

Annual Report 2022 Part 2

This document is supplementary to the Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 31st December 2022 prepared by the PCC together with Oak Accounting Ltd.

1. Standing and Finance Committee Report by the Vicar

Members: *Glenda Hammond, Virginia Stacey, Steve Blight, Roger Jones, Julie Murphy and Andy Roberts (up until 6/02/2023)*
This Committee met six times during the year to undertake the delegated responsibilities of the PCC between its meetings, to discuss matters of concern to the PCC and the parish, to take forward issues and to prepare the PCC Agenda.

2. Fabric Team Report

Members: *Richard Hudson, Roger Jones, Glenda Hammond, Virginia Stacey and Trevor Muddimer*

A more normal year as covid allowed meetings etc. During the year we discussed the Quinquennial inspection (a report by a local Architect, commissioned by the Diocese, that looks at the state of repair of the Church building) that took place in November 2021, the Electrical inspection carried out in May, the ongoing water leaking through the roof in the south aisle and the possible options regarding the replacement of the Church heating plant. We entered a vacancy in February and financial constraints limited our ability to carry out repairs where we need to employ a trades person or company. A big thank you to all who have come forward to help when we had working party events.

The Fabric committee met on four occasions and welcomed Trevor mid way through the year.

Annual service checks have been carried out on our fire extinguishers, heating systems. The Risk Assessment was reviewed and work identified has been added to the Action tracker (the spreadsheet we use to track remedial work in and around Church).

Internally

The Quinquennial report complimented the general condition of the fabric of the building. There were some urgent matters to address, the five year electrical inspection was due in early 2022, PAT testing. There is other work necessary over the coming years including repairs to mullions around some windows, investigating damp patches on walls at various locations and discussing replacement of the heating system.

The Church presented Chris Strain with an honour board when he retired. The Church had to apply for a faculty from the diocese to be able to erect the board. This was agreed in July and the board attached outside the chapel in the north aisle.

We were selected to take part in a national bat survey. No sign of bats were found either inside or outside the Church.

A leaking roof in the South aisle continues to cause ingress of water, depending on the strength of rain and the direction of wind. Roofers last visited in October 21 and resolved the problem for a few months. Towards the end of December 22, we made the decision to approach the architect Keith Loveless, in order to progress repair of this area to protect the timber frame. We still await the quotation but expect it to many thousands of pounds.

The full electrical inspection took place in April. This highlighted a major piece of work which will have to be carried out in the coming years. Most of the cabling, which is attached to the walls, is suffering from a breakdown of its component parts. This manifests with a green appearance reflecting the staining caused by copper. The cabling is safe at present but the electrician has recommended a further testing of these circuits in 2025. There is likely to be substantial cost when this cabling has to be replaced.

PAT testing was carried out during the latter part of the year together and at the same time repairs to urgent items identified in the full electrical report.

As usual minor issues have arisen from time to time and thanks to Richard Hudson necessary repairs/replacement has taken place.

The heating system continues to work, albeit that costs have risen considerably. We continue to monitor possible replacement solutions and Ben Counsell is helping us by talking with heating engineers and building contractors.

A small team, including Trevor, are currently looking at the possible refurbishment of the back rooms. Their focus is on creating better storage, looking at how the area could be better insulated and redecoration in part. We are hoping that part of this cost will be from a legacy received by the Church.

Externally

The quinquennial report has highlighted many areas needing attention. These relate to removing rust and treating the steel guards on windows, checking the condition of stain glass windows, repairs/replacement of stone mullions surrounding windows, repairs to stonework that has eroded, repairs to the roof, clearing of gutters and the clearing of vegetation on walls/fences. The architect agreed to produce a specification for the necessary work at a cost. This is still awaited.

A decision was made during the year not to progress non urgent quinquennial matters due to financial constraints. Work was undertaken on work party days to clear vegetation from walls and fences. Low level guttering was cleared but high level checks are still outstanding. An investigation of the bell tower was carried out by Tom Richardson using his drone. Further checks are necessary subject to suitable weather conditions and sunlight from the east.

In July we were advised that one of our lightning conductors had failed the annual test. It was agreed that an additional rod be sunk in the ground at the west end of the Church and the retest showed its effectiveness. This work cost just under £700.

We have a damp area on the wall in the south aisle and Trevor is investigating in order to find the source. He has replaced missing mortar on the damp course but the issue still remains.

Thank you to the Roberts and Giles families who continue to plant up and maintain the boat in the front garden. Thanks also to the small group who plant and maintain the beds and plant pots surrounding the Church. Their care and the thoughtful addition of Christian text, provides a space that can and is used for private reflection.

We are all aware that Richard 'retired' as our Verger a few years ago after a period of ill health but he is back helping almost full-time and more, in addition to overseeing and dealing with many issues single handed. We do thank him most sincerely for his care and devotion to St Luke's; we just would not be managing without him. We are however, still seeking someone to help Richard. Please pray for the right person to step forward.

Finally, a huge thank you to all those who faithfully serve on the Fabric Team, it's a vitally important job, challenging at times, but interesting and enormously rewarding. If you feel the Lord might be drawing you to serve in this area do please do speak to myself or the Churchwardens.

The Lord has gifted us this beautiful church. As we thank and praise Him for all His faithfulness it is up to each one of us to commit ourselves to looking after what He has given us.

Roger Jones Chair Fabric Committee Feb23

3. Church Hall Team Report

Members: Anne Roberts (Chair), Liz Cotterell (Treasurer), Frank Westfield, Claire Storey (Caretaker), Fiona Attenborough

The Church hall continues to be widely used and a great asset to our local community. It is used by a wide variety of groups catering for all ages and helping to promote both physical and mental health amongst our local population. These groups range from a music group for pre-school children, a ballet school, various exercise classes, as well as badminton and bridge clubs. The hall is also used by our Guiding groups led by St Luke's members and our Youth Groups led by Anna Counsell and John Parrett.

The income derived from the rental received from the community groups allows us to keep the hall in a good state of repair and during the past year has allowed us to transfer some surplus funds into the main Church account. During the last twelve months there have been a number of minor maintenance issues which have been dealt with such as the installation of some new external security lights and a replacement loft ladder.

Going forward there are a couple of more major issues that will have to be attended to at the Hall. Following heavy rain a large puddle is forming at the far end of the car park which reduces the usable area of the car park and during a recent cold snap became a small ice rink. Some of the downpipes on the car park side of the Hall are also backing up with rain water. The soak away under the car park has been pressure washed but unfortunately has been found to have failed so the car park will need to be dug up and a new soak away installed. The hall lighting is also coming to the end of its life and it is hoped that this year we will be able to replace the old strip lights and halogen lights with more environmentally friendly Led lighting which will also use less electricity.

Anne Roberts (Chair Hall Team)

4. Children's and Families work.

We have had a very busy year for the children's ministry full of new initiatives and activities that have already been in place for some time. Every Sunday we have **stepping stones** (Reception – Year 6) where we spend time looking at a theme of the Bible, do some activities and crafts and build relationships with one another and with God. And **Pathfinders** (year 7+) which is more discussion based on a theme of the Bible. We have a regular 20 children who attend our Sunday groups, which sometimes increases and sometimes decreases.

This time last year we introduced **Messy Church** every second Sunday of the month where we gather together for creative all age worship. We do this through songs, activities, games, crafts etc. we also enjoy breakfast together. This is before the main 10:30am Service. It's a real encouragement to get families along who we don't see very often, and regular families too.

We have also had lots one – off events for families and the community such as;

- **Easter Eggstravaganza** on Good Friday where we welcomed many families into the church for crafts, hot cross buns, activities, an easter egg hunt and an interactive talk, which resulted in me being covered in whipped cream!
- **Easter Breakfast** for the whole church to join together for Breakfast on Easter Sunday
- **BBQ's** throughout the summer, for church families to come together and enjoy food and socialize with one another.
- **The Light trail** where we opened up the main church and had lots of lights and activities surrounding the theme of light and how Jesus is our light in times of darkness. We had hot dogs, hot chocolate, a fire pit and marshmallows, many activities, a light trail and space for those who wanted to reflect on the meaning of light at the dark time of Halloween.
- **A Christmas Gift** which was very well attended Christmas event with refreshments, many different crafts and activities and a chance to meet Father Christmas for a gift. We welcomed over 150 people into our church and shared the real meaning of Christmas with families.
- **A Christmas story** was our unrehearsed nativity this year which brought 100 people through our doors to hear and get involved with the real Christmas story. We have also had services held at church for the local Bournemouth collegiate school for 260 students in the church plus teachers and parents.
- **Youth club** on a Friday night at the church hall has 18 regular attendees, including 5 new people. We spend a lot of time socialising with one another, sharing food together and also having time to talk about the Bible, God and our relationship with him and one another. We have also recently started to split the group once a month for the older and younger young people to have their own space. John Parrett and Harriet Sturgess lead the younger group and Anna and Ben Counsell lead the older group.
- Our **Parents and toddlers group** has been a highlight of the year with as many as 55 children with their parents/grandparents/carers have attended. We have an open space for parents and toddlers to come along, have refreshments, do crafts and have a time of singing at the end. We build relationships with parents/grandparents/carers as well as the children and invite them along to our events throughout the year and messy church too.

We are looking forward to the next year for more exciting initiatives including; Breakfast worship more regularly, one – off social events and one – off themed events, Holiday club, group for year 6-8 on a Sunday morning with potential socials too and many more things.

Anna Counsell, Children's and Families Minister

5. Pastoral and Social Care

Members: *Marianne Mutlow (chair), Carole Blight, Ruth Greig, Christine Gilbert, Glenda Hammond, Liz Howes, Judy Hudson, Linda Jones, Margaret Lloyds, Julie Murphy, Janine Newman, John Pattison, Joan Percy, Andy Roberts, Anne Roberts, Roy Stacey, Virginia Stacey, and Val Wilson*

Last year we were very sad to lose Sue Walkden. Sue took the meeting notes and played a major role in the Pastoral Team. We also miss the experience and wisdom of Lorna Coombes. Recently Kate Wyatt has decided to leave the team but we are delighted that she will continue giving pastoral help.

The main function of the team is to coordinate pastoral work at St Luke's. We meet bi-monthly in Church. Thank you to all those at St Luke's who are involved in any aspect of pastoral work.

Further Safeguarding Training was kindly provided by Julie Murphy in November.

As Covid restrictions have eased we have been able to re-introduce Home Communion, activities, and practical help. A new monthly Soup Lunch was started in January and Wednesday coffee mornings have recommenced offering a Warm Space thanks to Carole and Steve Blight in particular. Pastoral help is also provided by others at St Luke's and this is much appreciated.

Support has continued to be available for anyone caring for someone with Dementia. Please call Liz Howes if you have a need for this. This winter Liz has again organised collections of much needed warm clothing for the homeless.

We support the Poole Domestic Abuse Refuge. Virginia Stacey organised presents for each family at Easter and Christmas. Thanks to all members of the congregation who contributed.

Thank you to those who have supported the collections for the Poole Food Bank by donating food/money and to Roger and Linda Jones for delivering collections. The need in the last year has again grown drastically and this is expected to continue. We still hold vouchers that can be given to people needing emergency supplies of food.

Poole Waste Not Want Not takes food etc. donated by local supermarkets and is for referred people on low incomes or in financial difficulties. It also acts as a satellite for the Food Bank. Thanks to those in the church who have helped support this. We also hold details of local Community Fridges where anyone can help themselves to food that would otherwise have gone to waste.

We continue to provide pastoral support at Abbeyfield. Communion is held there monthly and this is attended by a number of residents. Abbeyfield continue to hold a weekly Knit and Natter group, open to all, and they welcome members of the local community to join them for lunch once a month. Other open events have been held during the year. All these initiatives have been much enjoyed.

Harvest gifts were given to the Poole Food Bank and Poole Waste Not Want Not in October. Harvest cards were delivered to those on our updated Harvest list.

A memorial Service was held in Church on 30th October followed by tea and cake.

The Pastoral Care & Contact List is regularly reviewed and updated at the Group meetings and is used to pray for the needs identified.

If you would like to know more about any of the above, particularly if you would like to contribute in some way to pastoral care within St Luke's, then please contact me. If you would like pastoral support please let us know, either through the church office or directly to a member of the Pastoral Group. We will endeavour to help as much as we can.

Marianne Mutlow, chair Pastoral Team

6. Safeguarding Report – Julie Murphy, Parish Safeguarding Officer

- The Parish Safeguarding Officer (PSO) Julie Murphy has given advice and guidance, worked alongside the Salisbury Diocese safeguarding lead where necessary and closely with the Church Wardens, in the absence of a Vicar
- The Safeguarding policy was reviewed in Feb 23 and is on the notice board and on the Church web site safeguarding page.
- The C of E Domestic Abuse policy was agreed by the PCC and can also be found on the notice board and Church safeguarding page
- Information about domestic abuse help lines now appears on the back of toilet doors to enable private access for anyone requiring these services.
- All volunteers are up to date with training, this has taken place on line or via the face to face training provided in November. The next face to face training will be required in January 24 in order to keep all volunteers up to date.
- All volunteers undertake a DBS check and these are up-dated on a rolling programme. This is all up to date with the help of Church suite and management by Liz Cotterell and Lesley Lockie.
- The notice board and Church safeguarding page now contain a lot of safeguarding information including local and national help lines e.g. local Safeguarding services, Family information directory, domestic abuse support, support for survivors of abuse.
- A safeguarding audit was undertaken in February 2023 by Julie, Anna Counsell and Lesley with some actions to conduct over the next few months including ensuring risk assessments are always undertaken for each activity, job roles are updated and all volunteers are reminded about the Code of safer working practice as contained in the safeguarding hand book.
- Julie Murphy spoke at the service on 26.2.23 to remind the congregation about her role and the importance of safeguarding within the Church. Safeguarding is an essential responsibility of a Church community and keeping everyone safe is everyone's responsibility. We all need to be both caring and vigilant.
- Julie Murphy would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has supported her in this role during the year

Julie Murphy- Safeguarding Officer

7. World Church and Mission

“Brothers, it is a faithful thing you do in all your efforts for these brothers, strangers as they are...” 3 John 1:15

Members: *Carole Schouten (Chair); Brian Finch, Val Wilson, Maureen Honeyman, Linda Litterio, Justin Coldstream, Austin Maple, Becky Hebditch, Simona Reeves*

Mission Budget 2022

£17,000 was allocated for the 2022 -2023 tithe. We have always aimed to balance funding between facilitating the Gospel going out, supplying Christian resources and supporting humanitarian aid.

OMF £7,500	CPAS £1,500	CMS £2,000	BIBLE SOCIETY £1,500
TEARFUND £750	CHRISTIAN AID £500	OPEN DOORS £750	POOLE – WAU £750

Local Mission and Charities

PACE £500	EVANGEL. ALL. £250	ROUTES TO RTS £500	FRIENDS INTER. £250
POOLE ST PAST. £100	CHURCHES TOG. £50	One off donation to UKRAINE £100	

Funds Raised from our Partnering with Mission Gift Day 3rd July 2022

Theme: Sowing Seeds Across the Globe

OMF £1,304.38	CPAS £1,970.63	CMS £1,231.88	BIBLE SOCIETY £1,069.38
TEARFUND £979.80	C.AID £874.38	OPEN DOORS £1,451.88	POOLE-WAU £2,545.63

Despite some technical glitches with visual aids, our mission reps prepared diligently and worked valiantly and successfully, engaging and encouraging the congregation to support Mission in a variety of ways. Praise the Lord that over £11,000 was raised (Including Gift Aid)

Further Updates

Some sad news: Andy Roberts has left St Luke's although we hope to stay in touch. Jo Haslam Jones and Sue Walkden are now home with the Lord – Jo in August, and Sue in October 2022. Chris Strain, our vicar, who has faithfully supported Mission for many years, retired in Feb 2022. We are so thankful for the passion and commitment shown by each of these precious members. They will be very much missed. We were delighted in January 2023 to welcome Austin Maple (who joined St Luke's last year) as our mission rep for Open Doors.

Updates from some of our Mission Reps.

BIBLE SOCIETY Rep Linda Litterio

The Bible Society believes that the Bible is God's gift to the world and they want everyone to discover its message and be blessed by it. They have continued to support the annual National Parliamentary Prayer Breakfast in the Houses of Parliament, along with the "Open the Book" programme for primary schools and the publication of a new Bible designed by young people for young people!! In China, the Middle East and some of the toughest regions of Africa they continue to support much needed literacy programmes and provide study materials. Desperately needed humanitarian aid (and Bibles) has been given to Ukraine, Turkey and Syria. We welcomed Gareth Davies from the Bible Society in early February this year. He was interviewed by some of our children and gave an inspiring talk at our Sunday services.

CMS (Jaffa -Israel) Rep. Carole Schouten

The long awaited renovation of St Peter's church in Jaffa has slowed due to various issues with the spire. Fr Kevin and Jen Cable meet their small but steadily growing congregation in another local church for worship, fellowship and Bible study. Already one member has been baptized and the fellowship has joined with a local charity in Tel Aviv to reach out to the marginalized who live on the fringes of society. 'Little Lambs' – a group for parents and toddlers has continued to grow in numbers. Kevin and Jen have built good relationships with the local churches, working together in a variety of ways and reaching out to their local community of Jews, Arabs and Druze. Despite difficulties and at times, danger, Kevin and Jen press on with the work to which God has called them.

CPAS (Church Pastoral Aid Society) Rep. Brian Finch

This past year, amidst many activities, two principal events took place. Firstly, came the appointment of a new CEO, Rev Canon Jon Scamman, who joined CPAS on 3rd October 2022. Jon has a long association with CPAS being an Arrow Leadership Programme graduate and a vicar at a CPAS Patronage church His passion is to see healthy churches transforming communities and for the Church to be known by what it's for, rather than what it's against. Secondly, as her Majesty the Queen was patron of CPAS, a celebration of her Platinum Jubilee on the 24th May 2022 was held at Lambeth Palace, (the London residence of the Archbishops of Canterbury since, the 13th Century.) Brian and Gillian were invited to attend this event. CPAS continues to offer, monthly free leadership webinars and these are offered to the St. Luke's membership. Last summer CPAS ran 64 Venture and Falcon holidays for 2696 children, aged 8-18, nearly 1000 more than 2021. They also ran Arrow leadership programmes, an 18 month course for 25-40 age men and women which aims to equip leaders for a life-time of gospel ministry. As St Luke's is one of over 700 CPAS Patronage churches, CPAS have supported St Luke's in seeking a new Priest in Charge. They continue to pray for us and will be part of the interviewing team.

OMF (The Pain family –Japan) Rep. Justin Coldstream

We were privileged to see the Pains in July last year, to renew our friendship and catch up on news. Caleb has now started at University in England, which is a big change for them as a family. Back in Japan, Chris is the Field Director for the whole of Japan and thus extremely busy much of the time. The family are part of a small church plant “New Creation Church”. They have asked for unity and the Lord’s leading and blessing in their outreach. One significant event of the year was the completion of the Church Planting Strategy Review. This project is in response to a considerable slowdown in the progress of planting churches in Japan. Is church planting being done wrong? Are there others who can inspire us with stories of greater success? The document is now available in several languages and is being distributed around Japan. May the Japanese church be infused with new encouragement over the coming year!

OPEN DOORS Rep. Austin Maple

In 2022 Open Doors reported that 5,621 Christians were known to have been killed due to their faith in Jesus. In the same period 140,000 Christians were displaced from their homes specifically because of their faith. Most of these displaced Christians were in Myanmar. The top two nations on the Open Doors World Watch List were, once again, North Korea and Afghanistan. In Afghanistan the Taliban were back in power with obvious implications for The Church and, in particular, its work with women and girls whose lives have become much more restricted. China has become increasingly centralized and control of religion and surveillance is ever more pervasive. The urgent need for prayer and funding is ongoing. At St Luke’s, Open Doors took its turn in the prayer slot on the weekly notice sheet and, financially, was one of the higher beneficiaries of our annual mission gift day, in addition to the normal share of church giving. Worldwide, Open Doors continues to support the persecuted church through a variety of means including finance, training, Scripture and personal contact.

POOLE-WAU PARTNERSHIP(South Sudan) Rep: Val Wilson

Poole - Wau Partnership is a local mission linked with a diocese in South Sudan where Wau is the largest town. We support the development of St. John’s College. Last year £8,000 was sent for the building of walls of a new building, hopefully further money will be raised for the roof. The largest fund raiser is the Holes Bay Walk which last year raised About £4,000. The Open Garden raised £1,200 which (thanks to Judy Hudson and the M.U.) goes to support the Female Feeding Fund at St John’s. £3403 was sent through St Luke’s to PWP This total included £1,111 given on our mission gift day. The visit of 6 Bishops with their wives and Archbishop Moses, with his wife, in August was a joyful occasion. There are still many difficulties in the Wau diocese. Please join us in our prayer meetings for up to date prayer requests. We have prayer meetings each month, alternating between Zoom and different churches, Chris Strain leads the Zoom Prayer meetings. There were two very sad losses in 2022 of two women who had contributed so much to PWP. Liz McMillon who was the first secretary and our own Sue Walkden who was the Prayer Secretary for PWP and our representative.

And into the Future

Earlier this year we considered the purpose of the role each of us undertakes as a Mission Rep. We agreed that this is a valuable ministry for a number of reasons which include: encouraging our Mission Partners through regular contact and growing the involvement of our congregation in prayer, different events, inviting speakers, and keeping the fellowship regularly informed. We also discussed increasing our online presence. The Mission page on St Luke’s website was updated in January and we are looking at further initiatives which we hope will draw others to engage meaningfully with mission outreach and local charities. Several speakers from mission societies have now been invited to speak at our Sunday services during the coming year. It was also encouraging to work collaboratively with the Mission Team preparing the Mission page for the Parish Profile and we look forward to working wholeheartedly, as a team supporting the vital work of partnering with mission into the future.

Carole Schouten February 2023

7. Girl Guiding at St Luke’s in 2022



The four sections of Guiding: Rainbows, Brownies, Guides and Rangers work together at St Luke’s’.

Rainbows is all about developing self-confidence, building friendships, learning new things and having fun. Girls get their hands dirty with arts and crafts, get in touch with nature and play games - it's all about learning by doing. What they learn prepares them for the next step- Brownies.

9th Parkstone (St Luke’s) **Brownies** was registered in October 1962 so in 2022 we celebrated 60 years. Girls are only Brownies between the ages of 7 and 10 but some of the things they learn stick with them for life. Some go on to Guides and possibly Rangers – and a few even become the Leaders of Rainbow, Brownie or Guide units. Currently one ex-Brownie is now a Leader of St Luke’s Rainbows.

Past Brownies have gone on to a wide variety of careers including Teachers, Doctors, Nurses, Engineers, Aeronautical engineer, Civil servants, Solicitors, Barrister, Translator, Business women, Nursery manager, Detective, Aid Worker, Project Manager, Events Manager, Banking, Procurement. Many of these will use basic skills of teamwork, decision making and thinking for yourself etc that they acquired as a Brownie.

Part of the Brownie promise is to serve the queen/king and their community and think of other people before themselves. When you meet adults, we think we can tell whether they have been a Brownie (or Guide) by the way they behave and treat other people.

Brownie Holidays may be the first time a girl has stayed away without her family. It is a time when the girls help with the cooking, washing up and cleaning of the venue and still have time for games, walks, crafts and stories.

Two ex-Brownies mentioned things they remember from their time with 9th Parkstone. (St Luke's) Brownies. The first said that 'you get more if you take broken bits of biscuit than one whole one' and the other, having learnt the National Anthem at Brownies, automatically launches into the second verse after the first, without needing to look at the words.

What girls do in **Guides** is up to the girls; from taking part in lots of exciting activities at regular meetings to special events and trips away. The skills acquired in Brownies enable Guides to challenge themselves and others. It has been wonderful to be able to take the Guides away again, post COVID. The girls have really challenged themselves. One Guide recently shared that her aim in life was to be a Ranger, and we are fortunate that this is possible locally.

Girls ages 14-18 can join **Rangers**. It's all about taking the lead and finding new challenges. Five of the current Rangers are supporting local Rainbow and Brownies groups as Young Leaders, the groups could not manage without them.

None of this would be possible without committed leaders, the newest with just a few weeks' experience to Virginia Stacey who has just received a long service award for 60 years in Guiding, thirty-six of which were spent as Leader of 9th Parkstone (St Luke's) Brownies. New volunteers are always welcome, speak to any of the leaders or follow the links on the website girlguiding.org.uk

If you, or someone you know was a Brownies at 9th Parkstone (St Luke's) the leaders would love to hear from you and to hear your memories of your time in Brownies. You can contact the Brownie leaders at ninthparkstonebrownies@gmail.com

Leaders@girlguiding, St Luke's

8. Deanery Synod Report

Poole and North Bournemouth Deanery Synod Report 2022

The Deanery Synod met three times in 2022. Details of the 2022 meetings and matters considered are set out below. Brief details of the last meeting of the current Synod, held in February 2023, are included for information. St Luke's is currently represented on the Deanery Synod by Brian Finch, Glenda Hammond and Richard Hudson. All three of us will stand down at the APCM in April 2023 at the end of our three year term on the synod. Three new members will be elected then to represent St. Luke's on the Deanery Synod until APCM 2026.

The first meeting was held at St Peter's, Lower Parkstone on 15th February 2022.

Reverend Mike Trotman gave an overview of the work being done at St Peters and led the opening worship. An update was given about the current activities of Christian Aid.

The main business of the meeting was the proposals for the Deanery Plan for 2022/2027. David Price, John Rolleston and Lucy Holt gave details of the proposed plan which was followed by a question and answer session. A number of valid points were raised during this discussion that would be taken into consideration in the final draft of the plan.

An update was given by Paul Hockley on the "As One" initiative.

The second meeting was held at St George's, Oakdale on 8th June 2022.

Reverend Penny Draper led our worship and gave an update on the work at St Georges.

Following the period of consultation and revision the Deanery Plan was approved.

The main part of the meeting consisted of a number of presentations on the theme of "Doing Church differently and collaboratively" Presentations were given by Lucy Bolster, Pioneer Minister Turlin Moor and leader of Reconnect, Rachael Peck and Lucy Whiteway – leaders of SMILE, Mark Hay on the work of Resound working with young people and Matt Simpson on the work of Forest Church. Further details of these organisations are available from your Synod Representatives.

The third meeting was held at Christ Church, Creekmoor on 6th October 2022. Reverend Janice Audibert presented a review of the work at Christ Church, including the recent works carried out at the church. She then led a period of worship.

The main part of the evening was led by Steven Inglis who is the Mission Co-ordinator for the Salisbury Diocese. Steve set the background for a series of discussion groups on Mission inspired by the following subjects. Recall a time when you experienced Wonder - Looking and Listening are important, Where is God at work and how do we join in, Be prepared to make mistakes, Stop look and listen.

Mark Rathbone gave an update on the current work and fundraising of the Poole Wau partnership

The last meeting of this Synod was held at St Mary's Longfleet on 16th February 2023.

Reverend Andy Perry led the opening worship and gave a summary of the developments at the church and the Parish Centre. He also talked about the current situation at St Mary's.

Michele Whitehurst (A Governor for University Hospitals Dorset) gave a presentation about the current developments and building works at their various sites. The main part of the evening was given over to a series of presentations on the role of the Chaplains to Dorset Police, Verne Prison and Bournemouth University. Reverend Paul Bradbury gave an update on the recent meeting of the General Synod and the issues arising from that meeting.

If you would like to know more about the Synod please speak to one of the current representatives. Would you consider standing for election to the Synod at the APCM? Many interesting subjects are covered at the Synod meetings during the three meetings held each year.

Richard Hudson – February 2023

9. Electoral Roll Other Matters

As at 4th April 2022 there has been a reduction of 4 and addition of 8 new members. There are 48 members resident in the parish and 125 non- resident giving a total of 173 names on the new rolls. This is available to view in the north aisle of the church.

Roger Jones – Electoral Roll Officer

Note regarding Trustees' Responsibilities in Relation to the Financial Statements

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each year which give a true and fair view of the charity's financial statements giving a true and fair view, the trustees should follow best practice and:

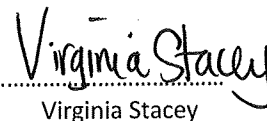
- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- Make judgements and estimated that are reasonable and prudent;
- State whether applicable accounting standards and statements of recommended practice have been followed, subject to any departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and,
- Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy the financial position of the charity and which enable them to ascertain the financial position of the charity and which enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 1993, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations and the provisions of the Measure of the Church of England. The trustees are responsible for safe guarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approved by the trustees on and signed on their behalf by:

Churchwardens


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Glenda Hammond


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Virginia Stacey

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