

**Annual Parochial Church Meeting
Reports for the Year 2020 of the
St Weonards Benefice In
The Ross and Archenfield Deanery
Comprising the parishes of
Garway, Hentland with Hoarwithy
Orcop, St Weonards
Tretire with Michaelchurch and Pencoyd**





ST MICHAELS CHURCH GARWAY

Church of St Michael, Garway – Annual Report 2020

Garway Church: May 2020-May 2021

Garway's churchwarden has retired and moved away from the village, and no replacement has come forward. The remaining members of the PCC are Mr Nigel Deeley (treasurer) and Mrs Ruth Deeley. Our grateful thanks are due to them for regular cleaning and care of the church. In addition, Mr Deeley has had the lightning conductor checked, and made sure that insurance and electricity bills are up to date.

The Friends of Garway Church has been established by people in the village and is recruiting members: they have a website, and are active and helpful in caring for the fabric of the building and the churchyard. They are keen to promote the historical aspect of the building, and are offering guided tours and refreshments.

Occasional HC services have been held this year, when Covid allows, but they have only attracted tiny congregations, often only 4 people, and those come from outside the parish.

There have been requests for a future wedding and a baptism at the church, and there are plans in hand for a 'Songs of Praise' type service in September.

It would seem that for the present, the church is needed just for occasional offices.

Report for the Parochial Church Council of

Hentland with Hoarwithy 2020

This parish has two churches which are in the St Weonards Benefice (or grouping) which is part of the Archenfield Group of Churches within the Deanery of Ross and Archenfield in the Diocese of Hereford.

St. Dubricius Church is the parish church situated in the hamlet of Hentland and St. Catherine's is situated in the village of Hoarwithy. They are both part of the Diocese of Hereford within the Church of England.

At present there are 36 members on the new Church Electoral Roll

A big thank you to all goes to everyone who works so hard to maintain our churches. We are extremely grateful to all who have contributed to the maintenance, running and caring for both churches.

Administrative information

Vicar: Revd Elizabeth Cathie

Associate Priest: Revd. Frances Phillips

Churchwardens: Mr. Peter Pember MBE (Hoarwithy), Mr. Robin Symonds (Hentland)

Jeff Goulding (Hoarwithy from APCM September 2020)

Deanery Synod Representative: Mr. Peter Pember and Mr. Vincent Mercer

Treasurer: Mr Robin Symonds

Gift Aid Officer: Mr. Peter Pember

The following served as elected members on the PCC: -

Mrs Antonia Cuthbert, Mrs. Valerie Lilwall (safeguarding co-ordinator), Mr. Vincent Mercer, Mrs Julia Pember (electoral roll officer), Mrs Hilary Ross (secretary), Mrs Josephine Symonds, Mrs Danielle Watkins, Mr Philip Watkins and Mrs Daphne Wyatt.

Independent Financial Examiner – Mr. Andrew Wright

Bankers: Lloyds- Ross-on-Wye

PCC OF HENTLAND AND HOARWITHY
Churchwarden's Annual Report for the Church of St Dubricius, Hentland
for the Year ended 31st December 2020

Services of Holy Communion were held in January and February with total attendance of 27 and two children. The church, together with every other in the country, closed down in March in response to the Covid pandemic. This was before the fourth Sunday, so no service was held until the government allowed a relief of three weeks over Christmas and the Carol Service was held on Sunday 13th December. Even then, with the numbers allowed to attend still constrained by social distancing rules and face-masks still required to be worn by the congregation, attendance had to be by invitation, so was limited to our regular worshippers. Singing was not permitted by the congregation, but a choir of six, accompanied by violin and cello, sang from the chancel, without masks. There were no further services held in 2020.

Work continued on reviving John Pollard Seddon's chancel decoration and rebuilding the Walker organ, with both projects nearing completion by the end of the year. The chancel roof was partially retiled with new sandstone tiles, the south pitch entirely with new and the north with selected old ones.

The holdings of M & G Charifund Income Units suffered a fall in value arising from the general decline on the London Stock Exchange, though the fall of 28.3% was greater than that of the market as a whole. In addition, dividends were reduced by 20%. In the current year, both the capital value and income therefrom are showing signs of recovery though there is unlikely to be a return to the levels last seen in 2019 until 2022. Meanwhile, alternative investments are being considered.

In the current year, at the time of the APCM, the work on the chancel is now complete, but for periodic visits by the contractor to monitor damp levels, the cost of which will be covered by the 5% retention provided for in the contract. The Walker organ is now all but complete, with local organists being invited to play and to report to the organ builder any signs of adjustment needed, so that the instrument will be in perfect playing order for the recital by Anna Lapwood on 26th June.

Churchwardens' Annual Report for the Church of

St Catherine's, Hoarwithy for the year ended 31st December 2020

Before the first Covid lockdown we had three communion services, total communicants 46. Four Lay Led, Iona Style Morning Worship, one Taize in total 38 worshipers and two funerals totalling 62 mourners. The last service was a funeral on 23rd March. During the brief relaxation of restrictions we had an evening prayer on 26th July at which 4 were present. However we have enjoyed regular Communion Services and Lay Led worship on Zoom which have proved popular and helped us to keep in touch with friends across the benefice and beyond. Some of those on Zoom would not normally come to church and we hope to continue some Zoom services even when we can meet face to face in church.

Since the summer Julia and Peter have opened St. Catherine's on a Tuesday and Friday for one hour for private prayer.

Jeff joined Robin and Peter as Churchwarden from September 2020.

We would like to thank Frances for all the work she puts in on Zoom and YouTube services and Jeff, Robin, Maddy, Antonia, Janet, June, Julia and Peter for their considerable help with the Zoom Lay led services.

Elizabeth our Incumbent retired on 30 April 2021 and we would like to thank her and wish her and Sean well in the future.

Although strictly out of the period of the report we want to share exciting news about Cedar Rise, the bungalow next to the church. This came up for sale and following a very successful Zoom meeting with the Community we put an offer in which was accepted. This will enable us to provide disabled access to the church and enhance the community use of the building which is particularly important as we have no Village Hall. Hopefully the various surveys will be completed by the time you read this and if favourable the PCC will be able to complete the purchase.

APCM REPORT

for year to 31 December 2020

St. John the Baptist, Orcop

The Impact of Covid 19

Inevitably, the normal pattern of services was severely disrupted by the Covid19 pandemic.

The Church Warden, Margaret Fletcher, worked tirelessly to keep the church open and functioning throughout, installing a hand sanitising station and signage and restricting pew access to ensure social distancing.

The physical services described below were supplemented during lockdown by regular virtual services conducted via ZOOM, for those able to access this facility.

Services

Monthly 11am communion services were held in January, February and March, then discontinued during lockdown. A further communion service was held in September, with strict Covid precautions. The average attendance at these four services was ten (as in 2019). A service of prayer and reflection was held in July, with a socially distanced congregation of 10. Festival services were limited to Harvest, Advent and Christmas Day, with attendances of 16, 19 and 17 respectively. Each of these was constrained by the Covid restrictions, reflected in attendance figures well down on previous years.

In addition to the services mentioned above, one wedding was celebrated and two funerals held, together with two burials of ashes. Again, these were reduced in scale and content in conformity with the regulations. Not surprisingly, there were no baptisms during the year.

Electoral Roll

There were 18 parishioners on the Church Electoral Roll, 1 of whom is not resident within the parish.

Community Support Activities

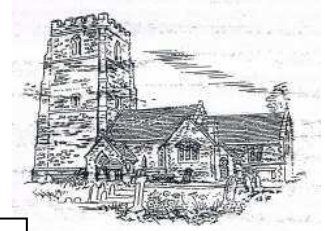
Neither Orcop Evergreens nor "OWL" was able to hold normal monthly meetings and lunches. However, the OWL Good Neighbour Scheme, which is run by a member of the PCC, provided vital services to the community during lockdown, especially in support of the elderly and the lonely. As well as individual support and counselling, a prescription delivery service was provided.

Fabric

It is pleasing to close on a positive note. The urgent drainage works and refurbishment of rainwater goods were completed successfully during 2020, after 8 years of parish consultation and fund-raising. The workmanship of the contractor, M.V. Gammon, was excellent and the completed works have been widely admired.



The Parochial Church Council of the Parish of St. Weonards 2020 Report & Accounts



St Weonards benefice website: www.stw.org.uk

Aim and purposes

St. Weonards Parochial Church Council (PCC) has the responsibility of cooperating with the incumbent in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish, the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. The PCC is also responsible for the maintenance of the church and churchyard at St Weonards.

Objectives and activities

The primary object of the PCC is the promotion of the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to the doctrines and practices of the Church of England. The PCC is committed to enabling as many people as possible to worship at our church and to become part of our parish community in St. Weonards. The PCC considers the pattern of worship in the parish and across the St. Weonards benefice and makes suggestions on how our services can involve the different groups that live within St. Weonards and neighbouring parishes. Our services and worship seek to put the Christian faith into practice through prayer and scripture, music and sacrament.

When planning our activities for the year, we have considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and the supplementary guidance on charities for the advancement of religion. In particular, we seek to proclaim the Good News of God's Kingdom and grow disciples of Jesus Christ, encouraging people to live out their faith by sharing God's love in our community and the world through:

- worshipping God and praying for His help and guidance;
- caring and serving people in all life's situations;
- recognising and responding to those in need;
- inspiring and learning through each other's strengths and gifts;
- working to safeguard the integrity of creation

so that in all our activities we show Jesus Christ to those around us.

To facilitate this work it is important that we maintain the fabric of St. Weonard's Church.

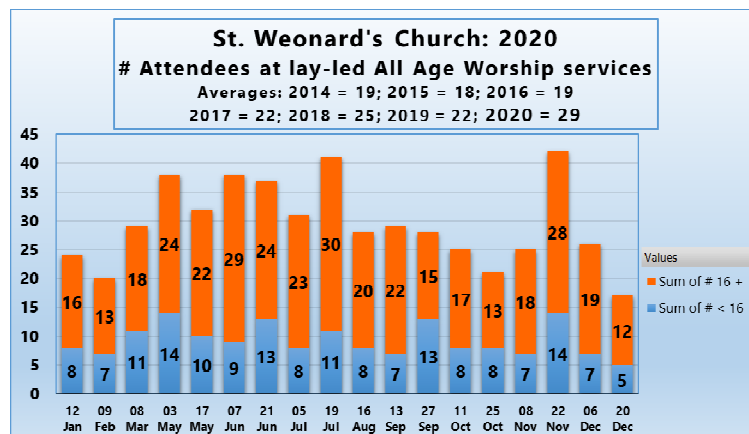
Achievements and performance

Worship and prayer

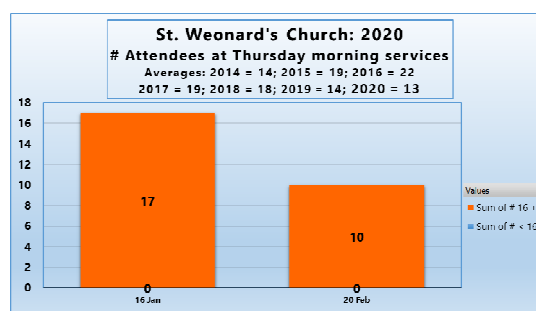
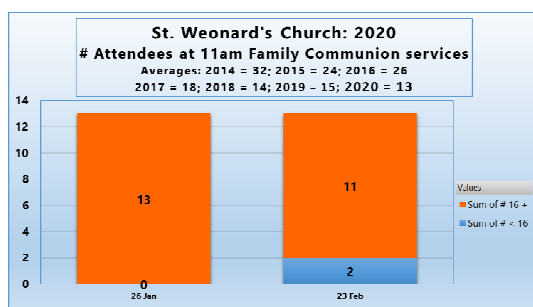
2020 started brightly enough, but the arrival of the COVID-19 coronavirus pandemic in the UK brought dramatic changes to our lives, livelihoods, and patterns of worship from the third week of March onwards. However, we soon adapted to the 'new normal' and took our services online thanks to the popular Zoom video-conferencing software, with our Associate Minister Revd Frances Phillips leading the preparation of some pre-recorded YouTube services.

Without regular services in church for extended periods of the year, it's not easy to be precise about our worshipping community, but we estimate this remains around 40 people including 8 children and young people. The church's electoral roll was refreshed in 2019 and number on roll was almost unchanged at 30, of whom two live outside the parish.

The short, informal lay-led 'All Age Worship' service was held at 9.30am on the second Sunday of January – March, then met twice a month 10am when the service moved online in May. We were delighted to welcome other worshippers of all ages from across the St Weonards benefice and beyond at these services. Attendance reached a peak in November of 42 (28 adults and 14 children and young people), and averaged 29 across the year (20 adults + 9 young people under the age of 16). The regular All Age congregation includes worshippers from Broad Oak, and from parishes closer to Hereford.



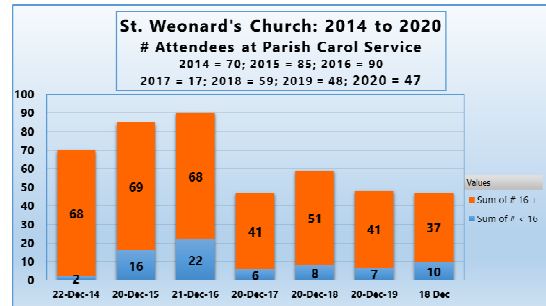
Due to COVID-19, we were unable to host any benefice services in the church during 2020, and it was only possible to hold two 11am Family Communion services and two mid-week Coffee, Cake and Worship services before the first 'lockdown' in March.



Very sadly, baptism and marriage services also had to be postponed and, after the well-attended memorial service for Geoffrey Jones at the start of February, attendees at the funeral services for Leonard Peter Weeks and Elizabeth R Oakley in September and November respectively were limited to thirty people under government coronavirus regulations.

Other special services included:

- Harvest festival (7 children + 25 adults);
- Parish carol service (online) (10 + 37);
- Christmas Day communion (5 + 45).



Caring & serving

The 'Coffee, Cake & Worship' gatherings at 10.15am on 3rd Thursdays of the month, always popular with senior members in our congregation as they provide an opportunity for fellowship alongside a short service, had to stop with the March lockdown. However, Revd Elizabeth Cathie and Revd Dr Frances Phillips, our self-supporting minister, continued to provide pastoral support across the benefice and we thank them for their dedication to many in our community.

Safeguarding the integrity of creation

Barely a day passes without a report drawing our attention to an environmental or biodiversity challenge somewhere in the world. As a church, we seek to respond to the fifth Anglican 'mark of mission', namely to 'strive to safeguard the integrity of creation and sustain and renew the life of the earth.' We reviewed our progress against the five focus areas of the A Rocha UK **Eco Church**¹ survey (Worship & Teaching, Buildings, Land, Community & Global Engagement, and Lifestyle), and identified that we needed to do a bit more to encourage members of our congregation to consider how they could take steps individually to reflect on their own lifestyles, with a view to reducing their carbon footprint. Stephen & Alex Herbert organised an online Lifestyle Survey, looking at reducing, reusing, and recycling materials; plastic waste reduction; energy use; transport; and food. We shared the results as part of an environment-focused '**Climate Sunday**' All Age service on 13 September.

¹ <https://ecochurch.arocha.org.uk/>

We subsequently submitted our Eco Church survey results to A Rocha and were delighted to hear that we had been awarded a bronze award. Since then, St Weonard's Church has featured in the May 2021 edition of A Rocha UK's [Root & Branch magazine](#).



Responding to community needs

We have continued to offer practical support in the year to the OWL Good Neighbour Scheme, and contributed to the People in Motion charity and Ross-on-Wye Community Larder through a collection point in the church.

Learning together

Members of the parish have taken opportunities to grow in our knowledge, love and service of Christ not only through regular services and sermons but also through Lent lunches, Lent study groups, and deanery events.

Volunteers

We would like to thank all who have contributed so generously to the life of the church during the past year.

We thank Peter Hallewell for leading our team of ringers, and we look forward to bell-ringing practices resuming on Thursday evenings after COVID-19 restrictions ease further; new volunteers will be welcome!

Choral and organ music continue to form an integral part of worship in our services (when we're in church), and the parish and wider benefice is enormously grateful to Richard Mynors for the time he takes in preparation for services and for the commitment and professionalism that he brings to all aspects of our church music. We enjoy seeing the benefice choir in special services and are grateful for their participation. We're also grateful to Richard for leading our worship through piano accompaniment during online All Age services, and recordings for YouTube.

Many thanks to our many volunteers:

- our skilled flower arrangers who make the church so lovely, organised by Gillie Hallewell;
- people who welcome congregations;
- those who prepare the communion table and wash the church linen;
- those who provide refreshments and thanks to Lynette Cain for organising the rota;
- all those who have contributed behind the scenes for the benefit of the community – Stephen Herbert for maintaining the St. Weonards benefice and A Church Near You websites and St Weonards Church Facebook page, and generating 'MailChimp' e-newsletters; David & Ginnie Thornley for their help in opening our church; Laura Pritchard and Marina Heathfield for the regular cleaning; Tracy Knights for maintaining the churchyard in excellent order, and Stewart Bytheway for helping to clear the church roof valley gutters and assisting with ongoing repairs.

We would like to express our particular thanks to our hard-working Treasurer and Gift Aid Officer, and Secretary, who have both committed significant time and energy to the life of the church over the last year in the absence of churchwardens.

Safeguarding

The PCC has adopted the Church of England's 'Promoting a Safer Church: Safeguarding Policy Statement', and ensures that safeguarding is a standing order agenda item at every meeting. We are grateful to our Parish Safeguarding Officer, Fiona Mynors, for her work in this key area. The PCC considers that it has complied with the duty under section 5 of the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2016 to have regard to the House of Bishops' guidance on safeguarding children and vulnerable adults.

Deanery & Diocesan Synod

We thank Richard Mynors for acting as our deanery and diocesan synod representative. This role provides an important link between the parish and wider church structures.

Mission & outreach

We are most grateful for the outreach done by the pastoral group alongside Elizabeth Cathie and Frances Phillips.

We also aim to share God's love in our community and the world and show Jesus Christ to those around us in practical ways through tithing, giving at least 10% of our voluntary income to mission work outside the parish. Our principle is to give to Christian organisations working at diocesan, national and international levels. In 2020, the PCC made gifts of £650 to Hereford Food Bank², Urban Saints³, and The

² <https://herefordfoodbank.co.uk/>

³ <https://www.urbansaints.org/>

Archbishop of Canterbury's 'Together in Unity' Appeal for COVID-19 relief for the Anglican Communion⁴. The PCC also made a donation of £125 to A Rocha UK's Eco Church initiative, and £50 to the Herefordshire Historic Churches Trust.

Ecumenical relationships

The church continues to work alongside Baptist and Methodist congregations within neighbouring parishes, joining with them (in non-COVID years) for the Palm Sunday walk and services in Garway, and participating in the creative ecumenical services at the Garway Community Centre.

Fundraising events

Due to the coronavirus pandemic, the annual church fete had to be cancelled, and the COVID-19 restrictions meant it was not possible to organise any 'live' fundraising events. However, we're grateful to Fiona Mynors for organising a Grand Christmas Prize Draw, and for all who donated prizes and bought raffle tickets – we raised an impressive £287 for general church funds.

In addition, a small number of people gave very generously to the church's 'Damp Buster' appeal (to install French drains around the building); these kind donations raised a total of £675.

Church fabric, building and churchyard

Our church architect Richard Lamb RIBA AABC, conducted the church's last Quinquennial Inspection in June 2018. The architect's report noted that the church was in a fair condition, and did not highlight any significant matters requiring urgent attention. However, the architect did recommend that the PCC address the residual damp issue through the installation of French drains as soon as possible (hence fundraising effort, see above), and to continue to undertake routine maintenance.

It did not prove possible to commence any project work due to the absence of appointed churchwardens, coupled with the extensive COVID-19 restrictions.

However, Garren Services (Tracy Knights) continued to mow and trim the churchyard and green burial space in accordance with the grassland management plan recommended by the charity Caring for God's Acre⁵. Visitors often comment positively on the 'well cared for' feel of both the church building and the churchyard.

Financial review

Total incoming resources were £21,477, 17% lower than in 2019. Total receipts on unrestricted funds were £20,483, of which £15,059 came from voluntary donations, and £2,989 from recovered Gift Aid and the Gift Aid Small Donations Scheme. It was encouraging to see that total tax-efficient planned giving through the Parish Giving

⁴ <https://www.archbishopofcanterbury.org/about/coronavirus-appeal>

⁵ <https://www.caringforgodsacre.org.uk/>

Scheme and by standing order increased by 3% to £11,845. The PCC is grateful for all donations yet, during such an unusual coronavirus pandemic year, wishes to recognise with particular thanks those who chose to give in a planned way – with the church closed for long periods, and unable to hold regular services, host life events or organise fundraising, these steady commitments really did keep the mission and ministry of the church alive. Collections in services declined from £1,738 in 2019 to just £604 in 2020.

Total expenditure amounted to £22,175 in 2020, 12% lower than in 2019. Despite COVID-19, the PCC was pleased to be able to honour its Parish Offer commitment of £14,460. This was to ensure that the St Weonards benefice was able to make a realistic contribution towards the cost of its stipendiary ministry, knowing that weaker finances in some neighbouring parishes meant they could not offer as much as they wished to. Insurance cover continued to be provided through Trinitas Church Insurance Services, with the premium increasing by 3.7% to £1,957. The PCC also increased its charitable giving to £2,210, being 12.0% of voluntary income (2019: 10.3%).

Overall, payments exceeded receipts by £(698) in the year (2019: net receipts of £697), represented by a net surplus after transfers of £113 in unrestricted funds, and a deficit of £(811) in restricted funds. Total PCC funds carried forward at year-end decreased 2% to £34,131, a significant portion of which will need to be used to meet the costs of the recommended Quinquennial Inspection repair works.

Reserves policy

It is PCC policy to aim to maintain a balance on unrestricted funds which equates to approximately six months' unrestricted payments, equivalent to around £12,500. It is held to smooth out fluctuations in cash flow, to meet emergencies, and to ensure that Parish Offer contributions can be paid in full on time. The cash balance of £26,371 held in general unrestricted funds at year-end comfortably exceeded this target. A further £1,912 was assigned to a designated fund intended to contribute towards the installation of French drainage around the church in future. The balance in restricted funds was £848. All these funds will be used to further the ministry of the church within and beyond the parish in future years, as well as to meet ongoing repair costs. The 2018 Quinquennial Inspection report from our church architect recommended works totalling at least £26,000.

The PCC's policy is to invest surplus short-term current account balances in interest-earning accounts such as the CCLA CBF Church of England Deposit Fund or the CAF Bank Gold account. Other surpluses that can be invested over the medium to long-term are invested in the CBF Church of England Investment Fund.

Structure, governance and management

The Parochial Church Council is a corporate body established by the Church of England (PCC Powers Measure 1956, Church Representation Rules 2011). The PCC is currently exempted by order from registering with the Charity Commission.

The PCC operates under the Parochial Church Council Powers Measure. The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. At St. Weonards, the membership of the PCC consists of the incumbent, churchwardens, and members elected by those members of the congregation who are on the electoral roll of the church. Church of England regulations require that a new electoral roll is drawn up every six years; this was done in 2019. All those who attend our services regularly are encouraged to register on the electoral roll and stand for election to the PCC.

The PCC members are responsible for making decisions on all matters of general concern and importance to the parish including deciding on how the funds of the PCC are to be spent. It is our aim to ensure that new members receive initial training into the workings of the PCC.

The full PCC met five times during the year including the APCM, with an average attendance level of over 90%. The UK & overseas mission sub-committee is responsible to the PCC; minutes of its decisions are received by the full PCC and discussed as necessary.

Readers of this annual report should also note that the St Weonards Old School Religious Education Fund was established by The Diocese of Hereford (Educational Endowments) Order 1998 under statutory instrument number 1334, the trustees being the vicar and churchwardens of St Weonards. This Fund is entirely separate from the PCC's financial statements, but is deemed to be connected to St Weonards PCC due to the vicar being chair of both boards. The trustees of this Religious Education Fund "shall apply the income, and may apply the capital thereof, for educational purposes related to the Parish of St. Weonards in connection with the provision of religious education in accordance with the tenets of the Church of England by means of a Sunday School or otherwise."

Administrative information

St. Weonard's Church is situated in the heart of St. Weonards village. It is part of the St Weonards benefice within the deanery of Ross & Archenfield in the Diocese of Hereford.

PCC members who have served at any time from 1 January 2019 until the date this report was approved are:

Ex-officio members:

- Incumbent: The Reverend Elizabeth Cathie (until retirement on 30 April 2021)
- Churchwardens: *[Positions vacant]*

Elected members:

- Mrs Gillianne Hallewell
- Mr Peter Hallewell
- Mr Stephen Herbert (Treasurer & Gift Aid Officer)
- Mrs June Hodges (until 15 January 2020)
- Mrs Christine Lewis (from 10 February 2021)
- Lady Fiona Mynors (Secretary & Parish Safeguarding Officer)
- Sir Richard Mynors (representative on Deanery Synod)
- Mrs Gill Wood

Approved by the PCC on xx May 2021 and signed on their behalf by Reverend Dr Frances Phillips (acting PCC chairperson):

THE PARISH OF TRETIRE WITH MICHAELCHURCH AND PENCOYD

Annual report of the Parochial Church Council for the year to 31st March 2021. This report covers two years, as restrictions imposed as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic which prevented reporting and meeting in 2020.

GENERAL The PCC has co-operated with the Vicar the Rev E Cathie in maintaining the presence of the Church physically and in faith. The PCC is responsible for maintenance of the Churches of St Denys, Pencoyd and St Mary, Tretire. The Church of St Michael at Michaelchurch is also in the Parish and owned and maintained by the Churches Conservation Trust. The Parish is a member of the St Weonards group.

MEMBERSHIP: Members of the PCC are elected annually at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting in accordance with Church Representation Rules. During the 2-year period the following offices and officers were held:

Chairman: Vicar

Church Wardens / Vice Chairmen: Mr P Everall (resigned November 2020), Miss E Malcolm

Members: Mrs E Everall (Secretary), Mrs K Handby (Treasurer), Mrs R Evans (Gift Aid Officer until March 2020), Mr M Evans, Dr J Oubridge, Mrs M Oubridge, Mr L Davies (retired March 2020), Mr M Lovelock (retired March 2020), Mrs L Miles, Mrs M Walton

Safeguarding Officer: Dr J Oubridge.

Archenfield Deanery Synod Representative: Mrs E Everall (resigned November 2020)

Accounts Examiner: Ms Jayne Dunstan.

Bankers: National Westminster Bank.

Electoral Roll: There are currently 28 members on the Roll.

CHURCH SERVICES AND ATTENDANCE:

For the year 2019 to February 2020 a regular pattern of services was followed:

2nd Sunday, Holy Communion (Common Worship) 9.15 am St Mary's Tretire

3rd Sunday, Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer) 8.00 am St Denys' Pencoyd

4th Sunday, Evening Prayer (Common Worship) 6.30pm St Denys' Pencoyd. (In June held at St Michael, Michaelchurch)

From March 2020 the Government imposed a number of 'lock-down' restrictions to prevent the spread of pandemic Covid-19 which required that churches be closed for group worship. Our churches remained open for private prayer only. In August 2020 Evening Prayer resumed at St Denys for 3 months and an outdoor Harvest Thanksgiving service was held in September attended by 26 people.

Baptisms: None. Marriages: None. Funerals: 2

Attendance is varied, with 4 or 5 for early Communion, 8 to 10 for Evening prayer and Holy Communion at Tretire ranging from 8 to 12 people.

The St Weonard's Group offered on-line services to join from home during the lock-down periods and these proved popular with attendees joining from across the Parishes. This parish offered regular information on online services and forwarded reflection & prayer sheets and /or service sheets for use at home. These were well received, and we are most grateful to Rev Cathie and Rev Phillips for providing the materials. So popular have the online services been that we are delighted to report that they will be continued monthly.

Festival services continue to be popular with Easter, Christmas and Harvest services gathering up between 25 and 40 to the churches as the services alternate between the two venues. The annual Evening service at Michaelchurch had 25 people attend who have interest in the venue and from a wide area.

CHURCH FABRIC: St Denys continues in general good repair. All valuable items were removed from the church for safe keeping over the lock-down period and books were put away.

Mr Everall kindly prepared a specification of works for the repair to the south roof of St Mary's Tretire and this was sent to tender by a number of contractors. Prosser & Tippins were appointed in November 2020 with arrangements to commence work in the following financial year. Bat surveys were obtained and confirmed no special arrangements required.

A parishioner has very generously undertaken to arrange re-painting of St Mary's following the roof work and communication was undertaken with parishioner and contractors to ensure adequate compliance.

EVENTS: Parish community gatherings play a vital part in supporting the Church funds as well as providing a center of village life. During 2019 Dr & Mrs Oubridge hosted a Big Breakfast an event which is much enjoyed by attendees from around the Group and involves many from the Parish to assist. Cream Teas with various stalls were hosted by Mr & Mrs Vaughan at The Old Manor, Pencoyd and attracted a large crowd of visitors who very much enjoyed the opportunity to visit the garden and enjoy excellent teas. The Harvest Supper and Auction is a much enjoyed anchor to the Parish year and 2019 was no different. Mrs Everall undertook an astonishing Sky-dive for charity and very kindly gave half her donations to the Parish. This raised large sum of money which was identified to be used towards the repairs to Tretire and we are all very grateful indeed.

Plans for fundraising events in 2020 were cancelled due to the Covid restrictions and very sadly the Spring Arboretum visit offered by Mrs Miles had to be cancelled. The Harvest Service held outside at St Denys was well attended and a small produce sale and invitation to attendees to donate met with a very generous response for which we offer very grateful thanks. An outdoor Carols and Nativity was held by kind permission of Mr & Mrs Vaughan and in the region of 75 people attended to share some carol singing and mulled wine.

Tretire with Michaelchurch & Pencoyd PCC

TREASURER'S REPORT for year to April 2021

The completed and inspected accounts for the year are appended to this report.

The PCC bank account on-line banking facility has been invaluable during the last twelve months

As a result of the Covid-19 lockdown restrictions, the social distancing regulations and the closure of the churches for much of the summer, our Income for the year was well below what we would normally expect to raise, at £13,809 compared to £20,567 in 2019, a reduction of £6,758. Expenditure was £14,601, similar to the previous year giving a loss for the year of £791. The bank balance at the year-end was £19,127 with £3,700 of this set aside in 2019 for the roof repairs required at St Mary's Tretire.

Dividend income from Charifund accounts with M&G and Schrodgers continue to produce a vital income with the capital value of the investments falling drastically at the beginning of the year but by December had recovered two thirds of their value.

As in previous years, the Parish Share and Insurance are the major outgoings plus some essential work required to churchyard trees plus some electrical work.

The Parish is not yet included in the Parish Giving Scheme initiated by the Diocese but the Stewardship Scheme brings in regular income by standing order each month. This continues to provide a very important source of revenue. It was possible to hold only two events this year. In September a Harvest Service in the churchyard at St Denys' Pencoyd followed by a Produce Sale raised £865 in Sales & Donations, a truly generous sum and Christmas Carols by Firelight which was a great success raised £182. In addition an on On-Line Raffle for a beautiful Christmas Quilt made & donated by one of parishioners raised £715. There were no collections at church services after March 2020

As part of our planned charitable giving, donations of £182 were made to Ross Community Larder, the charity having been chosen by members of the PCC.

The Loss of £791 is not surprising in such a difficult year but we have managed to maintain a stable financial position as we approach the next financial year. During 2021 the work on the Roof at St Mary's Tretire will be the main expense which will be funded from fund-raising during the previous two years, several grants which have been awarded to us, plus a withdrawal of some of the profit from the Tretire Restricted Investment Funds.

Donations and Gift Aid are an essential part of our income and support of the ministry of the Church in Tretire and Pencoyd, and the constant support of our friends and parishioners is very much appreciated.

Kathy Handby
Treasurer

St Weonards Group Accounts
For the year ended 31 December 2020

	2020		2019	
	£	£	£	£
Receipts				
Subscriptions from Parishes (at £45 per month)	2700		2700	
Fees charged by Parishes	8883		5055	
Expenses recovered from elsewhere	132		90	
Expenses recovered from Parishes	242		686	
Donations from Parish Magazine	1000		1000	
Donations from elsewhere	0		0	
CBF Deposit Account Interest	16		39	
		<u>12973</u>		<u>9570</u>
Payments				
Fees to Hereford Diocesan Board of Finance	2378		1569	
Fees to Parishes	5281		7802	
Fees to Professionals	320		425	
Clergy Expenses	1388		2713	
Open Door / St Michael's Hospice	132		90	
Sundry Expenses	277		572	
		<u>9776</u>		<u>13171</u>
Surplus/Loss for the year		<u>3197</u>		<u>-3601</u>
Opening Balance as at 1 January 2020		5078		8679
Closing Balance as at 31 December 2020		<u><u>8275</u></u>		<u><u>5078</u></u>