

THE PARISH OF COYCHURCH



REPORT to the **ANNUAL VESTRY** **MEETING** For Year Ending **31 Dec 2017**

ANNUAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS OF THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2017

The parish of Coychurch is in the Deanery of Bridgend, the Archdeaconry of Margam, in the Diocese of Llandaff within the Church in Wales. The Church in Wales is a province of the Anglican Communion and, as such exists to advance the Christian faith through world-wide mission. The object of the Parochial Church Council (PCC) is to ensure that the life and the work of the churches in the Parish help to fulfil that mission, both locally and more widely.

The PCC is not a corporate body. Its composition, procedure and powers are regulated by the Constitution of the Church in Wales as amended from time to time by its Governing Body, as set up under section 13(1) of the Welsh Churches Act 1914. Elections are held at an Annual Vestry Meeting that must take place on or before the 30th April. All persons whose names are entered on the Electoral Roll are entitled to vote and stand for election. Before assuming office, every member of the Council must sign a declaration that he or she will be bound by the Constitution of the Church in Wales.

The Representative Body of the Church in Wales (RB) holds the land and property of the Church in Wales, including those parts of St. Crallo's Church, Coychurch, used as a Parish church, its contents and the Churchyard. The RB is an exempt Charity as set up under section 13(2) of the Welsh Churches Act 1914.

The PCC met formally on 7 occasions in 2017.

ELECTIONS AND APPOINTMENTS MADE AT THE ANNUAL VESTRY MEETING HELD ON SUNDAY 2nd APRIL 2017

a. Churchwardens

Rector's warden – Mrs Sandra Arnott had been asked to be Rector's warden and accepted this role.

People's warden – There were no nominations for People's warden.

b. PCC members nominated and elected were as follows:-

Mrs Sandra Arnott, Mrs Susan Martin, Ms Rhian Churchill,
Mrs Penny Gregory, Mrs Ann Kitchen, Mr Allan Fairfax,
Miss Rachel Gauci, Mr John Lewis

c. Sidespersons nominated & accepted were as follows:-

Mr & Mrs Arnott, Mr & Mrs Hatton, Mr & Mrs Ian Williams, Mrs Sue
Ellsworthy, Mrs Sandra Davidson, Mr & Mrs Trotman, Mrs Dilys Leyshon, Mrs Ann
Kitchen.

d. P.C.C. Secretary - Mrs Lisa Spratt was nominated and accepted this role.

- e. **Independent Examiner of Accounts:-** It was unanimously accepted that the auditor of St Crallo's Church accounts, Mr Peter Barnes, be reappointed.

Chairman's Report

The Annual Vestry gives us the perfect opportunity to reflect on how well we have achieved our aim of working with God to build up his Kingdom in the area served by our parish.

Often it can seem as if we are working hard to uphold the institution of the Church rather than to increase its effectiveness as an agent of transformation in the world, but that is a consequence of its being a relatively large, diverse and complex organisation.

It is the Anglican philosophy to try and have a physical presence in every community, with that presence usually being symbolised and expressed through the church building. Today there is a need for us to consider how our buildings can be more frequently and effectively used in and by our communities, but it remains the case that our beautiful churches, with their innate sense of peace and tranquillity, are places which many people recognise as being sacred spaces.

Nevertheless, our churches are not the Church, and our work must always ultimately have a human focus. The following report gives a summary of many (but not necessarily all) of the activities undertaken in the parish, each of them in their own way contributing to the work of outreach, mutual care or other dimension of the Christian life which we are called to follow.

I would like to record my thanks to all those who in any way contribute to the mission and ministry of the local Church – without you so much of what we achieve would not be possible.

May God continue to bless us in this coming year.

The Reverend Canon Michael Komor, Rector

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Throughout the year the church is open for private worship and visiting during daylight hours on working weekdays.

Holy Eucharist is celebrated on every Sunday in the month; except on the second Sunday as less formal service is held in the morning. Morning services are at 9.30. Morning services are followed by refreshments.

Sunday school follows Holy Eucharist, 10.45 - 11.45 on the 1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays of the month during term time.

Wednesday morning said Eucharist is at 10.00 am.

The Craft group meets on Thursday afternoons, 2pm until 4pm. New members are always welcome.

A Bible study group meets monthly.

Mothers' Union meet on the second Wednesday of the month in the Williams Memorial Hall at 2pm, Corporate communion is part of the Wednesday morning service on the fourth Wednesday of the month.

Celebrations of Baptism & Marriage

There were three Baptism and four Marriage services in St Crallo's during 2017.

During the Year...

March: Llangrallo Primary school held a mock Baptism at St Crallo's Church. Mother's Union took part in a charity Deanery Quiz. Five children had preparation classes to receive their first Communion on Easter Day.

April: Lent Lunches held at the Williams Memorial Hall, monies raised £797 donated to various charities;; Llangrallo Primary School hold their Easter service at St Crallo's.

Celebration of Holy Week and Easter with special services – Palm Sunday procession at St Crallo's, Family service on Good Friday at St Crallo's and Stations of the Cross.

May: Mothers' Union annual trip – Tredegar House

June: Mothers' Union Summer Lunch at Coed Yr Mwster Hotel.

July: 8th July – Summer Fete held at St Crallo's, raising £683, summer raffle raised £317;

August: Afternoon tea in Memorial Hall, raised £668 for church funds.

September: September 10th – Harvest Festival Service – Tinned and dried food donations were given to Bridgend Foodbank. This was followed by lunch held at Williams Memorial Hall. A three course lunch was served and raised £425.50 for church funds.

Community Quiz at Williams Memorial Hall to raised £59.00 for St Crallo's Church

October: Llangrallo School Harvest service held at St Crallo's Church; Harvest gifts from school given to Bridgend Food Bank.

November: Community Remembrance Service held at Church, followed by procession to Williams Memorial Hall, where the Community Act of Remembrance is held. This was attended by the village Brownie group, Community council and ex-servicemen;

25th November Christmas Fayre held at St Crallo's raising £703.48 30th November Shopping Trip to Bath raising £151

27th November Advent Carol Service at St Crallo's Church,

December: 3rd December - Advent Carol Service

December 13th – Mothers' Union Christmas lunch held at Coed y Mystwr hotel;

Mothers' Union attended the Deanery Advent Service at Llangeinor Church.

Christmas Raffle raised £345

December - Coychurch Women's Institute Christmas Carol Service

20th December – Supper with Santa – Approximately 45 children attended raising £98.50

21st December – Annual Community Carol Service

24th December – Nativity and Christingle Service and Midnight Mass

Report on Conferences

Diocesan Conference

The 2017 Diocesan Conference was the first to be presided over by our new Bishop, June Osborne. She had arranged the worship and business of the day so that the whole session formed a single act, within the context of the Eucharist.

As part of her getting to know her diocese she asked each of the Deaneries to describe themselves in three words, and these were generated by means of Deanery break-out groups.

Bishop June spoke of her desire to generate in her mind a map of the diocese, and to that end would be spending a day in each of the Deaneries by the beginning of 2018.

In addition to the discussions and Presidential Address, the usual necessary business of reporting also took place.

Finally, there was a period of hustings for those members seeking election to some of the Provincial bodies.

Deanery Conferences

In line with recent custom the Deanery Conference met on multiple occasions during the year.

At its February meeting a presentation was given by a representative of *Citizens Cymru* about how some Welsh communities had responded to the Syrian refugee crisis. Conference split into groups to consider whether some of these responses were ones that could be imitated in the Bridgend area.

In addition, we began to discuss ideas for how and why we might apply for funding for Deanery projects. These ideas were collated for further consideration by the Deanery Executive, and a Prayer Breakfast planned for May when Conference members could come together and seek the guidance of the Holy Spirit in regard to a future Deanery-wide project.

At our June meeting we welcomed our Archdeacon, Peggy Jackson, who was present to swear in Churchwardens for 2017-18.

Feedback from the Prayer Breakfast regarding a possible Deanery Project was given and discussed, though there was no clear outcome.

The possibility of presenting a Motion to Diocesan Conference regarding clergy remuneration was discussed, and the principle agreed.

Reports were given on the development of Ministry Areas in the Deanery.

Most of the October meeting was given over to Bishop June, who had spent the day in the Deanery as part of her tour of the diocese. She had a very warm reception from the Conference, spoke about herself, and invited questions from the floor.

The Conference formally approved a request by the parish of Ewenny and St Brides Major to transfer from the Deanery of Bridgend to the Deanery of the Vale of Glamorgan as from 1 January 2018.

Area Dean

Independent Examiner's Report to the Parochial Church Council

I report on the accounts for the year ended 31st December 2017.

Respective Responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The PCC considers that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act)) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act);
- to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners (under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act); and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, 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 no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

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 130 of the 2011 Act; and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act 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: Peter Barnes

18 April 2018

Qualification: BSc / ACIB

Address: c/o The Parish Treasurer

These accounts were accepted by the PCC at its meeting on 18 April 2018.

Receipts	Restricted	Unrestricted	31.12.17	31.12.16	Payments	Restricted	Unrestricted	31.2.17	31.12.16
Collections Loose		649.45	649.45	653.55	Parish Share		18226.80	18226.80	19015.08
Envs./Standing Orders		12143.95	12143.95	12757.22	Insurance		1262.53	1262.53	1140.59
Gift Aid Tax			3652.01	3667.38	Electricity	411.56		411.56	355.91
Parish Share Rebate		950.65	950.65	869.83	Gas		1689.51	1689.51	1967.97
Clergy Fees rebate		1200.00	1200.00	1034.00	Maintenance of Churches		2841.62	2841.62	
Chronicle Account	1522.60		1522.60	1567.00	Maintenance of Services		501.46	501.46	150.54
Special Services		186.64	186.64	304.40	Miscellaneous		152.36	152.36	1526.85
Donation		314.30	314.30	616.66	Pointing Grant	23621.74		23621.74	
Wedding Collections		393.64	393.64	290.24	General Parish Expenses		1261.79	1261.79	383.90
Wedding Fees		565.00	565.00	330.00	Fundraising		124.80	124.80	123.20
Wedding Deposit				300.00	Graveyard	1818.49		1818.49	998.61
Funerals		525.00	525.00	100.00	Mission (Home)	187.00		374.00	486.00
Graveyard	2986.00		2986.00	1950.00	Mission (World)	423.20		423.20	225.75
Chronicle/100 club		1000.00	1000.00		Grants				272.70
Stepsaver Interest		3.86	3.86	11.48	Llangan Misc.				182.46
Donations in Memory					St.Mary's Misc				182.47
Mission	797.20		797.20	676.50	Clergy Fees		1176.04	1176.04	788.44
Grants	14792.00		14792.00	250.00	Chronicle	1131.54		1131.54	1303.73
Summer/Xmas raffles		671.00	671.00	681.00					
Barbeque/Xmas Fayre		1386.48	1386.48	1592.19					
Fundraising		1685.85	1685.85	2424.11					
Coffee/Prayer/Votive Stand		363.12	363.12	254.78					
Miscellaneous	400.00		248.66	1155.02					
Total Receipts			46437.41		Total Payments			55017.44	
Receipts over Payments			-8580.03						
Fabric Account now Stepsaver Dec 2017					Credit Balance 31/12/16		36349.23		
Remaining Grant for Tables in Stepsaver					Balance in Stepsaver 31/12/16		23000.00		
Stepsaver now Restricted Funds Only					Plus receipts over payments		-8580.03		
					Credit Balance 31/12/17		28769.20		
					Balance in Stepsaver 31/12/17		22000.00		
					Fabric Account Barclays				
					Total in Bank		50769.20		