

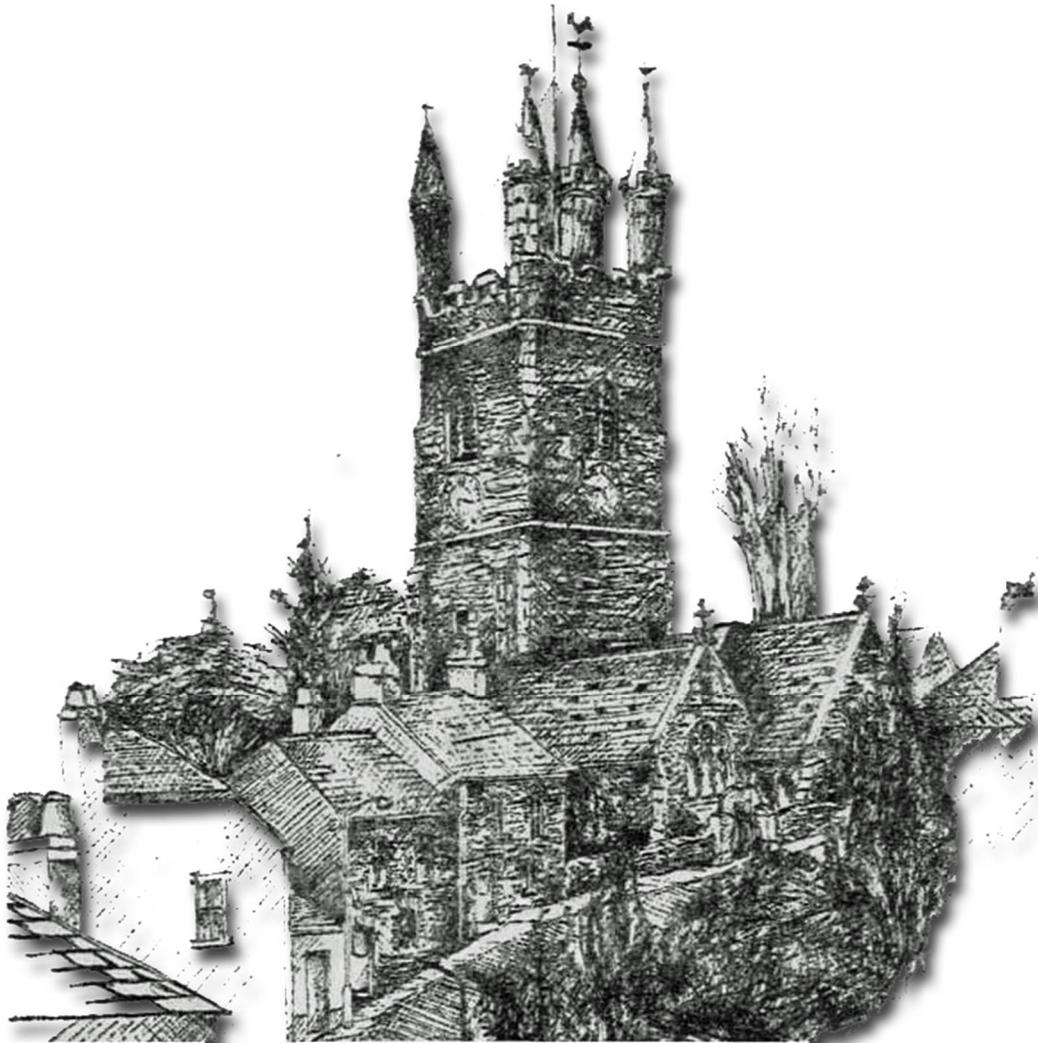
St Edwards Church, Egguckland

One family in Christ ... for all the family:

Loving, Serving, Growing



2014-2015



Introduction

It gives me great pleasure to introduce this Annual Report for 2014 for St Edward's Church Eggbuckland. Once again, as we look back so much has happened providing many reasons to be grateful to God for His goodness, provision and grace to us over this last year. I hope as you read through this report you too will rejoice about what God is doing here in Eggbuckland and commit afresh to continue to serve him throughout this coming year. Our lent course, Leading your Church into Growth (or LYCIG) has been helping us to understand our opportunities better and challenging us to prayerfully consider changes to enable further growth - spiritual growth, growth in capacity for service and growth in numbers. This will result in a slightly different form for our action plan over the coming year - a plan for growth (or P4G) which will be presented in the 9.30 service on 10th May.



May God continue to lead us as His Church and His people in His Mission to the World.

Yours in Christ's service

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Chris Routledge'.

Chris

Rev'd Chris Routledge
Priest-in-charge, Eggbuckland and PCC Chair

Aims and Purposes

St. Edward's 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.

Objectives and Values

We aspire to be a church where all feel welcome, valued and able to grow both in their faith and love of the Lord Jesus Christ and in the gifts that God has lovingly given to each one. This is encapsulated in the tag-line: One family in Christ... for all the family: Loving, Serving, Growing. This remains our long-term aim.

In order to work together towards that goal, the PCC and its various teams have identified key areas for our particular focus. These have been grouped together in three areas as below:

Inner Growth:

1. Leadership and Management
2. Resourcing for Mission
3. Worship and Prayer
4. Pastoral Care
5. Discipleship
6. Children, Schools, Families and Youth

Outward Growth:

7. Evangelism
8. Community
9. Mission Support

Special Focus Areas:

10. Communication
11. Occasional Offices
12. Developing the main services

These 12 areas along with associated aspirations and tasks has become our 'Mission Action Plan' (MAP) and is effectively our 'mid-term' plan for achieving the long term goal mentioned above - to be *One family in Christ.. for all the family: Loving, Serving, Growing*. This is a working document and changes regularly to reflect new opportunities. From this Mission Action Plan the PCC, through the annual away day, have drawn up a short term 'Year Plan' (the latest copy of these documents is be available on request from the PCC secretary). Though not all the tasks put on the Year Plan have been fully achieved yet, it has been a helpful tool to ensure that we make some progress on them and details of next steps are included in the 'achievements and performance' section of this report.

In addition to this MAP, a PCC Business meeting Year plan and a key dates Year plan has been established to ensure that important monitoring, communication and forward planning is maintained.

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

Achievements & performance

There is much to give thanks to God for over this past year as well good cause to prayerfully consider our response to the vision he is calling us forward into as a church family. Here is a taster of how the MAP is being progressed in the life and worship of our church community:

Inner Growth:

Leadership & Management

MAP Outcome: Effective & Visionary Leadership and management

Year Plan Tasks:

- 1) Improve communication (see special focus)
- 2) Reduce number of PCC meetings to 3 main 'business' meetings with additional meetings having a specific focus

We have sought to improve communication in a number of ways over the last year (see special focus) and despite the reality that we will always need to ensure this is being developed we hope that you will be appreciating some the benefits that focusing on this has had.

We noticed too that PCC meetings were not as effective as we would like them to be and so we decided to be more specific in our expectations of what is discussed at these meetings. Much business is conducted via email these days keeping one another informed so by reducing the number of business meetings, we have restricted the reporting burden on those who are often very busy in the various activities and ministries but have tried to develop a proportionate and consistent amount of monitoring and oversight. Specific focus meetings have been used to plan the year of annual events and as a 'leaders prep meeting' to launch our lent course. It is also been made possible because of the development of the ministry leadership team and the standing committee being accessible via email. Both of these developments have meant that we can be swifter and more responsive than the PCC structure can sometimes allow. Obviously, both these teams are accountable and report to the PCC.

Resources for mission

MAP Outcome: Efficient Stewardship of resources for mission

Year Plan Tasks:

1) Set up a Churchyard team

Along with the many other activities that our fabric and finance team have done (more details below) the establishing of a churchyard maintenance team (green fingers) has been a key one. Much thanks must go to Peter Anderson and Jon Lake who have been working hard to get this going. Although it is still embryonic, they have come up with a plan that we commend to you, that will support and complement the excellent work that Jon our ground steward is doing to balance a place of remembrance with a very special and historical natural habitat

As you can see below a number of other important tasks have commanded attention this year.

CHURCHWARDENS'
ANNUAL FABRIC & MAINTENANCE
REPORT FOR 2014

Preface: Once again it has been a busy year and our thanks to the members of the Fabric & Maintenance Team for their support and advice. Special thanks to Olwen Grindell for her continuing care towards the church hall, Jon Lake and his passion for work within the churchyard, Eleanor Parry regarding Health & Safety and of course Brian Bassett and his involvement with the tower clock.

1. Fabric & Maintenance

1.1. Internal:

- 1.1.1. Security Alarm:** During the early months of 2014 the Church Alarm System failed and was deemed beyond repair. It was discovered that since its installation in 1991 the annual inspection had not been necessary, as having the alarm did not reduce our insurance premium. After seeking estimates the Plymstock Security Company agreed to install a new system. Although the alarm has to date not been armed we hope that this device, as it is zoned, will help us in our desire to have the church open on specific days in the future.
- 1.1.2. Tower Clock:** At the beginning of the year it was decided to have the tower clock inspected and any ongoing problems associated therewith fixed. After requesting quotations from two companies, it was agreed to engage the Cumbria Clock Company, rather than the firm we had originally used, that of Smiths of Derby. After two visits it became clear that they could not repair the mechanism but recommended replacement of the motors. Our present position is that we have returned to the original company, who have indicated they can solve our problem as they installed electric mechanism in 2006. We are presently in the process of negotiating possible repair and investigating the possibility of a refund from the first firm.
- 1.1.3. Gas Radiators:** Many will recall that in 2010 we had new gas heating installed, this has proved an important investment especially in the winter period. However in the latter months of 2014 the heaters failed and a major overall was undertaken; this has been successful apart from one radiator in the chancel, which still needs work done to it.
- 1.1.4. Disability Toilet/Baby Changing Facility & New South Porch Door:** 2014 saw the PCC approving and endorsing the creation of a Disability Toilet/Baby Changing Facility & a New South Porch Door. The Architect has been engaged, draft documentation for a faculty has been written, and monies are being raised through donations and grants. We are presently working with the Architect to agree plans, so that we can progress with the work as fast as we can.
- 1.1.5. West Wall & Bell Ringing Chamber paint deterioration:** It was observed that the paint on the West Wall and in the Bell Ringing Chamber had deteriorated. The former was probably due to a leak in the roof which has been fixed by Mr Hines whilst carrying out Quinquennial work to the roof. We hope that the remedial work will be carried out in the summer of 2015.
- 1.1.6. New Electronic Piano:** Just before Christmas the Roland Electronic Piano given to the church by Mr Peter Dobbs stopped working. We immediately purchased another piano made by Casio, which has been used since this event. Presently we are establishing whether the old instrument can be fixed.

1.2. External:

- 1.2.1. Quinquennial Work:** During the last twelve months, Mr Tony Hines has been working hard carrying out work upon the church roof, repointing and repairing damaged slates. He has also cleared the guttering and painted some of these sources of drainage. Obviously there is still more to be completed before next year's Quinquennial Inspection but we are moving forward and will hopefully complete the tasks before it is due to take place.
- 1.2.2. Flood Lights:** It had been noted by the Finance Team that the cost of electricity for the church seemed high considering the devices used therein. The conclusion was that the halogen flood lights accounted for most of the consumption. We were fortunate that an Electrician and Bell Ringer agreed to install replacement LED flood lights. We hope the new lights will be in place soon and so reduce our electricity bill.

2. Graveyard and Exterior Maintenance:

2.1. Church Grounds Maintenance

This year has seen a change in the grass cutting regime in order to try to increase the bio-diversity within the grounds. Previously the grass was cut uniformly but from now on the cuts will be graded in different areas, to provide a diversity of grass heights, to enable different species of plants and animals to flourish.

2.1.1. Short grass: These areas are to be cut on a weekly or fortnightly basis (depending on the growing conditions and the weather) and include the entrance to the churchyard, the path alongside and to the rear of the church, and the path leading to the bench by the cottages. A path has been created around the perimeter of the cottages to encourage people wandering around the graves to keep to the paths and so allow plants and animal life to flourish.

2.1.2. Medium grass: These areas will be cut less often, without being allowed to become too untidy.

2.1.3. Long grass: These areas are to be cut 2 or 3 times a year in order to allow different plant species to thrive and flower and to provide sanctuary for insects and animals. These areas are in the parts of the churchyard which are less visited.

2.1.4. Volunteers: We have a dedicated band of volunteers who help in the churchyard and the intention is to meet on more occasions this year.

2.1.5. Long Term Plans: Some longer term plans for the churchyard are to install some bird nesting boxes, develop the stream area by planting some bog loving plants, make insect boxes, wood piles and bug hotels and continue with bulb planting which has proved a success over the past two years.

2.2. Boundary Wall to South Western Graveyard: It was discovered during a Churchyard Tidy Up Morning that the boundary wall to the South Western Graveyard had become unstable and could lead to damage of the garden to the cottage above. Mr Tony Hines and a colleague managed to rectify the problem by reinforcing and repairing the wall.

2.3. Bee Hives: This spring two beehives will be installed in the northwest part of the Churchyard. These will be installed and managed by a local bee-keeper, Tim Payne.

3. Church Hall Internal & External:

3.1. Dampness in Toilets of Lower Church Hall: For some time there has been a dampness in the toilet cubicles in the lower hall. We have ascertained that it does not emanate from the upper hall and will be engaging a professional damp specialist to do further investigations.

3.2. External Doors to the Lower Church Hall: In the summer of 2014 the external doors to lower church hall were replaced with new aluminium ones. We experienced some minor problems to the locking mechanism but slight adjustments were made by provider Sunrise and the issue was resolved.

3.3. Entrance Door to Upper Hall: The winter months proved costly, during a period of two weeks the glass to the front entrance door of the upper church hall was broken through high winds. After the first repair it was decided to replace the entire door with a new door having less glass.

3.4. Garage Door: In the April of last year we had to replace the garage door fortunately David Sinclair's grandson was able to help in this matter as with 3.3. above.

3.5. Church Hall Fence: Finally after many years the church hall fence disintegrated over the windy months. Mr Tony Hines was asked to put up a new fence which he did, hopefully this will give us many more years of service.

3.6. Men's Urinals: Steve Colcombe had noticed that the water bill for the church hall was very high. After investigation it was thought that the usage came from the constant flushing of the urinal throughout the day. As a result we have had installed an infrared regulator which ensures that the flush is only activated after use.

3.7. New Cooker: Many of you will be aware that we are now holding a monthly 'Community Lunch' in the Upper Church Hall. As a consequence of this regular event an additional cooker has been purchased and installed in the kitchen, to cater for those attending the lunches.

3.8. Lighting: During the course of the last twelve months the lighting throughout the hall complex inside and outside has been improved. These improvements are environmental and reduce the cost of electricity and give better security.

Peter Anderson & Julian Payne (Churchwardens)



Church Hall Report 2014

During the course of 2014 there have been some 77 events in the upper hall, 50 have been parties. The Lower Hall is still being hired by the Honeyshute Preschool, who are seemingly doing well.

We currently have regular bookings throughout the week, including Sunday School, Youth Group, Eddybears, Guides, Brownies, Rainbows, the Ladies Group, Dog Training, Quilting, Sliming World, Egguckland Forum and Creative Caterpillars.

Unfortunately we have lost Deborah Bond Dance (weekly) and Music Makers (weekly) but gained Egguckland Community Lunch (monthly) and Ballet & Boogie (weekly).

The general trend is good and the future looks positive.

Olwen Grindell
(Church Hall Secretary)



Health & Safety Report

I was asked to take on the role of Church Safety Officer in April 2012, and have done the best I can with my limited practical experience. I am grateful for the support of the Fabric Team, and Ecclesiastical Insurance for their professional resources that they send out periodically.

During 2013 a draft Safety document was drawn up and Accepted by the Church Council for the main church building. In the same year a request was received from Honeyshute Preschool for a fire safety document for the Church Hall to complement their Fire Safety procedures. The majority of fact finding element was completed by June 2014 with help from Mrs Olwen Grindell. Due to professional duties elsewhere I have not completed the Fire Safety Document, and on 15 February 2015 gained the practical support of the church wardens to complete the Hall safety plan in the near future.

Safety points that have been raised in 2014 have been use of the Church Garage, which was dealt with by a Tidy up session and the state of the Hand rail in the West Yard, which has been checked and repainted by Mr Tony Hines.

Eleanor Parry
(Health & Safety Officer)



Finance Review

Total receipts on unrestricted funds were £74,646.58 of which £4,556.65 was unrestricted voluntary donations and a further £3124.25 was from Gift Aid Envelopes.

Restricted donations of £9,034.69 were also received and are detailed in the financial statements. The PCC also holds one investment account with CCLA known as the "Huxham Close" Account. This is a total of 4905.6 shares which was valued in December 2014 at £47535.26. The interest from this account paid into our bank account four times a year, totaling £2487.63. The Vicar and Wardens are trustees of six additional Trusts and the interest from these contributed £61.35.

The Planned Giving through envelopes and Banker's orders increased by 25.84% on the previous year

Income from the church hall totalled £15468.96 which is an increase of 7.89% on the previous year.

£42,511.84 was spent from funds to provide Christian Ministry. The 'Common Fund' request from the diocese for 2014 was £29809 (including £4563 from previous year). The Financial Statements for 2014 attached show payment of £25246 however this request has now been paid in full for the first time in number of years.

£30,655.42 was spent from funds to provide planned and unplanned maintenance of the church, hall and churchyard. This is a 42.01% increase on the previous year.

The PCC has also approved a number of special projects:

Improving of the Church hall facilities has cost in 2014 £5345.13 and for the Church £792. It is expected that the figure for the church in 2015 will increase due to the Disability Toilet Facility/Baby Changing Room & New South Porch Door.

The net result for 2014 was £84,723.62 of receipts over payments of £56,834.45 on unrestricted funds. The bank and deposit balances brought forward at the beginning of the year after reconciliation totaled £14,207.02 and at the end of the year, after reconciliation totaled £24,477.72, giving an increase of £10,270.70 being the actual cash in hand.

Reserves Policy

The PCC is beginning to explore appropriate reserves policy. As it stands to date, the “Huxham Close” fund is allocated to be used for capital and investment purposes which explains its use over the last year.

Gift Aid Secretary's Report 2014

£7291.90 has been claimed from HMRC for gift aid for the period 1st January 2014 to 31st December 2014, of which £612.85 was for donations to the toilet fund.

This is an increase of £2262.20, on the previous 12 months, of which £1250.00 is due to the new GASDS (Gift Aid Small Donations Scheme).

At the end of December 2014, the number of regular tax-efficient givers was 40.

The pilot Parish Giving Scheme was successful and is now available to all members of the congregation. The donations and any gift aid claimed on these is deposited into St Edwards Bank account within 10 days of payment from the donor. As the payment is by direct debit, there is also a facility (with the donor's consent) for the donation to be automatically increased each year.

Mandy Collins
(Gift Aid Secretary)



Worship and Prayer

MAP Outcome: Accessible Worship & Prayer

Year Plan Tasks:

- 1) See special Focus

We continue to offer a traditional service with robed Choir, Holy Communion and Children's groups at 9.30, a more informal and contemporary evening service in the evening at 6.30 and once a month a service for all ages at 10.30 preceded by a quiet and reflective service of Holy Communion at 8.30am in the chancel.

Total participant figures have dropped from 85 (2013) to 77 (67 adults, 10 children) (2014) which is derived from an average of normal weekly attendance at both morning and evening services.

Music Report for APCM 2015

Once again this year I am pleased to say that the music ministry at St. Edward's has continued to flourish.

The organ is now tuned by a gentleman from Cornwall, who has told us that it needs tuning once a year, rather than twice, as with the previous tuners. This has worked well, and ,of course , means less expense.

The choir, having lost members for a variety of reasons, has been augmented by Helen and Yvonne. We were delighted to welcome them, and appreciate the contribution they make. We now have a strong Bass section (sadly no tenors!), but would welcome any ladies who are able to sing Soprano or Contralto.

As I have said many times over the years, there is a marked spirit of fun and fellowship within the choir, and a willingness to support the church in other ways.

Those who attend Heartbeat will testify to the stirring work of Barry, Steve and John in leading worship there. Barry is a comparatively new – and very welcome – member of the team.

Although there were fewer weddings in 2014, we were able to provide a choir when requested.

Christmas was, as ever, a musical highspot. The Community Choir delighted us with their contribution in the Candlelight Carol Service, as did the children's group, who had come along to practise for a few Sunday mornings in the run-up to Christmas. It is always a particular joy to hear children's voices.

The “Songs of Praise” which St Edward's hosted to mark the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity was well supported and greatly enjoyed by all who came. As well as singing lustily, we enjoyed sharing fellowship with friends from nearby churches.

We are very grateful to Sally, who willingly steps in to play the organ when I am away.

We look forward, at the beginning of this new year to all that awaits us in the service of our Lord.

Glenda Davies
(Musical Director)



St Edward's Flower Arrangers

Somehow, despite the fact that there are only 10 arrangers to call upon for the monthly rotas, we have been able to provide floral decorations in our beautiful church throughout the year.

Those who do make themselves available for inclusion on the rota also generally provide the flowers that they arrange. Their generosity is very much appreciated. For the major festivals, especially Easter, we are fortunate that much of the expense is covered by donations and we thank church members for those.

Each year the call for more volunteers goes mostly unheard but that does not prevent a similar plea now. No experience is necessary, just a desire and willingness to add some floral beauty to our church by giving up what need be little more than an hour a month.

Brenda Whatty
(Coordinator)



Pastoral Care

MAP Outcome: Newcomers feel welcome and stay

Year Plan Task:

- 1) See special focus

Many thanks again to Vicky Hocking, our Pastoral Care Coordinator as well as a number of members of the congregation who take an active concern for people's well being. Vicky has diligently and faithfully kept in touch with those who are unwell, those who need extra support, the bereaved for whom we do services for in order that they may be prayed for, visited and supported in ways that are necessary and appropriate. Though we have not formally developed a Pastoral Care team yet, we do have a number of members of the congregation who show pastoral support for a range of people in and outside of our church membership and keep Vicky and the Vicar in the loop for those that would value and appreciate support from church. In 2014 we gave monthly communion regularly to 8 people.

Discipleship

MAP Outcome: Members of the Congregation are growing in their gifts for service and in their understanding of faith

Year Plan Task: 1) See special focus

- 2) Set up regular growth groups with leaders and clear publicity

Two growth groups have now been established with a leadership team for each one: Mondays - Chris, Bob and Sally @ vicarage or 8 Allerton Walk

Wednesday - Glenda, Julian and Steve @ 1 Crown Gardens or 6 Orchard Ave

The main part of the group has been looking at a Bible Overview called 'Search for the Serpent Crusher' by Rev Preb Karl Freeman which is on DVD

Children, Schools, Families and Youth

MAP Outcome: Children and young people are growing their faith
Families are connected and Supported

- Year Plan Task:**
- 1) Continue and develop existing work
 - 2) Take on a Children and families SWYM trainee for 2014/15

The children's work has continued to develop with the assistance of a SWYM trainee of 2013/14 but we were unable to secure a replacement. This has enabled us to focus on helping Tracy Buckner, who has been taking a key role in our children's work, to develop further by providing training through PGP (the Gospel Partnership Training Course). We have also benefited from providing opportunities for William Buckner to grow in his leadership through voluntary opportunities at St Edward's school.

The Messy Church focused on Estover in partnership with the churches in the mission community has continued well and we have planned dates into 2015

Outer Growth:

Evangelism

MAP Outcome: Towards —> A range of opportunities for people to hear the Good News about Jesus clearly explained

Year Plan Task:

- 1) Gather a group of people to meet together to explore Opportunities for evangelism
- 2) Encourage Growth Groups and Prayer meetings to pray for evangelistic opportunities

A group has yet to meet to discuss this specifically although this has been the subject of a number of conversations within church and PCC members. Our lent theme has been chosen for 2015 to focus our thoughts on this area: 'Leading your Church into Growth'. We hope there will be more to report on this area next year.

Community

MAP Outcome: To be Eggbuckland Community's greatest friend

Year Plan Task:

- 1) Have a stall at the Community Fun Day to promote Church Organisations and support the event
- 2) Have a Pentecost Picnic in the Park event to build friendship with other local churches and provide a fun event for the local community
- 3) To explore the feasibility of a community lunch for the older residents of Eggbuckland with activities and support.

With the donation of a Marquee we were able to put on a 'churches tent' with Crownhill Methodists. Street pastors and a number of ministry leaflets from CTIP were available as well as some games for children. This was a good start but a number of suggestions resulted from this about how we could improve this. We look forward to seeing some of them in action in 2015

A Pentecost Party in the churchyard was held and although there were just a few from other churches there was a good number from community contacts and the event was appreciated by all.

The idea of a community lunch has been in the air for a while but options to make it happen have taken time to explore. We eventually decided partner with Wiltshire Farm Foods who provide wholesome, good quality range of foods which are easy for our team of volunteers to prepare. We had a trial promotion in November 2014 working with Age UK for their Winter Warmer campaign and have selected dates to run this monthly starting February 2015.

Bell Ringers Report

Once again the competition season proved to be very fruitful for the band as we managed to bring home eighteen trophies. Not quite the haul of recent years as, once again, we were unable to compete in over one third of those competitions in the calendar. Nevertheless, amongst the tally of cups and shields are some of the most prestigious prizes in the Devon ringing world. Not least of these being the Devon Association of Ringers Major Final Trophy, the "Ross Shield". We have now won the Devon championship on twenty three occasions since 1980!

I've been very fortunate during my time as captain of the ringers as the band have shown great commitment to ringing for services at St. Edward's. This, in turn has had a knock-on effect on the standard of ringing that has been attained. This flows down to our learners and ensures that we have strength in depth.

2014 has been particularly good for us as we have been blessed with two more ringers joining the band. Firstly, Margaret Hall, who with her husband Rob, has become part of the St. Edward's congregation and who learnt to ring at Emmanuel church. This is, of course, a bonus for us, as it takes a considerable amount of time and effort by everyone in the band to help learners to reach the level of expertise required for service ringing. For years we've had to teach learners and then, like buses, two trained ringers come along in succession. Last year, Sarah Law and this year Margaret. Secondly, Emma Wagg, a colleague of Angie Delbridge, approached us with a view to taking up bell-ringing and has proved to be a very quick learner. She joined us in November and is already ringing 'rounds' to a good standard. If she continues at this rate of progress, she'll be joining us for service ringing very soon!

Not wishing to dwell too long on this as I know Hilary won't thank me but 2014 was a milestone for us both as we have jointly completed 100 years of ringing at St. Edward's. This year also saw me reach my fortieth year as captain of the tower. Just before Christmas, the ringers surprised me by marking the occasion with the presentation of a beautiful bell-shaped rope spider made from cherrywood. I had wanted to replace the existing wrought iron assembly for such a long time because, although functional, was not a thing of beauty. The new rope spider is indeed far more aesthetically pleasing and in keeping with the surroundings and hope it remains in the tower long after I take my leave of you all.

With many churches struggling for ringers these days and indeed, some towers falling silent, we are well-positioned to ensure that service ringing at St. Edward's is maintained. I look forward to 2015 and hope that our good fortune continues for years to come.

David Trout
(Captain of the Ringers)

Eggbuckland Ladies Group

Our rather small but very friendly group of members continues to meet in the church hall on the second Tuesday evening of each month at 7.30pm. Most of the 25 members are of retirement age and we would welcome new members young, old and in between.

The aim of the Group is to provide monthly social gathering with guest speakers and entertainers. The subjects presented are very wide ranging, the main objective being to interest, stimulate, inform and entertain. A refreshments break at the end of the evening provides the opportunity for conversation.

Each year we have two lunch excursions. The summer one in 2014 was to Dawlish and for the Christmas meal we stayed much closer to home with lunch at the Marsh Mill Beefeater Grill. Towards the year's end we usually have a social evening and bring & share supper.

The Ladies' Group was formed in the early 1970's and it is hoped we will be able to continue for some years to come but that will depend upon new members joining.

Mary Castell
Chairlady

Mission Support

MAP Outcome: To promote and enable commitment to Christ's Mission in this Country and overseas amongst the congregation of St Edwards.

Year Plan Task: To establish a team to develop Mission Support

The amount that we have given to overseas missions this year is £1201.81 (£358.30 donations from 2013) this is up by 45%

Mission Support for 'home' missions was £1880.95 (£700 to Oriel Ministries) which is up by 709% (£73.6) on 2013 of which

Due to Amanda and Paul Thompson leaving, we have had to rethink our approach again to this area. Mission Support has carried on as it has for a number of years but the PCC are considering ways that we might be able to connect with this area better. Please look out for updates coming in due course over 2015.

Mission Report for APCM 2015

Throughout 2014 we, as a church, have continued to support a number of organisations.

Locally, the North Plymouth Foodbank has received consistent and generous donations from members of the congregation.

We have made appeals for the people of Syria, and the people of Gaza, which resulted in substantial donations being sent to Tearfund. We were also able to raise money for 2 toilets to be purchased through the Tearfund Twin-a-loo Project.

The Alternative Christmas Card at the back of church raised a small amount of money which we gave to Embrace the Middle East.

We still support Luluk, our sponsored child – now aged 14, through Compassion UK.

More than 50 shoeboxes were sent this year to Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child appeal.

Mission Report for APCM 2015 (continued)

We are still given occasional jars of copper coins for the Samaritan's Purse Turn on the Tap project. The need for clean water in many parts of the world is as urgent as ever, and we hope that we will be able, this year, to support this appeal again, and possibly to organise a Walk for Water, as we did 3 years ago.

Much has been done, but there is more that could be done. It is hoped that in 2015 members of the PCC will take responsibility for organisations in which they are interested. They would then keep the church informed about their particular organisation and possibly arrange fund-raising events.

Glenda Davies
(Mission Support Secretary)



Mission Community

A bi-monthly Messy Church has now been established at Christ Church Estover. We hope this will continue to help connect with families in the Estover area as well as enable better connection as a mission community.

Plymouth City Deanery Synod Report

The first meeting of 2014 was held at Emmanuel Church, Compton on the 25th February and marked the final meeting of the current Plymouth City Deanery. Our guest speaker was Laura Mac Adam the Christian Aid Representative for Devon. She highlighted the plight of many in the world who have no shelter, food or clean water. Another important issue discussed and agreed were the Standing Orders for the synod itself. Also the Rev Chris Routledge and Father David Bailey gave a presentation of the outcome of a small group that had met to look at how the Mission Focus for Children and Young people could be progressed within the city.

Our next meeting was held at All Saints Academy, Honicknowle on the 30th June 2014 and attended by Councillor Penberthy from the City Council who spoke about the results of the Plymouth Fairness Commission which had recently reported. He and the City Dean encouraged individual parishes to look at the document and see what they practically could do in response to the recommendations that had been made. As part of this discussion a motion from the original Devonport Deanery was proposed and agreed to be referred to the Diocesan Synod, this was to endorse the 'Living Wage' and ensure that all Diocesan employees were covered by this policy. Subsequently the motion was passed by the Exeter Diocesan Synod.

On the 6th November 2014 we met at St Bartholomew's, Milehouse where the first item was the election of officers. Annaliese Barrell was elected to the position of Lay Chair and Julian Payne as Deanery Secretary. There was no one elected to Treasurer, so Julian Payne volunteered to act in this position until the vacancy is filled. Elections were also held for the Standing and Pastoral Committees.

Our guest speakers were Patrick Parkes who spoke about his new role as a Staff Tutor for Reader Training working for the South West Ministry Training Course (SWMTC). This body also has particular responsibility for Lay Discipleship. Our second speaker was Janet Greaves-Stocker (SEN and Disability legislation changes and the SEND Local Officer) from the City Council, she updated the meeting upon a change in legislation regarding Special Educational Needs that had occurred in September 2014. This particular change will mean that churches who have special needs children will need to be more supportive of families in terms of advice etc.

Steve Colcombe & Eleanor Parry
(Plymouth City Deanery Members)



Special Focus Area:

Communication:

Outcome: All Communication of events, ministries and activities is clear, reliable, accurate and accessible

Tasks completed:

- 1) Regular monthly review of information going into magazine, diary and pew sheet
- 2) New website launched on Advent Sunday 2014
- 3) Publicity 'plan' based on key annual events developed.
- 4) Welcome leaflets produced (at back of Church)
- 5) Parish 'Yellow Pages' produced (awaiting printing since July 2014)

Of course there are always ways we could improve communication but we hope that the developments made above will have made a noticeable difference in the accuracy and accessibility of information.

Services and Occasional offices:

After looking at a variety of resources over 2014, it was decided to run LYCIG in 2015. This will begin the work on this area. We await the results of this in due course

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 Julian Payne and Mr Peter Anderson and our Assistant warden Margaret Hall who have worked very hard on our behalf in so many areas of church life. 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.

Structure, governance and management

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. At St. Edwards the membership of the PCC consists of the incumbent (our vicar), churchwardens, Lay 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 electoral Roll was 92 in 2014. This is a 5.75% increase on 2013.

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.

Given its wide responsibilities the PCC has a number of teams each dealing with a particular aspect of parish life. These teams, which include the 'Staff' Team, various planning and ministry teams for events or services, Fabric and Finance, are all responsible to the PCC and report back to it regularly with minutes of their decisions being received by the full PCC and discussed as necessary.

Administrative information

St. Edward's Church is situated on Church Hill, Eggbuckland, Plymouth.

It is currently within the **Plymouth City Deanery** and is part of the **Diocese of Exeter** within the **Church of England**.

It is also part of the emerging '**Holy Family Mission Community**' which is a special relationship of Churches in the North East part of the City comprising of Church of the Ascension, Crownhill; Christ Church Estover; Roborough Team (Bickleigh, Glen Holt, Woolwell, Roborough, and Shaugh Prior) and Eggbuckland.

In this spirit of partnership in the Gospel we also seek to work with other neighbouring churches namely Crownhill and Compton Methodist, St Peter's RC Church and Emmanuel (with St Pauls, Efford) and support the Churches Together In Plymouth (CTIP) network and other such initiatives where appropriate.

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The PCC is a body corporate (PCC Powers Measure 1956, Church Representation Rules 2006) and a charity currently excepted from registration with the Charity Commission.

PCC members who have served at any time from 1st January 2014 until the date this report was approved are:

Tracey Buckner	William Buckner	Steve Colcombe
Mandy Collins	Glenda Davies	Claire Edwards
Olwen Grindell	Bob Hall	John Lake
Sally Webb	Pat Whatty	

Approved by the PCC on 26th February 2015

and signed on their behalf by the

Reverend Christopher Joseph Routledge (PCC Chair)

Mr Pat Whatty (PCC lay Vice Chair)

