954		477	
Legacies received	0	5,539	0	4,445
Churchyard Income				
Burial fees and monuments	1,595		369	
Parish Council contribution	687	2,282	771	1,140
Miscellaneous Income				
Wedding and other fees	550		832	
Funeral fees	492		434	
Investment income	1,986		1,923	
Miscellaneous	343	3,371	192	3,381
Total Receipts		28,787		23,137
 PAYMENTS				
The Ministry				
Clergy expenses	737		889	
Common Fund	16,407	17,144	15,830	16,719
Church Building and Services				
Electricity & fuel oil	1573		889	
Minor works & organ tuning	480		453	
Inspections & reports	506		587	
Insurance	1,947		1,801	
Upkeep of services	139	4,645	253	3,396
Miscellaneous				
Churchyard maintenance	1,679		1,056	
Parish magazine	149		145	
General expenses (see note 5)	747		556	
Payment to charities (see note 6)	1,293	3,868	1,874	4,218
Total Payments		25,657		24,333
Surplus (deficit) for the year		3,130		(1,196)
Bank current & deposit accounts at 1/1/08		10,905		12,101
Bank current & deposit accounts at 31/12/08		14,035		10,905

Meavy Parochial Church Council
Financial Statement for year ended 31 December 2008

RESTRICTED FUNDS Summary

	Fabric General	Churchyard	SPY Club	TOTAL
Receipts	511	15	5	531
Payments	<u>2,922</u>	<u>338</u>	<u>108</u>	<u>3,368</u>
Surplus/(Deficit) for the year	(2,411)	(323)	(103)	(2,837)
Bank accounts at 1/1/08	<u>5,329</u>	<u>465</u>	<u>140</u>	<u>5,934</u>
Bank accounts at 31/12/08	<u>2,918</u>	<u>142</u>	<u>37</u>	<u>3,097</u>

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES at 31 December 2008

	£ Market Value	2008 £ Cost	£ Market Value	2007 £ Cost
Investment assets				
M&G Charifund (1,000 units)	9,847	987	14,533	987
CBF Investment Fund (1,168 shares)	<u>10,928</u>	<u>12,501</u>	<u>14,678</u>	<u>12,501</u>
	<u>20,775</u>	<u>13,488</u>	<u>29,211</u>	<u>13,488</u>
Cash funds				
Bank balances - current account		1,978		(177)
Church Board Finance deposit account		15,000		16,000
Amounts owing to PCC		154		1,768
Less amount owed by PCC		<u>0</u>		<u>(752)</u>
Total cash		<u>17,132</u>		<u>16,839</u>
Represented by General Fund (unrestricted)		14,035		
Restricted Fund		<u>3,097</u>		
Total		<u>17,132</u>		
Other Monetary Assets/Liabilities				
Assets				
Gift Aid tax claim (General Fund)		<u>2,909</u>		
		<u>2,909</u>		
Liabilities				
Architects fees		1,000		
Window repairs		<u>2,500</u>		
		3,300		

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENT for year ended 31 December 2008

- 1** The financial statements of the PCC have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 using the Receipts and Payments basis.
- 2** **Donations** include £150 from the Meavy Oak Fair Committee to be used for the upkeep of the church
- 3** **Special Collections**
- | | £ |
|--|---------------|
| ShelterBox | 264.87 |
| Sea Sunday service | 131.45 |
| Harvest Festival service | 192.51 |
| Remembrance Sunday service | 102.88 |
| Children's Society – Christmas morning service | <u>236.58</u> |
| | <u>928.29</u> |
- 4** **Fundraising**
- | | £ |
|---------------------|---------------|
| Church coffees | 185.12 |
| Greenwell Farm teas | 616.47 |
| DHCT Sponsored walk | 80.00 |
| Diocesan book sales | <u>72.02</u> |
| | <u>953.61</u> |
- 5** **General Expenses**
- | | |
|-----------------------------|---------------|
| Hall hire | 105.00 |
| Stationery (share) | 343.61 |
| Copyright licence | 87.00 |
| Envelope scheme - envelopes | 44.78 |
| Harvest supper costs | 44.37 |
| Administration expenses | 60.50 |
| Miscellaneous | <u>61.49</u> |
| | <u>746.75</u> |
- 6** **Payments to Charities**
- | | |
|-------------------------------|-----------------|
| The Governors of Meavy School | 250.00 |
| ShelterBox | 264.87 |
| Farm Africa | 145.32 |
| The Mission to Seafarers | 131.45 |
| Catalyst (Tavistock) | 145.32 |
| Royal British Legion | 102.88 |
| Children's Society | <u>253.22</u> |
| | <u>1,293.06</u> |
- 7** Movable church furnishings held by the church wardens on special trust for the PCC are not valued in the Statement of Assets and Liabilities.

Signed D.I.Henderson Hon. Treasurer Date.....

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO
THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST. PETER'S, MEAVY**

This report on the financial statements of the PCC for the year ended 31 December 2008, which are set out on pages St Peter's Meavy 7, 8, & 9, is in respect of an examination carried out in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 ('the Regulations') and section 43 of the Charities Act 1993 ('the Act').

Respective responsibilities of the PCC and the examiner

As members of the PCC you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements. You consider that the audit requirement of the Regulations and section 43(2) of the Act do not apply. It is my responsibility to issue this report on those financial statements in accordance with the terms of the Regulations.

Basis of this report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 43(7)(b) of the Act and to be found in the *Church Guidance*, 2006 edition, issued by the Finance Division of the Archbishops' Council. That examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the PCC and a comparison of the accounts with those records. It also includes considering any unusual items or disclosures in the financial statements and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 41 of the Act; and
- to prepare financial statements, which accord with the accounting records and comply with the requirements of the Act and the Regulations

have not been met;

or

2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed F.J.W. Hodgson F C A2009

Report of the Parish of St Leonard's Sheepstor in 2008

Achievements and performance

Church attendance

There are 14 people on the Church Electoral Roll, of whom 7 are not resident in the parish. The average weekly attendance, counted during October, was 7, but this number increased to give us a full church at festivals and for the carol service.

The connection of the village of Sheepstor with the White Rajahs of Sarawak, including their tombs and family graves in the churchyard, the memorial windows, Sarawak war memorials and the gifts from that country in the church, continues to draw a wide range of visitors both from Malaysia and from all over the world. The church is also a focus for visitors to the southwest of Dartmoor.

Review of the year

The PCC of St Leonard's Sheepstor met on 28 January, 28 April, 18 May, 24 August, 10 September, and 19 November in 2008. The maintenance committee met informally as required and reported its work to the PCC. The Clerk of over 20 years, Mrs D Bayly, tendered her resignation which was accepted with a vote of thanks for her support for the church. Mr R Bayly was elected to join Mrs D MacDonald as Churchwardens. Mr R Bayly was elected as Clerk. Mr T Macdonald was elected as Lay Chair, Verger and Treasurer. PCC membership reduced by two to five.

The PCC continued its reflections on the future structure of the Benefice and Deanery. It was saddened by the Rector's decision to move on in his vocation, wishing him and his family well in their new home in Frankley. It welcomed the Bishop's appointment of the Rev. Nick Shutt as Priest in charge and recorded strong unanimous support for his proposals to strengthen the working arrangements of the benefice, develop the 'Moving on in Mission and Ministry' agenda and develop a new focus on growth of church membership.

While average Sunday service attendance is in absolute terms low it is significant in relation to the size of the local community. In terms of church growth, special services once again drew strong congregations. We again marked Good Friday by hosting the annual pilgrimage to place a wooden cross on the top of Sheepstor, offering witness to visitors to the Tor and to Burrator reservoir from which the Cross can be seen. Refreshments were provided in the village hall on the return journey. The Harvest Festival saw a full church and good crowd at the supper in the village hall, raising £212 of the £1548 across the benefice for FARM-Africa and Catalyst. On St Luke's day a joint service was run with St Peter's Meavy which drew a full church and raised £177 for St Luke's Hospice. A summer "Come and Sing" service at head weir by the reservoir drew a large congregation despite torrential rain. The Carol Service was another well-supported event, raising £351 for the Children's Society. Once again the church Christmas decorations drew much praise from our many visitors with the embroidered patchwork Angels exciting particular admiration. In all these services and at other Sunday services the benefit of the range of music available from the new organ gave great uplift to our spirit of worship.

Our church bells provide a strong voice to the heart of our community with a good team of experienced and developing ringers under the direction of Mr Peter Legassick. Visiting teams of bell ringers on their West Country tours and competitions add a good contribution to cross Benefice and cross Diocesan partnership. We have now begun considering a review of the maintenance and refurbishment needs of this significant community asset.

More generally the fabric of the Church remains in generally good order requiring only minor maintenance.

Occasional Offices

In 2008 there were:

- 1 Baptism;
- 1 Blessing of a Wedding;
- 3 Confirmation candidates;
- 1 Funeral (Burial); 1 funeral; & 1 interment of ashes.

Treasurer's Report - Financial review

Our income from planned giving and gift aid envelopes is unchanged compared with 2007.

Total receipts on our unrestricted funds including investment income were £7487 and are detailed in the financial statements.

£7123 was spent to provide the Christian ministry from St Leonard's Church, including the payment of £3221 as our share of the Diocesan costs, £600 for survey and repair of the lightning conductor system and £1438 for insurance of the building and contents. The total cost of providing our Christian ministry over the last year was £550 for each person on the Electoral Roll; that is £10.50 per person per week.

St Leonard's Church raised £625 at services where the collection was for specific charities, including a St Luke's Day service raising money for St Luke's Hospice where £177 was raised in Hospice envelopes (for tax recovery by them). This last figure does not appear in the financial return as the cash was given directly to the hospice.

The net result for the year, excluding restricted fund and endowment income, shows a credit of £364. It should be noted that this includes interest of £385 and gifts and donations of £670. Thus our routine income from planned giving and church collections falls nearly 9% short of our outgoings. Those outgoings included very little for maintenance and repair of our church building, equipment or fittings.

Our cash balance on endowments and restricted cash reserves stands at £29128 with our investments currently valued at £15470, a fall in value of £5309 over the year. It should also be noted that our restricted and general deposit account income will reduce dramatically in the coming year. It is still judged, for what any judgement is worth, to be prudent to retain the present balance of funds in deposit accounts and investments.

On behalf of the PCC

Timothy Robert MacDonald (PCC Treasurer and Lay Chairman)

January 2009

**PARISH CHURCH OF
ST. LEONARD, SHEEPSTOR**

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the year ending 31 December 2008

SHEEPSTOR PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2008

	<u>2008</u>		<u>2007</u>	
RECEIPTS	£	£	£	£
<u>Planned giving:</u>				
Banker's standing orders	1620.00		1420.00	
Envelope scheme	1307.50		1524.50	
Income tax recovered	<u>607.29</u>	3534.79	<u>1767.48</u>	4711.98
<u>Other voluntary income:</u>				
Collections in Church	1536.74		1028.65	
Box and other freewill offerings	130.00		100.00	
Gifts and donations	<u>670.60</u>	2337.34	<u>34.00</u>	1162.65
<u>Churchyard:</u>				
Parish Council contribution	<u>475.00</u>	475.00	<u>535.00</u>	535.00
<u>Miscellaneous income:</u>				
Fees for pastoral services	373.00		110.00	
Verger etc	80.00		20.00	
Sale of postcards/guides	277.45		335.85	
Raffle	00.00		60.75	
Sundry Income	24.90		25.00	
Interest & Investment income	<u>384.96</u>	<u>1140.31</u>	<u>98.57</u>	<u>650.17</u>
Total receipts during year		<u>7487.44</u>		<u>7059.80</u>
PAYMENTS				
<u>The Ministry:</u>				
Clergy expenses (net)	158.79		197.37	
Common Fund	<u>3221.00</u>	3379.79	<u>3108.00</u>	3305.37
The Church building and services:				
Electricity	152.00		238.00	
Repairs	599.25		1329.81	
Insurances	1437.85		1325.36	
Church and Services upkeep	<u>454.69</u>	2643.79	<u>288.43</u>	3181.60
Miscellaneous:				
Churchyard upkeep	600.00		475.00	
Gifts to charities	448.00		420.00	
General expenses	<u>51.70</u>	<u>1099.70</u>	<u>30.00</u>	<u>925.00</u>
Total payments during year		<u>7123.28</u>		<u>7411.97</u>
Excess of receipts over payments		364.16		-352.17
Balance at 1 January		<u>8055.96</u>		<u>2408.13</u>
		8420.12		2055.96
Transfer from Church Repair Fund		<u>00.00</u>		<u>6000.00</u>
Balance at 31 December		<u>8420.12</u>		<u>8055.96</u>

SHEEPSTOR PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2008

	<u>General</u>	<u>Restricted</u>	<u>Endowmt</u>	Total	Total
	<u>Funds</u>	<u>Funds</u>	<u>Funds</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>2007</u>
	£	£	£	£	£
Monetary Assets					
Bank current a/c	1,945.06			1,945.06	1,926.57
CBFCE deposits	6,475.06	14,024.71	15,103.84	35,603.61	33,024.59
 Total bank balances	 8,420.12	 14,024.71	 15,103.84	 37,548.67	 34,951.16
Investments, at market value		11,206.55	4,264.10	15,470.65	20,779.89
 Amounts owing to the PCC at 4 January 2009 in respect of income tax recoverable from gift aid donations				 £798.85	
Outstanding amounts owing by the PCC at 31 st December 2008 are:					
Children's Hospice SW (Carol service donation)					£351.00
D MacDonald – Carol Sheets					£24.65
Both cheques transferred but not cashed.					

Notes

The statement of assets has been analysed to show:

Those assets that are in general, unrestricted funds for use as the PCC decides.

Those assets that are in restricted funds where both capital and income may be used, but only for specific purposes.

Those assets that are in endowment funds where the capital cannot be spent but the income may be used for purposes specified by the original donor.

Moveable church furnishings held by the church wardens on special trust for the PCC are recognised in the Statement of Assets and Liabilities, but not given a financial value.

SHEEPSTOR PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

Analysis of Endowments

Sir Massey Lopes Church Repair Fund

Balance at 1 January 2008	300.00	
Balance at 31 st December 2008		£300.00
Interest to Church Repair Fund		

Lady Bryant Bequest

Market Value

Investments include:

456 CBFCE Investment Fund shares	<u>£4264.10</u>	
Deposit Balance at 1 st January 2008	2635.37	
CBFCE deposit interest	151.28	
CBFCE investment fund dividends	<u>205.20</u>	
Balance at 31 st December 2008		£2991.85

D St J Forrer Bequest

Deposit Balance at 1 January 2008	11181.40	
CBFCE deposit interest	<u>630.59</u>	
Balance at 31 st December 2008		£11811.99

£15103.84

Restricted Fund

Church Repair Fund

Market Value

Investments include:

88 .63 COIF Income units	£770.72	
1,116 CBFCE Investment Fund shares	£10435.83	
Deposit Balance at 1 January 2008	12778.43	
CBFCE Deposit Interest	744.08	
CBFCE Investment Fund dividends	<u>502.20</u>	
Balance at 31 December 2008		£14024.71

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO
THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST LEONARD, SHEEPSTOR

This report on the attached financial statements of the Parochial Church Council (PCC) for the year ended 31 December 2008 is in respect of an examination carried out in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 ('the Regulations') and section 43, Charities Act 1993 ('the Act').

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

As members of the PCC you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements. You consider that the audit requirement of the Regulations and section 43(2) of the Act do not apply. It is my responsibility to issue this report on those financial statements in accordance with the terms of Regulations.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 43(7)(b) of the Act. That examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the PCC and a comparison of the accounts with those records. It also includes considering any unusual items or disclosures in the financial statements and seeking explanations concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirement:

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 41 of the Act; and,
- to prepare financial statements which accord with the accounting records and comply with the requirements of the Act and the Regulations, have not been met:

or

2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the financial statements to be reached.

J C Fry, FCA

Clearbrook,
24th January 2009

Report of the Parish of St Mary the Virgin, Walkhampton in 2008

PCC Meetings

The PCC met on six occasions to discuss the business of the parish. At these meetings the finances of the Parish have been discussed (see examined accounts annexed for details). The current number on the Electoral Roll is 38.

Services

(a) Weekly Services

The average Sunday Attendance was 31 with the average number of communicants being 30.

(b) Occasional Offices

In 2008 there were:

4 Baptisms (of which 2 were adults)

3 Funerals

Report on the Meetings of the PCC

St. Mary's, of all the four parishes, was probably most affected by the departure of Richard Tebbs. Nick Shutt had extensive contact with St Mary's and his appointment as Priest in Charge was significant. His input, in terms of time and expertise has been immense. The PCC would like to express its thanks to Lynn and Richard Tebbs for their dedication and hard work over many years and good wishes are extended to them as they move to pastures new.

The PCC adopted the terms of reference for the new Benefice Council and supported the suspension of the patron's right of presentation.

As in recent years, fundraising for the West End Re-Ordering Fund (WERF) was a vitally important feature of the life of the parish. The generosity of parishioners has been tremendous and they have supported many events such as coffee mornings/evenings, cream teas and a barn dance. It has been recognised that people need to see the results of all their efforts and plans have been produced in order to change the dream into reality. Discussions are ongoing and, hopefully, we shall soon see some developments which will reward the efforts which have been put in over several years. One great success has been the refurbishment of the bells. They were silent for a long time whilst work was carried out. Towards the end of 2008 the work was completed and the bells rang out once more. Apart from the joy of the ringers, it was wonderful to hear the appreciation of the people of Walkhampton as they heard the result of the ringers' labours.

Several traditional events such as the fete and harvest supper were very successful. Following the Lent programme, Easter saw the Sunrise Service for the brave souls who could get up early and there was the singing of the hymn 'The Moorland Pilgrims' written by the multi-talented Nick Shutt. Where does he find the time?

The Christingle Service and Crib Service were well attended and much appreciated by all, as were all the other Christmas services and events.

The village has introduced a very successful weekly market / coffee morning and the church has been very active in this venture, providing some of the coffee and tea labours and also offering an alternative venue when the village hall has been booked for other events.

One extremely successful initiative was the Discovery Day. Much work was done in putting up displays about the history and life of the church. The children of Lady Modiford's School were involved and were very enthusiastic as they carried out research.

Every year seems busier than the previous one and, no doubt, 2009 will be the same as St. Mary's develops its WERF plans and follows the new service pattern.

Jim Knight.

Treasurer's Report

Receipts

Receipts are down this year by £2800. The number of those giving by planned giving has reduced and the general collection is down slightly. This has a knock on effect with a reduction in the Gift Aid Tax claim.

Payments

We have expended £1,200 more in 2008 than in 2007. Of the £34,500 spent, £16,724 was on Architect's Fees and the extensive work to the bells, which included additional work on the tower, which was budgeted for within WERF, and the Tower Fund (the latter fund is now exhausted). The Common fund rose by just under 3.65% in 2008.

Savings

The interest received on the National Savings account was £2123.40 from 2007 but it is anticipated that for 2008 interest received will be a lot lower due to interest rate cuts.

General Running Costs

Excluding WERF, our normal income was £20,696.50 and our outgoings were £17,427. In that sense, we improved our financial position on 2007 by £3,200.

Total Assets

Whilst we have managed to pay our way in 2008 our overall asset position has reduced to £55,552, down from £59,577 at the end of 2007. This is explainable because of the amount we have spent on repair work on the bells and tower throughout the year.

Kevin Baxter, Treasurer.

Health & Safety Report

The only matter arising this year was in November, when two large fir trees were taken down in the centre of the old churchyard, as in strong winds they were rocking and also disturbing the monuments beneath, as well as being a possible danger to people using the footpaths through the churchyard.

Churchwardens' report

Another busy year, with the main event between February and November, when all the steelwork on the bell frame was replaced. The bells began to ring again from October after having been quiet for nearly two years.

Other repairs were:

- Renewal of flooring beneath pews on the north side of the Nave in July.
- Vestry roof repairs in July.
- Boiler Service in October.
- Organ Service in October.
- Lightning Conductor inspection in November.
- Church clean up days were held in April and October.

In October we had our Discovery Day which was part of our WERF fundraising. This was a great success with some 150 people visiting the Church and nearly £800 being raised. The Churchyard maintenance group, Tim Miall, John Lenthall, Mavis & Mike Goddard together with a new member, Harry Bailey, worked throughout the year and the Churchyard is in a much improved condition.

Mike Dobson and Mary Geen, Churchwardens

Walkhampton Worship Group

Consists of eight people and met once in 2008 to plan the Christingle Service and looks forward to next year's services and a mid-week Cafe-Church/Sunday School. It will meet monthly from January.

Lady Modiford's C of E (VA) Primary School - January 2009

Even with 'Church of England' in our name, the school is very aware that this does not guarantee the existence of a committed Christian ethos. Like all worthwhile things it needs to be constantly nurtured, revisited, shared and demonstrated to enable it to live and grow. At the beginning of the school year, we held a stimulating 'training' day where staff, governors and parents met with Diocesan Officers to discuss what 'Christian values' mean in Lady Modiford's. The children were also included through class lessons and the words which embodied our values are forming a new display around our school.

As our reputation grows, more prospective parents and visitors to the school experience the 'feeling' one gets when walking through the school. People comment

on the warm, friendly, happy and caring atmosphere around the school. The relationships between the children and adults are highlighted as being very positive. We are pleased to have had a particularly large intake in the Reception this year. This is in part due to our dedicated Foundation Stage team who were deemed 'outstanding' in our Ofsted of 2007.

The shared vision of educating the whole child and following the mission statement: 'Every Child Matters and Every Child Matters To God,' the school continues to offer as many enrichment activities as it can. There is a very strong commitment to sports with clubs such as netball, football provided by Argyle in the community, tag rugby, cross country and cricket being offered over the year. We continue to host the Small Schools Athletics annually. Thanks to parents and members of the wider community we also offer a chess club, a variety of music clubs and a new cookery club. Each year we offer a residential opportunity for pupils in Years 4 – 6. For the last two years the children have attended Grenville house, where they have participated in a range of activities from climbing and abseiling to canoeing and sailing. The children who attend claim that it is one of the most exciting things that they have done in their lives. Afterwards parents comment on their children's increased confidence and self-reliance as a result of the experience. Other day trips are offered through the year, to children throughout the school. The school continues to have strong links to Plymouth's Theatre Royal performing plays in the Drum.

Recently the school has been taking a critical look at the curriculum, promoting key skills across all areas. This resulted in a project to publish a school newspaper. The project has allowed the children to have real experiences of interviewing, editing and publishing. They have also sold advertising space to local businesses and will be selling the newspapers in local shops. Children also visited St Mary's Church here at Walkhampton to do some investigative work. It is a great resource for us as well as being a place for our special services attended by parents and members of the whole community. We are also very pleased to welcome Nick Shutt and John Weir into our school to provide spiritual guidance and to lead whole school collective worship on a weekly basis. Both bring enjoyment to their acts of collective worship which is very important for us and the children.

There have been many changes to the Governing Body of the School recently and we now have a dedicated group of volunteers who provide support acting as a professional critical friend to the head teacher and the staff. The governors' work is often unheralded as much of it is behind the scenes but without them the school would not function properly.

**St Mary's the Virgin Church Walkhampton
Financial Statement for the year ended 31 December 2008**

General (Unrestricted) Fund Receipt & Payment account

	2008		2007	
	£	£	£	£
Receipts				
Regular Giving				
Planned Giving	9,552.85		11,734.34	
Collections	1,325.73		1,535.29	
Income tax recovered	2,859.63	13,738.21	3,294.07	16,563.70
Other Voluntary receipts				
Donations	682.37	682.37	60.05	60.05
Receipts from activities for generating funds				
General Fund WERF	8,879.10		11,243.89	
Parish magazines sales	304.00		335.90	
Church tower	0.00		0.00	
Summer Fair	722.25		1,088.83	
Jumble sales	350.24		726.90	
Devon Churches Books	95.08		372.52	
		10,350.67		13,768.04
Receipts from Church activities.				
Grant BPC Churchyard	567.50		943.29	
Team Fees	2,316.00		1,396.00	
Sir Massey Lopes	7.50			
Refunds	510.62		100.00	
		3,401.62		2,439.29
Receipts from investment				
CBF	189.00		168.00	
National Savings interest	2,123.40		1,716.28	
Savings account interest	0.03	2,312.43	0.04	1,884.32
Total Receipts		30,485.30		34,715.40

	2008		2007	
	£	£	£	£
Payments				
Sundries Misc	1,605.52		1,574.48	
Ministry Expense	557.38		704.12	
Heating & light	193.64		1,431.48	
Repairs	273.00		320.00	
Insurance	2,434.64		2,447.88	
Common Fund	10,479.00		10,110.00	
Churchyard Expenses	1,351.00		1,575.50	
Charity Donation	399.28		194.10	
Magazine Costs	358.20		357.40	
Fees to DAC				
Service Expenses	134.04		93.12	
WERF expenses.	11,751.78		14,468.18	
Church Tower Repairs	4,972.93			
Total Payments		34,510.41		33,276.26

Statement of Assets and Liabilities at 31 December 2007

	2008		2007	
	£	£	£	£
Bank current account	8,781.36		9,929.90	
Business Access Account	2.92		2.89	
Deposit Account National Savings	46,767.72		49,644.32	
		55,552.00		59,577.11

Notes

1. The financial statements of the PCC have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 using R&P basis.
2. The following assets are recognized but not necessary valued in the Statement of Assets and Liabilities: Movable Church furnishings held by the churchwardens on special trust for the PCC and which require a faculty for disposal.
3. The expenses paid to the clergy may include a small immaterial proportion which relates to their function as PCC members. No other payments were made to PCC members.
4. The payment to missions and overseas relief agencies included £180 Sponsor a nurse in Uganda.
5. The following amount £20,245.26 is marked for WERF.
6. Charity donations collected

Church Urban Fund	£174.96
St Luke's Hospice	£555.30
Cancer Research	£525.80
Farm Africa	£368.63
Catalyst	£378.64
Children's Society	£216.45
Benefice monies	£ 20
Children's Hospice South West	£109.43

The above donations are not recorded in the above financial report.

Approved by the PCC on 31st January 2009 and signed on their behalf Mr J Knight (PCC Chairman) and Mr K Baxter (PCC Treasurer).

K Baxter Treasurer Mrs R Waldron Examiner

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO
THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST. MARY'S,
WALKHAMPTON**

This report on the financial statements of the PCC for the year ended 31st December 2008, which are set out on pages St Mary the Virgin Walkhampton 5, 6 & 7, is in respect of an examination carried out in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 ('the Regulations') and section 43 of the Charities Act 1993 ('the Act').

Respective responsibilities of the PCC and the examiner

As members of the PCC you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements. You consider that the audit requirement of the Regulations and section 43(2) of the Act do not apply. It is my responsibility to issue this report on those financial statements in accordance with the terms of the Regulations.

Basis of this report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 43(7)(b) of the Act and to be found in the *Church Guidance*, 2006 edition, issued by the Finance Division of the Archbishops' Council. That examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the PCC and a comparison of the accounts with those records. It also includes considering any unusual items or disclosures in the financial statements and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 41 of the Act; and,
 - to prepare financial statements, which accord with the accounting records and comply with the requirements of the Act and the Regulations have not been met;

or

2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed R Waldron2009