

JAN 22 - DEC 22

END OF YEAR REPORT



St David's
&
St Paul's
Mynydd Bedwellte
Ministry Area



AGENDA

2022

1. Prayers
2. Apologies for absence
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 - a. Church reports
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4. Elections
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 - b. Representatives on the Diocesan Conference.
 - c. Treasurer
 - d. Secretary
 - e. Church Council Members
 - f. Safeguarding Rep
5. Any other business (for which notice has been given and to which the meeting agrees)
6. The Grace

REV'D MATTS REPORT

2022

Built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone; in Him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord, in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling place for God. Ephesians 2:20-22

The Charitable objectives we follow roughly say what we do is: "the promotion of the Christian religion and care for the community." Have we achieved this in 2022? I genuinely believe we have.

I want us to focus on the "we" in that last statement. We have achieved this not one person but us as a church with God as our guide, following in the way of Jesus empowered by the Spirit, God builds his church.

We have been through some changes in the formal joining of the Ministry Area by Bishop Cherry; Rev'd Lisa arrived after Easter, Rev'd Rachel was ordained in June, and we sadly said goodbye to Fr Dylan but had a surprise when Rev'd Ralph turned up with his family from Nigeria at the end of the year.

The pandemic had an impact at the start of the year, but by the end, while still being sensible, we've seen growth together. Times can be challenging, but with God, all things are possible. We have managed to start something and see brilliant things happen again.

I will leave the details of what has happened exactly in the church to the report below, but I will say I am proud of what we have achieved. It has been an honour to be part of our church communities. I am also profoundly thankful for all those people who have given to the church's life in any way.



CHURCH REPORT

St. David's Church Church Report

The year began with the Ministry Area decree signing in St Dingat's church. Then we had our Patronal festival on the 27th of February, where members of the Ministry Area churches joined us.

At the end of March, we had our first churchyard cleanup, and we have had these regularly throughout the year. We were encouraged by the community that came together to help. We have been successful in creating a War grave path through the churchyard and we're in the process mapping the graveyard. We installed the bat listening box in the tower to listen to what bats were living in there and started the process of creating a nature trail through the graveyard.

Creating a 'Space for Nature' in the grounds a green and quiet space this has been quite successful with a number of volunteers helping and a good time to be in had especially in sharing a bacon roll and a tea and coffee afterwards.

Our warm spaces have not been so successful there was not a particular take up for the soup and pud or all the coffee morning.

Reference: Lisa and Rev and Rachel arrived to our ministry area and both were warmly welcomed by the congregation.

We have had a few maintenance issues with both the church and the grounds including problems with damp caused by issues with the guttering and fascia boards and broken downpipes which took six months to repair. We are currently awaiting planning permission to remove a number of trees.

As Covid restrictions ease to be managed to start at Sunday and Thursday services straight away in addition to Easter services going back to normal some of the congregation were still not happy taking the chalice during the Eucharist but this was to be expected with the age of our congregation.

We held special services as well including St Davids day, Queen Elizabeth's Platinum Jubilee and garden party and Easter services during which we also held an Easter egg hunt for the children and families of Rhymney this was a huge success and we plan on repeating in 2023. Easter eggs were also given to the congregation on Easter Sunday and on Mothering Sunday posies of fresh flowers were given out. There were two vigils one for Ukraine where monetary donations were taken and went to the appeal, the other vigil was for our late Queen who passed away in September we kept St Davids open for a few days where the community could come and pay their respects and sign a book of condolences. We had a tabletop sale and a heritage open day where people could come along and take a look at the archive records if they wanted to, both of these events were great successes.

We started St Davids Den where children come along after school and have some fun, laughter and learn a Bible story this was attended by a number of children and their parents but has dwindled to four regular children. We hope to promote this and to get them back and increase numbers.

A Remembrance Day service was very well attended. It was the first full service since Covid. Christmas services were all successes. The time to remember service was very dignified and was attended by quite a number of people. Our carol service was held inside this year because the weather was so bitterly cold. Our family service happened again and was very well attended by parents and children, fun and laughter was the order of the day, and all the children went home with a bag of goodies. All those who attended had hot chocolate, mulled wine & mince pies.

During 2022 there were 28 funerals, five baptisms, and one wedding, with an average Sunday congregation of 12 per service but with 15 midweek.

Father Matt worked so hard to try and get our congregation back to what it was pre-Covid we will support him with whatever he needs to do this. With God's help and guidance, we will get there.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH REPORT

The ladies arranged the flowers for Lois's wedding in April. Services were held for Good Friday and Easter Sunday.

We catered for a Harvest lunch on October 15th with 48 attending. This included people from the village and the Senior Citizens club. A sum of £370 was raised for the MacMillan Cancer Support Charity. All souls service was held on November 8th with 16 people attending. After the service we gathered for refreshments.

The Christmas lunch, with same form as the Harvest lunch, took place on December 15th and 44 people enjoying a fantastic meal. We raised £150 for church funds. Successful Carol Service was attended by 20 people on December 13th with refreshments following of mulled wine and mince pies.

A Christingle service, geared towards children, was attended by about 12 adults but very disappointing as only two children came and they were the Vicars'.

We have been able to provide contributions to Food Bank as decided for Harvest service.

There have been new blinds for the Parish Room and the Vestry has been refurbished with new carpets and furniture.

We are an enthusiastic congregation but have an average age of 80 years.

Consequently, we are sparing in our endeavours because of our health concerns.

We are only able to do what we want to do.

During 2022 there were:

Funerals. 7

Weddings. 2

FINANCES

Year 2022

St David's Church Rhymney			
Income & Expenditure 2022			
Income		Expenditure	
St Paul's Quota	5,104.00	Quota	8,716.50
Loose Collections	851.13	Vicar's Expenses	62.55
Envelopes Collections	4,868.05	Church Insurance	1,029.96
Direct Giving	540.00	Utilities	4,945.37
Funerals/Weddings/Baptisms	716.16	Dawson Steeplejacks	78.00
Church Fees	3,475.00	Photocopier	2,617.88
Donations	565.22	Copyright Fees	392.88
Church Bank Interest	0.00	Altar Requisites	170.50
Tax Refunds	120.00	Churchyard Maintenance	630.00
Quota Refunds	653.74	Maintenance of Services	215.87
Grants	4,255.72	Building repairs & maintenance	1,496.00
Transfers from Maintenance Fund	0.00	Blackwood Fire Ltd	0.00
Vergers Fees	685.00	Sundries	2,229.20
Votive Candles	40.00	Donations	806.56
Sundries	471.21		
Events	257.00		
Ukraine Donations	630.00		
Total	23,232.23		23,391.27
Balance b/f	6,801.00		6,641.96
	30,033.23		30,033.23
Bank balance @ 31st of December 2022			12,730.64
Less spend after year end			6,084.96
balance c/f			6,645.68

FINANCES

Year 2022

St Paul's Church Accounts 2022							
Income				Expenditure			
Collections		4,411.25		Quota			5,104.00
Funeral fees		765.00		Utilities			1,042.16
Funeral collections		198.20		Blackwood Fire			59.54
Wedding fees		650.00		Kevin mayhew			61.94
Wedding collections		84.25		Boiler Service			120.00
Carol Service collections		20.00		McMillan			376.00
Warden fees		160.00		Wondow blinds			42.75
Donations		680.00		insurance			510.04
Candles		6.50		Dylan Bate travel expenses			30.00
McMillan lunch		376.00		Water rates			256.99
Christmas lunch		150.00		Lawn mower			38.68
				Key safe			27.99
				Gate keys			9.00
				Lapel clips			12.00
				Organists			90.00
total		7,501.20					7,781.09
Balance b/f		12,731.95					12,452.06
Total		20,233.15					20,233.15
Balance c/f							12,452.06

ELECTIONS FOR CHURCH COUNCIL

Nominees for church council



EX OFFICIO MEMBERS (HAVE A PLACE AS VIRTUE OF THEIR ROLES

Rev'd Matthew Davis

Rev'd Lisa Taylor

Rev'd Rachel Nelmes

Rev'd Elizabeth Jones

VICARS WARDEN

Allyson Jones
St David's

Gerald Hales
St Paul's

MINISTRY AREA COUNCIL

Gerald Hales
Gaynor Williams
Kathy Rist

CHURCH COUNCIL

David Davies

John banks

Geoffrey Brice

Des Cook

Joyce Davies

Gaynor Williams

Kevyn Price

Anita Andrewartha

ELECTIONS FOR CHURCH COUNCIL

Nominees for church council

SECRETARY

Allyson Jones

TREASURER

Gaynor Williams
John Banks

LAY DIOCESAN CONFERENCE REP

Allyson Jones

SAFEGUARDING REP

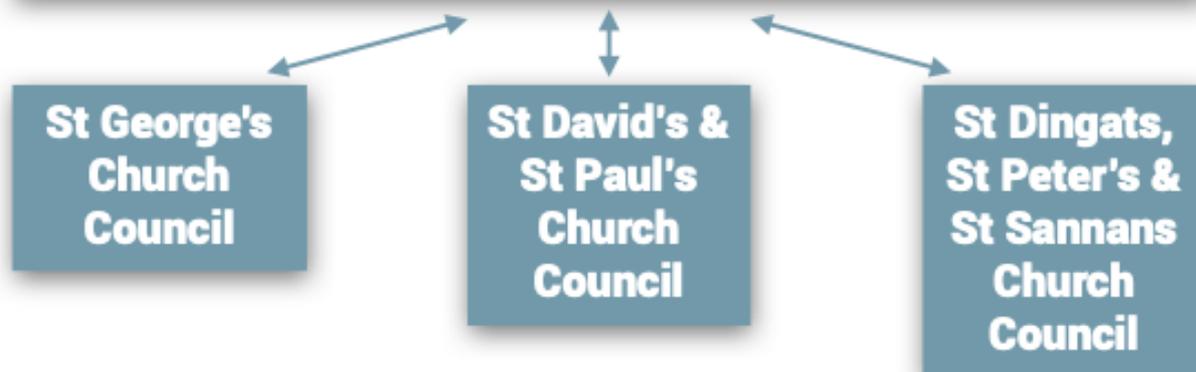
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Ministry Area Council (MAC)

Is the legal representatives of the Ministry Area it receives items of business from the church councils for large spends and building work. As well as receives items from the diocese and Representative Body which need discussion or need passing on.

Over all the MAC sets the vision and direction for the Ministry Area and makes sure we are keeping good governance and working within church and national Law.



The church councils focus on general running of the individual churches such as maintenance, events and future plans. It also highlights work that needs to go to the MAC this is to enable us to have good oversight and to share ideas and good practise.

Other groups:

Clergy Team

Involved in service planning, pastoral care, matters of worship and praying for you.

Finance

Made up of the treasurers to ensure good practise and financial planning

Maintenance

We may wish to gather people who are interested in painting our buildings sharing good ideas and help.

Safeguarding

This group is led by the safeguarding lead and involves the individual church officers.

MEETING TIMES

Coming up

MINISTRY AREA VESTRY MEETING

Monday 27th March

7 pm St Dingats New Tredegar

For all Churches and congregants to hear what has been happening around our Ministry Area and to formally ratify the MAC and church councils.

TEAM BUILDING DAY

29th of April 10 am -4.30 pm

Bedwelty House Tredegar

A time to come together to get to know each other and plan and contribute to the future of your church and ministry area.

For all Clergy,

Wardens,

Ministry Area Council Members

& Church Council Members.

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Prayer

God of our strength,
may you build your church in our presence,
empower us to love your world and all people,
lead us to worship you in truth and faith,
and make us into your body here on earth
we ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, Amen.

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