

## 2023 Annual Report of the District Church Council

### Church of St John the Evangelist, High Street, Delabole PL33 9AQ

#### **LOCATION AND ADMINISTRATION**

The Parish of St Teath has two church buildings: St Tetha's St Teath and St John the Evangelist's, Delabole. Historically, with the agreement of St Teath PCC, St John's has operated with its own District Church Council, finances and accounts. St John's is part of The Camel-Allen Benefice of five churches, which also includes the churches of St Julitta's, Lanteglos, St Thomas' ,Camelford, St Adwena's, Advent, and St Tetha's, St Teath.

**Rector:** The Revd Angela Cooper retired in January 2023. The whole Camel-Allen Benefice was in Transition for the remaining months of 2023. Revd Jeffrey Terry was licensed as Associate Priest and interim Priest in Charge in May 2023. As at 31 December 2023 it was expected that Revd Nicola Farr was to be licensed as incumbent Rector and Pioneer Priest for Camel-Allen Benefice in. She was subsequently licensed on 7 March 2024.

The DCC operates as a corporate body under the Parochial Church Powers Measure, it functions as a single committee, meeting approximately four times a year. The Rector or Priest in Charge usually chairs the DCC meetings and decisions are taken by the full DCC.

The DCC is excepted by order from registering with the Charity Commission. The church banks with Barclays. The DCC has no related trusts or charities. Liability insurance is in place.

The inspecting architect conducts a survey of the building every five years and a Quinquennial Report is produced. This is used as guidance for maintenance and renewal. The last inspection was carried out in 2019.

The Safeguarding Co-ordinator shares the responsibility for the safeguarding of children and vulnerable adults in the parish with the Rector under the guidance of the Safeguarding Department of the Diocese of Truro.

There were 14 people on the Electoral Roll in 2023.

**Address for correspondence:** Hon Secretary - Mrs L E P George, Poldhu, Trebarwith Village, Delabole PL33 9DF

#### **DCC MEMBERS**

**Deputy Churchwardens** – Mrs Tricia Hicks & Mrs Lesley George

**Treasurer & Lay Chair** – Mr Nigel Hicks

**DCC Secretary and Electoral Roll Officer** - Mrs Lesley George

**Deanery Synod rep (& Reader) - Ms Claire Salzmann**  
**Safeguarding Co-ordinator (& Reader) - Mrs Sue Wilcox**  
Mrs Hazel Cornish  
Mrs Peggy Sandell

## **OBJECTIVES**

The primary objective of the DCC is the promotion of the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to the doctrines and practices of the Church of England. The DCC co-operates with the Rector in promoting in the parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. It has responsibility for the maintenance of the church and for stewardship of the parish's financial and other resources. We are committed to a servant relationship in and with the local community.

**The Ministry Team** led by The Revd Angela Cooper, Rector of the Benefice [ret Jan 2023] comprises Revd Jeffrey Terry self-supporting Associate Priest and interim Priest in Charge during the transition, Ms Claire Salzmann and Mrs Sue Wilcox, Readers.

## **ACTIVITIES**

The usual service pattern at St John's Church was:

1st—4th Sundays two services including one Holy Communion.

5<sup>th</sup> Sunday                      Benefice Communion (held in one of the Benefice churches)

Several ecumenical village services are shared each year at St John's or the Methodist Church eg World Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, World Day of Prayer, Mothering Sunday, Coronation Service, a Carnival Service in the marquee on the playing field, Harvest Festival, RBL Remembrance Sunday service and a Village Carol service. Donations were made to the Wadebridge Foodbank and St Petroc's Society (£163) jointly by St John's Church and the Methodist Church following community services. The DCC organised fundraising events throughout the year including a Christmas Bazaar.

## **CHILDREN'S WORK**

Open the Book—members of St John's are part of the ecumenical team who present Bible stories to the pupils at Delabole Primary School.

A time of remembrance at the War Memorial Is shared with pupils from Delabole Primary School.

## COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

St John's is available to hire for community use, family parties, groups etc and for various charity fund-raising events run by community members. It is also used as a Polling Station for local and national elections.

St John's is/has been used for/by: Delabole Parish Council meetings—alternate months mainly and was open for stalls at the Delabole Christmas Lights switch on event.

We are pleased to welcome the Triggshire Wind Orchestra which aims to provide young musicians in the North Cornwall area with the opportunity of ensemble playing and performing to use rehearsal space in St John's one afternoon/evening a week (term time) throughout the year. Triggshire Orchestra performed a Spring concert at St John's.

Stubby's Jazz Band rehearses at St John's on Tuesday mornings and entertained the community with a Coronation Week concert.

## REPORTS

Business of the DCC in 2023:

The DCC held the Annual District Church Meetings on 27th May 2023. DCC meetings were held on 23rd April, 27th May, 4th July and 10th October 2023.

In 2023 there were 0 baptisms, 0 marriages, 1 funeral service in the church, 4 services by the Ministry Team at the crematorium.

### **Fabric Report**

Nothing specific—only minor building repairs.

**Treasurer's Report** and Financial Statements—available at St John's Church

**Safeguarding Report** - There were no issues or concerns in 2023.

Through the Trigg Minor and Bodmin Deanery Plan St John's has the support of a Parish Nurse, Rev Geraldine Ashton, funded by the Low Income Community Fund (LCIF). LICF has also provided for a grant to Delabole Primary School for use at the discretion of the head for the benefit of deprived children in the school. Mission Funding available as part of the Plan has supported the Grace Project which collects and distributes clothing for children aged 0-12 years and St Johns has become a participating collection and drop off point for this project.