



ST. CATHERINE'S CHURCH, LITTLETON



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1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 Context

St Catherine's Church, Littleton, sits within the Downs Benefice, which was created in 2008 and comprises St Catherine's Littleton, St Stephen's Sparsholt with Lainston, St Mary's Crawley, St Mary-the-less Chilbolton and St Peter and Holy Cross Wherwell. The Downs Benefice lies within the Andover Deanery.

Revd Jax Machin, as Incumbent, leads the Benefice with support from a ministry team comprising retired clergy, Licensed Lay Ministers and other lay leaders.

The five Parochial Councils and Benefice Council continue to be supported by the benefice administrator and a vast host of others, who each make a valuable contribution to the work of God in this place.

*Simon Kingston
Lay Chair*

1.2 Representatives

During the year the following served as members of the PCC:

Incumbent:	The Revd Jax Machin
Wardens:	Vacancies unfilled
Representative on Diocesan Synod:	Dr Michael Coleman <i>Secretary (from May 2022)</i>
Representatives on Deanery Synod:	Mr Simon Kingston 2 unfilled vacancies
Elected Members:	Mrs Carol Coleman Mr Bryan Harris (until May 2022) Mr John Morrell Mrs Peggy Ormston (from May 2022) Mrs Helen Retter (until May 2022) Mr Clive Thompsett <i>Treasurer</i> Dr Carol Ward (from May 2022)

Michael Coleman, PCC Secretary

1.3 Explanation of Strategic Priorities

The following strategic priorities were identified by the Diocese in 2013 and mission action plans (MAPs) have subsequently been formulated to focus on these priorities by the Deanery (dMAP) and through the Deanery by individual benefices (bMAPs) and

parishes (pMAPs). The strategic priorities have not changed, but the Downs Benefice Council has periodically reviewed the current bMAP to chart progress and to refine the objectives by reference to the individual parishes. The most recent published version of the bMAP (updated in 2021) can be found on the web-site (www.downsbenefice.org). As in previous years, this Annual Review has been laid out in sections by reference to each of the 4 strategic priorities.

Strategic Priority 1 - Discipleship

We grow authentic disciples going out as individuals passionately, confidently and courageously sharing our faith, and coming together as creative church communities of prayer and worship that live out kingdom values.

- *dMAP Objective:* To train, resource, and motivate people more readily to live out their faith.

Strategic Priority 2 - Re-imagining the Church

We re-imagine the Church intentionally connecting and engaging with our local communities in culturally relevant ways. We will rejoice in the richness of the “mixed economy” of all ministry and proactively promote vibrant parochial and breathtaking pioneering ministries amongst ‘missing’ generations, eg children, young people, under 35s.

- *dMAP Objective:* To actively engage with young families, children and youth, especially in schools.

Strategic Priority 3 - Working for Social Transformation

We are agents of social transformation using our influence as a Diocese to transform public and personal life. We will demonstrate loving faith at work in local communities and across the globe, bringing healing, restoration and reconciliation eg through education, social enterprise, health care, spiritual care teams.

- *dMAP objective:* To develop a Pastoral Care Ministry which will transform lives in our local communities.

Strategic Priority 4 - Sacrificial Giving and Good Stewardship

We belong together in Christ, practising sacrificial giving and good stewardship of all that God has entrusted to us. We will combine radical generosity, care and capacity building with a clear focus on directing finance into the mission of Jesus. Sharing and multiplying local good practice, using people, buildings and other resources wisely, we will seek to prune, plant and invest boldly in building for the Kingdom.

- *dMAP objective:* To continue developing a more unified Deanery identity, sharing our resources more eagerly.

*Simon Kingston
Lay Chair*

2. STRATEGIC PRIORITY 1

2.1 Church Membership

At 31st December, 2021, there were 139 persons reported as being on the electoral roll of whom 91 (65%) lived within the parish and 48 (35%) lived outside the parish.

The following movements have taken place in 2022:

	Members
Electoral roll as at 1 st January 2022 (corrected)	138
Post January 2022: Died	-5
Moved away	-3
Added	1
Electoral roll as at 31 st December 2022	131
of whom 87 (66%) lived within the parish and 44 (34%) lived outside the parish.	

Bryan Harris
Electoral Roll Officer

2.2 Ministry Team

Revd Jax Machin continues as our Incumbent, having now completed her eighth full calendar year in what is her first parish. She manages a daunting workload in the Downs Benefice combining leadership with preaching, pastoral care and the myriad ex officio commitments, which she undertakes with passion and good sense. Sadly, she had a serious fall at the start of December and was unable to carry out any of her various roles for the rest of the year. She remains in our prayers for a return to full health as soon as possible.

We have been fortunate to have the continued assistance of Canon Bruce Kington to take some services for us. In 2022 Canon Bruce celebrated the 50th anniversary of his ordination at a service in Braishfield, one of his former parishes. We have also had assistance from outside the parish from several priests, some of whom have become regular officiants within the Benefice. Our Licensed Lay Ministers Alan Disher and Charlotte Nash, continued to contribute to and support the ministry team joined by lay leaders Carol Coleman (Littleton), Alastair Barron (Sparsholt), Andrew Kent (Chilbolton) and Sally Wesley (Sparsholt).

We owe them all a great debt of gratitude, not only for their hard work but also for the enriching diversity of worship we were privileged to enjoy during the year.

Simon Kingston
Lay Chair

2.3 Services

Church Services and Attendance

The new pattern of services for the benefice, agreed in the autumn of 2021, has operated throughout 2022. Littleton's services are:

1 st Sunday	4 pm	Café Church
2 nd Sunday	10 am	Family Communion
3 rd Sunday	6 pm	Peace and Wholeness Service
4 th Wednesday	10 am	Communion
4 th Sunday	10 am	Morning Worship
5 th Sunday	10 am	Benefice service at Crawley

In common with many churches and other public-attended gatherings, numbers attending have not yet reached the level experienced pre-covid. There was a steady increase as the year progressed and we hope for this to continue into 2023.

Clive Thompsett
PCC member

Café Church

St Catherine's Café Church service takes place at 4pm on the first Sunday of each month. We meet in the Church Room for worship, study, singing and fellowship, accompanied by a wide array of cakes and biscuits generously donated by our members.

In 2022, our themes included pilgrimage, parables and prayer, and we wondered how we would respond if Jesus asked us the question he posed Bartimaeus: "What do you want me to do for you?" We also welcomed members of the Karis Kids UK team for two services focusing on the transformation that the charity has brought about in Uganda and the UK (for more information about Karis Kids, please see section 4.4).

For details of future services please visit our Facebook page (Littleton Café Church) or look out for notices in Across the Downs.

Carol Coleman
Café Church leader

2.4 Deanery Synod

The synod had three routine meetings in 2022 with Nigel May taking up the role of Lay Chair. Pastoral reorganisations in a number of Benefices continued to be a major theme through the year with progress being made. Synod also considered education, including the role of church schools, and the development of links with the church in Burundi. Encouragingly a number of clergy appointments were made in 2022 filling vacancies across the Deanery.

An extra meeting was held in March with the Bishop of Basingstoke, the Diocesan Synod House of Clergy chair, and the Interim Diocesan Secretary. This provided a time for discussion on events in the Diocese leading up to Bishop Tim's retirement and work that was currently underway as we moved towards the appointment of a new bishop, hopefully in 2023.

Michael Coleman
Diocesan Synod Representative

2.5 House Groups

The Mid-week House Group meets on Thursday evenings during term-time for a mix of fellowship, study and prayer. During Lent, we followed the LiveLent series from the Church of England: Embracing Justice. Over the rest of the year, we continued our occasional series looking at each of the psalms in depth, as well as studying the Ten Commandments and 1 Peter.

We would love to welcome some new members to the group – if you would like to find out more, please contact carolcoleman123@hotmail.com.

Carol Coleman
Mid-week House Group leader

We have seven members, not all from St Catherine's. Last year, amongst other subjects, we studied the Act of the Apostles, and St Matthew's Gospel.

Tim Speakman
House Group Leader

2.6 Downs Benefice – 2022 series of Lent Talks

The Lent Series in 2022 was held in what were still restricted Covid times, and it was felt that we should not invite outside speakers, but rather use some of the resources we already had within the Benefice. Wherwell Church has for some years, run a series of 'meditations'; these were mainly written by the talented late Dr Desmond Graves, and first held in Quarley Church during an interregnum there some years ago. These meditations were originally entitled 'Saints and Sinners' and examined the lives of various people who had been important in church history and development over the millennia. Each meditation was punctuated by pieces of music relevant to the lives of each character. The meditations chosen by the Downs Benefice for Lent 2022 covered the lives of Cicely Saunders, John Wesley, Dr Dietrich Bonhoeffer, Wilson Carlile and Gladys Aylward – all strong characters who led by example, as well as being activists who made a difference to the church. These amazing people were all incredibly brave in their own areas, and the 2022 Lent talks were a wonderful chance to hear about and ponder their amazing lives.

Anna Lipa

2.7 Prayer

The Benefice Prayer List is produced monthly and is used in the weekly afternoon Prayer meeting held in the church room. Copies are available to anyone wishing to use it in their own intercessions.

Prior to covid a **short service of prayer** had been held in the church room each Tuesday at 4.15pm. It was based on the Evening Prayers for Healing liturgy, a psalm and the Prayer List. During the restrictions imposed by the pandemic, the participants agreed to follow the same service in their own homes. We were delighted to be able to resume face-to-face meetings in October and it suited those attending to move the

meetings to 4.15 pm on Thursdays, back in the church room. The Revd Jax Machin produces a weekly list of people who have asked to be prayed for and these names are included in the service. Everyone is welcome and in 2022 there were nine regular attendees.

Anyone wishing to be prayed for by name should contact the Revd Jax. For information about the Prayer List or the Thursday service, please contact David Targett on dandctargetto@gmail.com.

The **Mission Prayer Diary** is produced every two months and is designed to help church members pray for the mission interests of St Catherine's. It is available at the back of the church or by email. For more information, contact Carol Ward at carol.ward@daleclose.co.uk.

The **Prayer Chain** is a means by which prayers may be offered immediately in response to a critical situation. This confidential chain of prayer, which offers support in times of urgent need, can be activated by contacting the Benefice office or the Revd Jax.

The **Julian Meeting** takes place at 4pm every Friday. A prayer or reading is followed by 30 minutes of silent meditation. Tea and biscuits are served afterwards. We generally finish by 5.30pm. For further details please contact Sheila Trussler on 01962 881089.

2.8 Music

The year 2022 began with the threat of Covid still in people's thoughts. During the early months we were fortunate to have the support of our organists, and the Congregation was able to sing hymns. Unfortunately, however, the continuing restrictions meant that the Choir was not able to sing Anthems until after Easter. Since then, for the rest of the year, the Choir has sung an Anthem at the monthly Communion Services. The Choir has also sung at Weddings and Funerals when requested. In December the annual Carol Service was held again with the considerable support and preparation of our organist, Tim Rogerson.

Throughout the year, we enjoyed the support of organists, Tim Rogerson, Deirdre Wratten, Harry Halliwell, Nikita Petriner and Lydia Morrell. This meant that organ music was played at all Sunday morning Services and the evening Peace and Wholeness Services.

All concerned aim to continue the musical provision next year.

John Morrell

3. STRATEGIC PRIORITY 2

3.1 Littleton Church Toddler Group

This group meets in the Church Room every Monday morning during term-time, and is open to all babies, toddlers, pre-schoolers and their carers from across the Benefice and beyond. A total of 29 families attended at least one session in 2022, with a weekly attendance of 5 to 10 families.

Each session starts with free play and a craft based on a Bible story. Snack time is followed by the Bible story, rounded off with singing, accompanied by our wide range of percussion instruments. Our topics for 2022 included Moses, Jesus' parables and Joseph and his brothers, and the resulting crafts are displayed throughout the year on our board in the Church Room. Anything involving paint or glue is particularly popular!

At Easter, Harvest and Christmas we hold a celebration in the Church, and this year we were delighted to welcome back the village preschool to join us for our Harvest Celebration. Much fun was had finding fruit and vegetables hidden around the Church, and celebrating the wealth of food that God has provided for us.

For more information on the group, please visit our Facebook page: Littleton Toddler Group, or email carolcoleman123@hotmail.com.

*Carol Coleman
Children's Work Coordinator.*

3.2 Children's Work

In addition to Toddler Group, the main focus for children's work at St Catherine's is our popular Posada. Mary, Joseph and their entourage were delighted to be able to carry out their usual tour of the village, visiting 11 families, spending a very busy morning with the village preschool, and enjoying the hospitality of Flowerdown Nursing Home. We welcomed them back into Church at the Crib Service on Christmas Eve, an occasion which once again saw the building full of young families, retelling the Christmas story.

We were not able to hold a Posada Service this year, but still managed to raise £540 (including Gift Aid) for Toybox, a charity which works with street children around the world.

*Carol Coleman
Children's Work Coordinator*

3.3 Social and Fundraising Events

The fund-raising committee were able to organise some fundraising events during the year. Not only are they a valuable source of income for the church, but, importantly, they do form a key part of the church's outreach into the community. Feedback indicates that they are enjoyed and the opportunity for getting together socially, is appreciated.

	£ 2022
	Net
Autumn Bazaar	763
Car Boot Sale	241
Safari Supper	680
Faith and the Arts	849
	£2533

A special thanks to the three organisers, Eryl Thompsett, Carol Ward, and David Targett.

In 2020 we had invited a string Quartet to play for us and paid them £300 in advance. Sadly, Covid meant that the quartet had to disband and by the third quarter, it was clear that they would not come together again. Consequently that £300 has been written off in the accounts for 2022.

*Clive Thompsett
PCC Member*

4. STRATEGIC PRIORITY 3

4.1 Parish Visitors

During 2022, our Parish visitors continued in the important work of supporting the vulnerable, sick, lonely, and bereaved in our parish communities within the confines of ongoing Coronavirus pandemic restrictions. Their contact in person, by telephone and social messaging has been an invaluable pastoral and spiritual connection and we often receive messages of thanks and support for their work across the year, both from those being visited and their families and neighbours. Our prayers are with each Parish Visitor as they carry a message of God's love to those in need, deepening the bond of fellowship and faith between our worshipping communities.

4.2 Anna Chaplaincy

Early in 2022 the PCC decided, after much prayerful consideration, to use a very generous legacy gift to appoint a part-time Anna Chaplain. Spring 2022 saw us initiate the appointment process, following which we were delighted to welcome Karen Markiewicz into the role. Karen began her ministry with us at the beginning of September and has settled well into her role as Anna Chaplain. The main purpose of Karen's role as an Anna Chaplain is to offer support to older people by visiting those who are living in the community of Littleton and visiting the parish care homes.

The name is inspired by the widow Anna who appears with Simeon in Luke's gospel – both fine role models of faithful older people. The name 'Anna' means gift, or grace, and this ministry is a gracious Christian offering to the local community irrespective of whether people go to church or not.

If you or someone you know would benefit from Karen visiting, then please contact Karen either via email at annachaplain@downsbeneice.org.uk or by phone 07946 175268.

Carol Ward

4.3 Mission Support Group

Following easing of covid restrictions the group has reconvened and met bimonthly to share news from, and to pray for, our Mission contacts. This year, as a church community, we had visits from Kesia Pain (OMF Japan) and also from Ketrak Turyakira, who leads the Ugandan side of the Karis Kids ministry in Kampala. These visits do so much to deepen our relationships and our mutual understanding of the challenges but also the joys of the ministries we share. In October we had the delight of meeting a new link family for us – Ben and Esther Brown with their two small boys, Barnabas and Reuben, who shared in our morning worship service. The family are due to serve with Mission Aviation Fellowship (MAF) in Arnhem Land, northern Australia and expect to be leaving early in the new year.

St Catherine's also has longstanding links with Bishop Nick and Catherine Drayson, serving in Northern Argentina with CMS and Father Winston Williams in Guyana and we have continued to correspond with both and pray for them in their very different situations.

The Mission Support group produces a bimonthly prayer dairy, which also includes prayer for the work of Tearfund, Open Doors and local Winchester organisations supporting those in particular times of need (Trinity Winchester, Basics Bank, Winchester Beacon, Street Pastors, Winchester City Chaplains). We would love to hear from anyone who would like to join our small support group or who would like to receive the prayer diary. Contact Carol Ward (carol.ward@daleclose.co.uk)

Carol Ward

4.4 Karis Kids

Since early 2012, The Downs Benefice has been linked with St Paul's, Okuvu, Kampala through the Karis Kids charity. Individuals and families across the Benefice support 9 families living in the slums, providing money for education, healthcare and basic food and household goods, and developing relationships through the exchange of letters, videos and small gifts. St Catherine's Church also donates money each year to the central Benefice fund which provides additional support as required.

The highlight of 2022 was the visit by Ketrak Turyakira, who heads up the Karis Ministry in Kampala. She called in to see some of the churches in our Benefice, and attended a get-together of Karis supporters, when she updated us on the current situation in Uganda, and brought news of and greetings from all our families. She was particularly pleased to take part in Collective Worship at Sparsholt School, where she was handed over £900 in loose change(!) – money raised by the children to provide school uniforms and equipment for all the primary-level children in our families.

If you would like to know more about Karis Kids, and maybe become involved with supporting a family, or giving a one-off donation, please contact me:

carolcoleman123@hotmail.com.

Carol Coleman

Karis Kids Co-ordinator for the Downs Benefice.

4.5 Littleton Luncheon Club

The Littleton First Friday Lunch Club has moved back to the Littleton Church Room and continues to be enthusiastically attended by its members. It is jointly run by Deirdre Wratten and John Maskill who are assisted by a number of volunteer cooks. It would be good to identify additional cooks, if you are interested please get in touch.

Deirdre Wratten.

4.6 Residential Care Homes

Revd Jax was invited back into the care homes to offer a regular Holy Communion service from: Signature - April; Flowerdown - July; Westholme - October. Several of the services had to be cancelled at the last moment as the homes had another round of Covid but Revd Jax was able to take some of these services and once Karen Markiewicz (the Littleton Anna Chaplain) started in September she accompanied Revd Jax to the homes as often as possible. After Revd Jax's accident, Karen took the Christmas services and has since led lay-services in the Care Homes on a monthly basis.

4.7 Safeguarding

A Benefice Safeguarding Policy has been formulated and is a statement of what the parishes in the benefice are doing to keep children and vulnerable adults safe, and the mechanism by which they will respond to any concerns raised. Each PCC has its own designated Safeguarding Officer, details of whom can be found displayed in the porch of each respective parish church. I took back that role for Littleton from Helen Retter in June 2022.

Safeguarding Officers report directly and in confidence to the Rector. Safeguarding is a compulsory item raised at each PCC meeting to ascertain any additional concerns. The Safeguarding Policy document is to be considered for revision annually prior to the APCM. DBS clearance is sought for any individual deemed to be working in any capacity with children and vulnerable adults. All PCC members and Church leaders are required to take various courses providing safeguarding information and training.

If you have any concerns relating to safeguarding, please raise these with the relevant parish Safeguarding Officer or, in an emergency, please contact the Rector.

Simon Kingston

Health and Safety and Safeguarding

5. STRATEGIC PRIORITY 4

5.1 Finance

It serves no purpose for this report to duplicate the full financial report, which is circulated separately. However, three points need emphasising.

- a. The church made a surplus of £651 this year. Though modest, it is a healthy position and is only achieved because of the generosity of our Planned Givers and the consequent tax rebate generated. Parishioners and HMRC contributed £62,600 in 2022 and this is 78% of our income. Thank you for continuing to support the church so generously.
- b. The PCC spent £15,680 on four projects in 2022, made possible by the generosity of parishioners who left legacies in their wills in favour of the church. We have been very fortunate to have been recipients of such generosity.

	£
Anna Chaplaincy (4 months)	4246
Upgrading church lighting	2548
Repairs to East window	7836
Tree felling & Box Hedge removal	1050
	£15680

These are all worthwhile and needed projects which would not have been affordable without legacies. Thank you to the benefactors and to those in the community who have already included a legacy within their wills.

- c. St Catherine's reserves as at 31st December 2022 are

	Reserves as at 31 Dec 2022
	£
Unrestricted	71,337
Designated	
Anna Chaplaincy	64,953
ECO Church	3,116
Church room	10,000
Churchyard	9,473
Restricted	
Church room	3,480
Churchyard	0
Flowers	168
	162,527

Clive Thompsett
PCC treasurer

5.2 Volunteers

We are well blessed with volunteers. These divide into two parts.

- a) There are 18 jobs that need to be filled each year to ensure a smooth-running routine. The volunteers for the church-year 2022/23 were as shown in the following table. Volunteers to fill these positions will be sought each Spring for endorsement at the APCM.

Number	Responsibility	Agreed to serve for Church year 2022 / 2023
10	Electoral Roll Officer	Bryan Harris
11	Terrier, faculties & insurance	Simon Kingston
12	Maintenance of church & church room, Quinquennial, etc.	John Maskill
13	Church room management	Barbara Kingston
14	Gift Aid Secretary	John Morrell
15	Allocation & mapping of burial plots	Eryl Thompsett
16	Banns & Wedding registers.	Barbara Kingston
17	Link with Baptism families	Louise Williams
18	Verger for Funeral services	Whomever is available
19	Children / Youth Co-ordinators	Carol Ward & Carol Coleman
20	Link with Sunrise	Sheila North
21	Link with Flowerdown	Shirley Lupton.
22	Road Links co-ordinator	VACANT Not filled
23	Mission Group	Carol Ward, Christine & Alan Disher, Hilary Shaw and Margaret Heaps (until June 22)
24	Magazine Distribution co-ordinator	Barbara Kingston and Diana Briggs
25	Organisers for First-Friday Lunch Club	Deirdre Wratten and John Maskill
26	Churchyard Maintenance	Clive Thompsett & Ian Muir plus Tony North, Dave Retter, Chris Stevens, Ian Stuart, John Maskill, David Briggs
27	Events Team	Carol Ward, David Targett, Eryl & Clive Thompsett

- b) The system for supporting the parish's services and outreach, introduced in 3rd quarter of 2021 has continued in 2022. It has worked efficiently, and we continue to have enough volunteers.

For services this covers service administration, welcoming, lesson reading, car lifts, flowers and coffee.

For cleaning this covers Church, church room and brass.

For outreach, we have cover for Care Home support, Lunch Club and help with fund-raising events

The PCC is indebted to all of our volunteers; without them we would not be able to sustain our regular church services nor our many and varied outreach projects. **If any reader is inspired by these words and wishes to volunteer in any capacity, please contact me.**

Clive Thompsett
PCC member

5.3 Church Fabric

The church building is generally in a good state of repair, and the log book and terrier are up to date.

In July 2020 the required quinquennial inspection was carried out by the appointed architect, Duncan McKellar. The subsequent formal report noted that 'the church was well-maintained at every level' with no significant items requiring immediate attention. Various items were carried out in 2021. Repairs to the stained glass were carried out in 2022 primarily to the East window. Repair to the lighting system were also carried out and LED bulbs fitted to all the lights where not already installed.

The next quinquennial inspection is due to be carried out in 2025.

Routine inspection and maintenance work was also carried out in the church during the year

Simon Kingston

5.4 Churchyards

The churchyards continue to be well maintained. We held our annual clear-up with 38 helpers (32 outside and 6 catering) and the result was really excellent. We all enjoyed finishing our morning's work with the traditional ploughman's lunch judging by what we enjoyed, those ploughmen certainly lived well !!!

Nigel Cleverley was appointed as our paid contractor to cut the grass and has proved to be an enthusiastic and diligent worker. We are also grateful to Paul Clegg who volunteers to mow the large new burial area. The area for ashes adjacent to the church room is now full and by the end of the year there were three interments of ashes in the northern extension of the churchyard.

Throughout the year a rota of people who can operate strimmers keep the area tidy and, in the autumn, there is a need to collect and dispose of the huge volume of leaves. Ian Muir again assembled volunteers for regular leaf-blowing sessions to ensure that the leaves are kept under control, and all were cleared by early December

leaving the whole area tidy for Christmas and the winter. Ian Muir has also led a team who are systematically repairing graves with damaged stonework. Stunning results.

In the autumn we had to cut down eight young ash trees; we hope that Spring 2023 will not see other trees dying from this widespread disease. The box hedge along Church Lane succumbed to box-hedge disease and Ray Broughton (a horticulture expert and examiner for students at Kew Gardens) advised us to remove it. The PCC has decided to replace it with a hedge of Hypericum Hidcote (a chalk-loving hedge with prolific yellow flowers). The Church Lane's northern bank will also be reseeded with grass and wildflowers. Both jobs are weather dependant, but the plan is to complete by Easter 2023.

The way the churchyard and wildflower meadow are maintained continues to be really appreciated by all those who have loved ones buried at Littleton and thanks are expressed to all who have helped.

Clive Thompsett
PCC member responsible for Graveyards

5.5 The Church Room

2022 was a better year. Despite the continuing presence of Covid in the community, regular groups such as the Art Group, Toddlers, and the WI Choir gathered in the church room from January. The Mid-Week Housegroup resumed their meetings in March and the Lunch Club returned at the beginning of May. We were even able to host a (very) few post-funeral teas. Post-Sunday service coffee was served again, but not until around Eastertide. A highlight in 2022 was an exhibition staged in the room by the Littleton Local History Group over the Jubilee weekend in June. The weekly Prayer Group returned in the Autumn, as did the Faith and the Arts talks and the Autumn Bazaar. We even managed a Patronal Festival lunch in November. Finally, we also witnessed the welcome return of the Eve of Eve Panto troupe for their rehearsals at the end of the year!

Barbara Kingston

Simon Kingston

Simon Kingston
Lay Chair
On behalf of the PCC

Date: *23rd April* 2023

Clive Thompsett

Clive Thompsett
Treasurer
On behalf of the PCC

Date: *23rd April* 2023