
St Mary's Church

LYDIARD TREGOZE

St Mary's is part of the West Swindon and Lydiard Tregoze Church Partnership



Scenes from the Conservation work

Annual Report and Financial Statements
of the Church Ministry Leadership Team
for the year ending 31 December 2020

**ST MARY'S LYDIARD TREGOZE
AGM AGENDA, 11.30 am, SUNDAY 07 FEBRUARY 2021**

Opening worship,

God is good, all the time.

All the time God is good.

Reading: Psalm 100, Reader: Revd Teresa Townsend

Apologies for absence

Minutes of 2020 and Matters arising.

Reports, with responses as appropriate.

In 2020, with church closures and Covid restrictions, there has been little activity from the regular church groups (Flower Group, Lydiard Tregoze Bell Ringers, Music and Ukulele Groups, Prayer Group, Junior Church, and Wednesday Home Group) and reports are restricted to the Ministers' Report, the Churchwardens' Report, the Treasurer's Report, and the Building Conservation Project Report.

Questions to the Ministry team and MLT.

Vestry Meeting.

Including Election of Wardens.

Elections to MLT.

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Closing Prayer

MINISTRY LEADERSHIP TEAM 2020

Trustees

Wardens: Pat Watson, Jacqueline Kirwan

Elected Ministry Leadership Team Members:

Pat Watson

Jacqueline Kirwan

Pauline Bowler

Wendy Deverell

Paul Gardner

Brian Henderson

Lyn Morgan

Connie Roach

Alison Lewis (Minutes Secretary)

Ex-Officio Ministry Leadership Team Members:

Revd Capt Clive Deverell, Team Minister

Revd Trevor Day, Associate Minister

Revd Teresa Townsend, Curate

Sue Green (Treasurer)

MINISTERS' REPORT

There have been a lot of changes and uncertainty over the past year, particularly in relation to the pandemic.

Sincere thanks need to go to Pat and Jacqueline as Wardens, the members of the MLT and for all those who have ensured communications between the various aspects of the daily life of the church. I would also like specific thanks to go to Paul Gardner for his continued chairing of the Conservation Project Board, and to Sue Green for being our Treasurer, as she stands down after a significant and very much appreciated time in post. I thank Teresa, Trevor, Lis and all who have led services over the past year, both in church, and through the At Home services and online Zoom services. Thank you to everyone for your understanding when we have had to close and go online. Thanks also go to those involved in ensuring the Risk Assessments have been completed and the church ready for worship. Finally, I wish to welcome and thank Ann Hutchinson for her role as Volunteer Coordinator for St Mary's.

Clive

CHURCHWARDENS' REPORT

What a unique year! With the help from you all, the church family, we have come through 2020 with processes in place to keep everyone safe in services in the church when Covid rules and restriction allowed us to be in the building to worship. A special thank you to Teresa for managing the Covid secure setup in the church, along with the clergy team.

We look forward to having our Conservation celebrations during 2021 when allowed to do so safely. Thanks go to Paul and the conservation team for all their hard work with this during such challenging times.

Thank you to Clive, the clergy team and lay staff for enabling us to continue to meet via Zoom for the on-line services and meetings. The 'At Home' services and on line have all been well received, and we are aware of the extra time that these have taken to prepare.

We would like to pay tribute to those members of the congregation who make up the Pastoral Team and who have kept in touch with Church family members during this last year and will continue to do so into 2021.

With many thanks and blessings to you all.

Pat Watson and Jacqueline Kirwan

TREASURER'S REPORT For the Year ending 31 December 2020

The General Fund had a decrease this year, partly due to the sound system being done and costing slightly more, but mainly due to Covid, and is now at £4,844.

Income was down on last year and on budget because of the building closure (planned and unplanned) and lack of fees. Planned giving was up a small amount on last year.

Expenditure was down on budget but up on last year. We weren't able to meet the budgeted partnership share (£3,000 less), but did meet the tithing. The sound system cost just under £2,000 more than budgeted but other savings were made because we weren't in the building.

We now have £297 in the General Fund which has been given for the Stable Room improvements.

Looking forward to 2021 we hope to get back to a more normal year. The budget has been set with similar expenditure to 2019.

The Building Fund had income of £309,688 (£258,469 was from HLF and £47,762 was VAT repayment) and expenditure of £357,469. The Fund also repaid £20,000 of the Partnership loan.

The Building Fund is now at £55,311 plus a £10,000 loan from the Partnership. (The statutory accounts show the Building Fund as being £428,951 at the start of the year and a year-end balance of £122,702 - with the HLF outstanding grant of £67,392 needed to be shown as a debtor)

Sue Green

ST MARY'S CHURCH BUILDING & NLHF CONSERVATION REPORT

The final phase of the internal conservation works commenced on the 6 January 2020 and despite the impact of the corona virus, was completed by Maundy Thursday.

Ellis & Co continued to work on site (following the Covid social distancing guidelines), carrying out repair work to the pews & timberwork, installation of the new heating and lighting and fitting out the vestry. Lower the font.

Opening up the welcome area to the main entrance, the fitting of which with the interpretation panels will take place in early 2021.

Jane came back to St Mary's in early February for 6 weeks, to complete work on the St Christopher niche, St John Chapel and South Porch, but had to leave in mid-March as she fell in a Covid-vulnerable group. Jane returned at the end of August to complete her work prior to the planned Heritage Open Days in September.

The new sound system installation was completed on 8 December 2020.

The match fund raising is very close to achieving its target, with continued fund raising throughout 2020. The shortfall now stands at £10,500.

On four occasions during the summer, volunteers from Good Gym gave their full support to the corporate volunteer programme of the Conservation Project.

The combined impact of the corona virus and completion of internal conservation work, meant that the church was rarely open in 2020. Exceptions were the first Heritage Open Days weekend in September and a number of Sunday afternoons for private prayer in October & December.

Paul Gardner

Chair St Mary's Lydiard Tregoze Conservation Project