

2024 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, St Teath and St John, 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, St Thomas of Canterbury, St Adwena and St Tetha.

Rector: St John's was in Transition until 7th March 2024 when Revd Nicola Farr was licensed as incumbent Rector and Pioneer Priest for the Camel Allen Benefice.

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 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 DCC has spoken with the inspecting architect regarding the next inspection.

The Safeguarding Officer shares responsibility for the safeguarding of children and vulnerable adults in the parish (specifically St John's Delabole) with the Rector under the guidance of the Safeguarding Department of the Diocese of Truro.

There were 14 people on the Electoral Roll in 2024.

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DCC MEMBERS

Deputy Churchwarden—Mrs Lesley George

Treasurer & Lay Chair—Mr Nigel Hicks

DCC Secretary—Mrs Lesley George

Electoral Roll Officer—Mrs Hazel Cornish

Deanery Synod rep (& Reader)—Ms Claire Salzmann

Safeguarding Co-ordinator (& Reader part 2024)—Mrs Sue Wilcox

Safeguarding Officer (from May 2024)—Mrs Lesley George

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 (St John's Church in this instance) financial and other resources. We are committed to a servant relationship in and with the local community.

The Ministry Team led by The Revd Nicola Farr, Rector of the Benefice, comprises Revd Jeffrey Terry self-supporting Associate Priest, Rev Geraldine Ashton Parish Nurse, Ms Claire Salzmänn Reader and Mrs Sue Wilcox, Reader (part 2024 only).

ACTIVITIES

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

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

5 th Sunday	Benefice Communion (held in one of the Benefice churches)
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Several ecumenical village services were shared at St John's or the Methodist Church eg World Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, World Day of Prayer, Mothering Sunday, 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 (jointly by St John's Church and the Methodist Church) following community services. Revd Farr has led a service at the Methodist Church.

An ecumenical contemporary evening service—Beacon of Hope—has been held once a month at St John's being launched in Sept 2024 and welcoming a range of worshippers of mixed ages. It has been supported by grant funding for audio visual equipment—large screen etc—from the Deanery of Bodmin and Trigg Minor.

An ecumenical prayer walking/prayer group meets on Tuesdays 9—9:50am in Delabole averaging 5—7 people each week visiting different parts of Delabole.

The DCC organised fundraising events throughout the year including a concert and a Christmas Bazaar.

DCC members attended an ecumenical Prayer Course at the Rectory in the Autumn.

CHILDREN'S WORK

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

Revd Farr was a marshall at the Deli Run, Delabole School being represented. She attended the Y6 assembly providing sixteen children with SU 'It's your move' booklets, the children engaging well in discussion.

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

Revd Farr made monthly visits to St Pirans Playgroup telling a Bible story to the children.

St John's now hosts an ecumenical 'Bumps, Babies, Toddlers and Toast' group on Thursday mornings (from Dec 2024) led by Rev Farr and other volunteers. This venture has been supported by grant funding from the Diocesan Mission Fund and serves the young families of Delabole.

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 used by: Delabole Parish Council for meetings—alternate months mainly, plus Local Authority family meetings and was open for stalls at the Delabole Christmas Lights switch on event.

We are pleased to continue 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. Stubby's Jazz Band rehearses at St John's on Tuesday mornings.

Community engagement—during Delabole Carnival Week July 2024—Rev Farr attended Tribute Band, quiz night, bingo, coffee morning and pasty lunch events and watched the procession.

REPORTS

Business of the DCC in 2024:

The DCC held the Annual District Church Meetings on 21st May 2024. DCC meetings were held on 23rd January, 18th March and 17th September 2024.

In 2024 there was/were: 1 baptism, 0 marriages, 0 funeral services in the church, 4 services by the Ministry Team at the crematorium, 1 service by the Ministry Team at the graveside Delabole Cemetery and 1 memorial service.

Fabric Report

A new kitchen has been installed. The chancel area, community room and toilets have been painted and some minor plastering has been done. Otherwise only minor building repairs have been necessary. The Vestry was cleaned and tidied and some insignificant items disposed of in October 2024. Faculty applications for a vestry door to be erected and for the pulpit to be removed are in preparation.

Treasurer's Report and Financial Statements—attached.

Safeguarding Report - There were no issues or concerns in 2024.

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). LCIF has also provided for a grant to Delabole Primary School for use at the discretion of the Headteacher and 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; St John's is a participating collection and drop off point for this project.