

## 2022/23 Report for Delabole Parish Council

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

#### **LOCATION AND ADMINISTRATION**

St John's is part of The Camel-Allen Benefice of five churches, which also includes the churches of Lanteglos, Camelford, Advent, and St Teath.

**Rector:** The Revd Angela Cooper [retired January 2023]

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.

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#### **DCC MEMBERS**

**Deputy Churchwarden** – Mrs Tricia Hicks

**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 who joined the Benefice as Self-supporting Assistant Curate in February 2020; Ms Claire Salzmann and Mrs Sue Wilcox, Readers.

## **ACTIVITIES**

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

1st—4th Sundays two services including one Holy Communion (increased from one service per month) Covid has affected activities as experienced by whole community.

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 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity; 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 (£285) jointly by St John's Church and the Methodist Church following community services.

The DCC organises fundraising events throughout the year including a Christmas Bazaar and a Christmas Concert.

The church was open for the community to sign a book of condolence/ remembrance and for time of prayer following the death of HM Queen Elizabeth II.

## **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—recently resumed.

The Christmas Crib Service (followed by tea) is popular with lots of children.

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

Monthly visits to St Piran's Playgroup telling a Bible story, singing and activities with Annie and Spike (puppets).

## **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: a St Endeliata children's event in August, Parish Council meetings—alternate months, Mind Matters on Wednesday evenings, the Jubilee Celebration Fun Event and was open for stalls at the Delabole Christmas Lights switch on event.

We have been 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 (temporarily moved to St Teath following storm damage to the building). Triggshire Orchestra performed Jubilee, Christmas and Spring concerts at St John's.

Stubby's Jazz Band rehearses at St John's on Tuesday mornings and entertained the community with a Jazzy Christmas evening in December.

## **REPORTS**

Business of the DCC in 2022/23:

The DCC held the Annual District Church Meetings on 17th May 2022. DCC meetings were held on 8th March, 28th May, 6th September 2022 and 23rd April 2023.

In 2022 there were 2 baptisms, 1 marriage, 0 funeral services in the church, 3 services by the Ministry Team at the crematorium and 1 service by the Ministry Team at Delabole Cemetery.

### **Fabric Report**

The building was closed for use between March and May 2022 due to storm damage.

**Safeguarding Report** - There were no issues or concerns in 2022/23.

**On the Way;** All churches in the diocese of Truro worked together in their deaneries during 2022 to consider the **Fruitfulness** and **Sustainability** of said churches and Benefices. Reports were forwarded from Camel Allen Benefice to the Rural Dean of **Trigg Minor and Bodmin Deanery** for approval and inclusion in a Deanery Plan for the future. An innovative Deanery Plan has been accepted by the Episcopal College and the process has now entered **Phase Two: Implementing Change**. Funding is available for local projects. Delabole now has the support of a Parish Nurse, Rev Geraldine Ashton, and the plan has recognised the need for Low Income Community Funds which are available linked to our local schools, children and families.

Lesley George, Secretary St John's District Church Council