



The Forder Valley Mission Community

The Parish of Eggbuckland with Estover

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**ANNUAL REPORT
AND
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
OF THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL**

for the year ended
31st December 2018

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Eggbuckland with Estover Parochial Church Council

Annual Report
for the year ended 31st December 2018

Aim and purposes

Eggbuckland with Estover Parochial Church Council (PCC) has the responsibility of cooperating with the incumbent, the Reverend Christopher Routledge, in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish, the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. The PCC is also specifically responsible for the maintenance of the Eggbuckland Church Hall complex Church Hill, Eggbuckland, Plymouth and Leigham Hall, Thurlestone Walk, Plymouth PL6 8QJ.

Objectives and Activities

The PCC is committed to enabling as many people as possible to worship at our churches and to become part of our parish communities at St. Edward's, Eggbuckland and Christ Church, Estover (through a Local Ecumenical Partnership - LEP) and in future other centres of worship. We aspire to be a church where all feel welcome, valued and able to grow both in their faith in and love of the Lord Jesus Christ *and* in the gifts that God has lovingly given to each one. During 2018 and before, this has been encapsulated in the tag-line: *One family in Christ... for all the family: Loving Worship, Serving Community, Growing in Faith.*

The PCC maintains an overview of worship throughout the parish and makes suggestions on how our services can involve the many groups that live within our parish. Our services and worship put faith into practice through prayer and scripture, music and sacrament.

In reviewing our activities for the year, the incumbent and the PCC have considered the Commission's guidance on public benefit and, in particular, the specific guidance on charities for the advancement of religion.

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

- **Worship;** responding to what we are learning about Jesus from the Bible; and developing their knowledge and trust in Jesus; nurturing prayer
- **Discipleship and evangelism:** learning about the Gospel; and developing their knowledge and trust in Jesus; helping others explore the Christian faith through witness, special courses and outreach.
- **Community:** Enabling the church to be a lively, caring community serving the local community through provision of pastoral care for people living in the parish; Missionary financial and prayer support both locally and overseas; working with residents and businesses to help make our community a great place to live, work and visit; respond to needs; outreach work; schools work.

To facilitate this work it is important that we maintain the fabric of the Church of St Edward, Eggbuckland the Eggbuckland Church Hall complex and Leigham Hall as well as possible.

Achievements and Performance

Worship

Services

The PCC are keen to offer a range of services during the week and over the course of the year that our community find both beneficial and spiritually fulfilling.



9.30 Service

Over this last year we have maintained a regular traditional service at 9.30am every Sunday morning. Over 2018, the PCC identified (July 2018) that numbers attending this service had become less strong and a large drop in attendance of families. The PCC commissioned a development team to work with the incumbent to look at ways we might better help those attending connect with God through worship and extend welcome to new people including families. The intention is to keep a recognisably 'Anglican' liturgical service of Holy Communion but make amendments that enable it to be more accessible to a wider range of people.

A number of small amendments have been put into place with some larger recommendations sent back to the PCC for discussion during 2019.

11am Service

We launched a weekly 11am service called Quest in Autumn 2017 to focus on connecting with new families. This didn't take off as we had hoped and Keith needed to be released to focusing on Derriford, so during summer 2018 we decided to pull this service. We retained the monthly baptism service and have plans during 2019 to develop this as a monthly All Age with Baptisms focusing on not only our baptism contact but also our links with parents from Eddybears, FROGs at St Edwards school and our youth group 60 Watts!

6.30 Service

Our evening service at 6.30pm was struggling during 2016 in its previous format so the decision was taken during 2017 to change the nature of that service to be aimed at more lightly resourced prayer meeting/evening prayer. During 2018 Carl, our curate oversaw this, and has enabled a rich variety of prayer from Celtic to Book of Common Prayer; from Taizé to informal contemporary worship. He has also enabled a team of lay people from the congregations to lead this on more regular basis. These reflective and prayerful opportunities have been much appreciated. With Carl moving on, the lay team he has worked with have agreed to now coordinate it (with some back-up support from the incumbent), so it will be an entirely lay-led service.

Our seasonal Christmas services have diminished slightly, and Easter is showing signs of growth benefiting from experience learnt through Christmas events.

All are welcome to attend our regular services. We renew our electoral roll during 2019 but during 2018 there were 111 parishioners on the Church Electoral Roll, (37) of whom are not resident within the parish. (12) names were added during the year and 7 were removed through death. The average weekly attendance over the year was 54 (this does not include attendance at our Baptism services).

As well as our regular services, we enable our community to celebrate and thank God at the milestones of the journey through life. Through baptism we thank God for the gift of life, in marriage public vows are exchanged with God's blessing and through funeral services friends and family express their grief and give thanks for the life which is now complete in this world and to commend the person into God's keeping. We have celebrated 33 baptisms and 12 weddings and held 11 funerals in our church this year and 3 at Crematoriums.

Children Youth & Families

The PCC run a range of ministries for children and their families. From Eddybears - a parent and toddler group attracting around 20 families to the FROGs (an after-school club) with regularly 20+ children every week. A dedicated Open the Book team each goes into both of our CoE schools doing assemblies with over 600 children each week. Assemblies are done through out the year in many of our primary schools through the Local Ecumenical Partnership.



The 60 Watts Youth group has been continuing to develop, aimed at children in Key Stages 2 & 3. It seeks to develop an age appropriate space to explore questions about God. Meeting on a Sunday evening at St Edwards, around 10-12 young people attend regularly. During 2018, members of 60 Watts went to Spree (a youth camp for 8-17 year old's at Shobrook Park, Crediton) and the 'innocence' day conference for girls (run by Oriel Ministries). Both of these events have been subsidised by the church to enable families to go. In addition, during Autumn 2018, a youth Alpha group has been running for 5 of the teenagers who have been asking questions about faith more deeply.

Discipleship, Evangelism and Church Planting

During 2018 we have sought to deepen the spiritual maturity of our congregations through:

- 1) Running Alpha at Keith & Annette's during Jan- Mar term
- 2) Lent course on 'Good & Beautiful God' - two venues/times
- 3) Set up a Life Group (after Easter for deepening Spiritual growth)
- 4) Connecting with Thy Kingdom Come, the opening of a 12x7 prayer room in the church
- 5) Youth attending Spree south west
- 6) Attending New Wine
- 7) Youth attending Innocence conference
- 8) Running Youth Alpha during Autumn

In terms of working towards a new congregation in Derriford, Annette, Derry and Keith attended the London Diocese Church Planting course hosted by Barry Dugmore (Diocesan Mission enabler) along with other church planters in the south west. The course helped to shape the vision for a new worshipping community based in the north of the parish and we are pleased with the progress that has been made.

Keith has also been working on branding for this with Pete Norris with a view to launching between May - Sept 2019

Community

Pastoral Care

Vicky Hocking is our pastoral Care coordinator and, through telephoning and visiting provides a support network for the church beyond what the clergy team would be able to achieve. This includes follow up to those who have been bereaved or had wedding or baptism services in church. There are a number of members of our parish unable to attend church due to sickness or age. Reverend Chris Routledge with Vicky's help, regularly visits 8 or so people each month to celebrate communion with them at their homes. Where possible we try to visit church members in hospital or put them in touch with the chaplaincy.

We also have 3 life or home groups (led by Keith, Chris & Vicki) as well as the choir and community cafe which we hope will be places where members of the congregation can extend their care to one another.

Residential Care Support:

Reverend Chris Routledge along with Vicky and Beryl Norton (Christ Church) hold a Communion service at Pattinson Court (warden-controlled accommodation) every month and Capt. Derry & Sister Carrie Bowman coordinate a monthly service at Tamar House Nursing home. A Prayer Chain is available and well used to pray for those who request prayer.

Events



From Community Choir to Community lunches, from our weekly cafe to community events, over 2018 we have kept developing this key aspect of our outreach and, though all would benefit from some fresh ideas, are going strong. These provide a key opportunity for the PCC to fulfil our charitable aims for the service to the wider community.

Beyond the Parish

Deanery Synod

Three members of the PCC sit on the Plymouth City deanery synod. This provides the PCC with an important link between the parish and the wider structures of the church. The review of the highlights of the deanery synod's year can be read in the appendix.

Ecumenical Relationships

The church is a member of Churches Together in Plymouth (CTiP) and also seeks to work with other neighbouring churches namely Crownhill Methodist, St Peter's RC Church and Emmanuel (with St Paul's, Efford), North Plymouth Community Church (Food Bank). We hold a joint songs of praise service every year at one of the churches and on Good Friday, hold a joint service between Crownhill Methodist and St Edward's.

Mission Support

Helping those in need is a demonstration of our faith. Our Mission Support efforts seek to raise awareness, encourage prayer and encourage our congregations to give generously to God's bigger mission in the world. We have held a number of special focus Sundays after which a collection is encouraged and an additional donation from the PCC is given.

During July 2018, we received confirmation that we have gained a 'Silver award' from A Roche in recognition of our key steps towards being a more ecologically sustainable community. Many thanks to Jon and Sue Lake for not only encouraging us to be more ecologically minded, but also to Sue for regularly updating the survey and submitting responses. With this in mind, during October also we registered to support Plastic Free Plymouth and have committed, as a PCC, to reduce our plastic waste.

Also during 2018, we have finally registered as a 'Fair Trade Church' having operated as one for some time.

We hope that these small steps we have taken, alongside others, become part of the culture change in our nation towards a more sustainable and fairer future.

Operations, Compliance and Communications:

Magazine

Our parish magazine is distributed ten times per year to all who subscribe to it (circulation approximately 150) and additional copies are available at the Church Hall. The magazine keeps our parishioners informed of the important matters affecting our Church and articles that help develop our knowledge and trust in Jesus. A huge thank you to Pat Whatty, our editor, our regular contributors and to the team who deliver the magazine to our subscribers.

Website & Facebook

Our website, google and Facebook pages have become a useful and well used 'window' for people to find out about events and the work we are involved in.



With Margaret and Bob moving to Bulgaria during 2018, the website is now falling out of date fast and will become a higher priority for the PCC during 2019 to update.

Church Fabric

Once again it was a busy year, our thanks to the members of the Fabric & Maintenance Team for their support and advice. Special thanks to Olwen Grindell, who has now stepped down from the role as Hall Secretary. Also, to Jon, Sue and Tom Lake and their work within the churchyard, Brian Bassett and his involvement with the tower clock and for David Loynes and his work making grant applications on behalf of the church. Martin Easton has been an amazing asset to the team providing expertise in variety of ways, especially in terms of electrics and many other things too numerous to mention. Other thanks go to Terry Arnold, David Sinclair, Tony Hines, Mitch Fenwick and members of the 'Green Fingers Club'.

Highlights have included the completion of the second phase of the Hall Project resulting in a new foyer, office, toilets (including a disability toilet) and a new fire alarm system covering the entire building. Much of the finance required to complete this work has been received from donations or grants. The generosity of the congregation and members of the community has also meant that we can refurbish or organ and hopefully have a new South Porch Door in 2019.

Our clock, which is very much appreciated by everyone in Eggbuckland, towards the latter part of 2018 began to have recurring problems that could not be sorted by members of our congregation. We hope that in the new year a complete refurbishment will happen with the help of Smiths of Derby and our very own Mr Easton.

Both Eggbuckland and Leigham halls continue to have increased bookings, nevertheless the latter hall needs much improvement but sadly the funds are presently lacking to undertake such a project.

(for a more detailed report please see addendum)

Peter Anderson (Churchwarden)

Julian Payne (Churchwarden & Operations Manager)

Martin Easton (Assistant Churchwarden)

Financial Review

2018 was a year where capital expenditure amounted to £110,901, much of this was the cost of the Hall Project, this accounted for £ 98,453 Although our overall income for this project seems to be far less than the expenditure, it must be remembered that all the funding had not been received in full during 2018.

Common Fund was paid in full amounting to £43,121, contribution paid by Christ Church was £6,450.0 and St Edward's £36,000. This represents an under payment by the former of £914.57.

Our revenue i.e. the day to day running of the parish came to £ 94,907 compared to income over this period of £84,980. The deficit of £9,927 can be explained, as £10,000 needed to be transferred to capital in readiness for the third and final phase of the Hall Project in 2019. Generally, each month we are breaking even but unforeseen expenditure like our clock can and does give us some concern.

Finally, the total income came to £168,449 and expenditure of £205,809, meant that our 'excess of receipts over payments' came to -£37,360. Our investments on the 31st December 2018 were £38,271.

James Brown (Treasurer)



Julian Payne (Finance Team Lead)

Volunteers

We would like to thank all the volunteers who work so hard to make our church the lively, vibrant and growing community it is: From taking part in services through rotas, to leading assemblies; from singing in the choir to organising refreshments; from welcoming people as they arrive to ensuring money is counted properly and paid into the bank account; from organising craft work to attending the many planning and administration meetings that are necessary.

In particular we want to mention our churchwardens Mr Peter Anderson, Mrs Sue Symons (until APCM 2018) and Mr Julian Payne (from APCM 2018) as well as our assistant/local wardens & deacon Martin Easton (Eggbuckland), Sue Symons and Ann Bailey who have worked very hard on our behalf in so many areas of church life. We would also like to take this opportunity to thank our PCC officers for their hard work over the last year: PCC Treasurer - James Brown/Julian Payne and Finance team, PCC secretary - Helen Soole supported by Jo Brown this year, Lay vice Chair- Julian Payne, Electoral roll officer - Brian Bassett. We would also like to take this opportunity to thank our hardworking PCC members.

Also a huge thank you on behalf of us all to those who are very much behind the scenes helping to clean the Church on a regular basis as well as those who have come to the various church, church hall and church grounds clear up mornings organised through the Green Fingers Team. Fabric and Maintenance & Finance, are all responsible to the PCC and report back to it regularly with minutes of their recommendations and work being received by the full PCC and discussed as necessary.

Thanks, is also due to the hard working members of the Church Council, Estover who work hard on our behalf to serve the local community of Estover as they have for over 30 years. We are very grateful to God for this partnership and the hardworking individuals who keep things running smoothly at Christ Church.

Structure, governance and management

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. At St. Edward's (Forder Valley Mission Community), the membership of the PCC consists of the incumbent (our vicar), churchwardens, the reader and members elected by those members of the congregation who are on the electoral roll of the church. All those who attend our services / members of the congregation 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.

The full PCC met five times during the year with an average level of attendance of 75%. Given its wide responsibilities the PCC has a number of teams each dealing with a particular aspect of parish life. These teams which include worship, mission, outreach, fabric and finance and children's work are all responsible to the PCC and report back to it regularly with minutes or notes of their deliberations being received by the full PCC and discussed as necessary.

Safeguarding:

The PCC has complied with the duty under section 5 of the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2016: the duty to have due regard to House of Bishops' guidance on safeguarding children and vulnerable adults.

Administrative information



St Edward's Church is the Parish Church for the Parish of Eggbuckland with Estover situated on Church Hill, Eggbuckland, Plymouth.

Christ Church Estover is a Parish Centre of Worship and is situated in Ley Park Walk. The 10.30 joint service and associated ministries is run by a Local Ecumenical Partnership (LEP) scheme: a joint venture of Anglican, Methodist, URC, Baptist and Roman Catholic and overseen by Churches Together in Devon. This has its own structures and accounts under a separate constitution.

The Parish of Eggbuckland with Estover is also known as 'Forder Valley Mission Community' and comprises of the now combined parishes of Eggbuckland and Estover (Feb 2017). The Forder Valley Mission Community forms the 'Anglican' part of the LEP partnership.

The Parish of Eggbuckland with Estover (Forder Valley Mission Community) is within the Plymouth City Deanery and is part of the Diocese of Exeter in the Church of England.

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The PCC is a body corporate (PCC Powers Measure 1956, Church Representation Rules 2011) and a charity currently excepted from registration with the Charity Commission. PCC members who have served at any time from 1st January 2017 until the date this report was approved are:

Ex Officio members

<i>Incumbent:</i>	The Reverend Christopher Routledge	Chair
<i>Associate Minister</i>	The Reverend Keith Murphy	
<i>Assistant Curate:</i>	The Reverend Carl Budden	
<i>Wardens:</i>	Mrs Sue Symons (until April 2018), Mr Peter Anderson Mr Julian Payne (from April 2018)	Vice Chair

Elected Deanery Synod Reps:

Mr Julian Payne
Mr Peter Anderson
Mrs Eleanor Parry

Elected members:

Mr David Bettison Mrs Glenda Davies
Mr James Brown
Mrs Jo Brown
Mrs Olwen Grindell
Mr Jon Lake
Mr David Loynes
Mrs Beryl Norton Representing Christ Church LEP/Estover
Mrs Helen Soole **Parish Secretary**
Mr Patrick Whatty **Treasurer**

Approved by the PCC on [4th February] and signed on their behalf by the Reverend Christopher Routledge (PCC chairperson)