

KNOWSTONE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

The Parish Church of St.Peter is a grade 2* listed building, one of eleven churches in the Edgemoor Group of Parishes which is part of the South Molton Deanery in the Archdeaconry of Barnstaple in the Diocese of Exeter.

There are eight PCC members: The Rev'd David Baker (Chairman), Reg Howe (Vice-Chairman & ChurchWarden), Catherine Morgan (Secretary), Wendy Sweet (Treasurer), Barbara Osborne, Phil Dey, Tim & Michele Browse. Our organist is Mary Snell. Bill Bucknell, who was the custodian of the churchyard wishes to retire from that post so we are looking for someone to take over from him. We thank Bill for his dedication to the church over many years and wish him well.

We have two services each month – 1st Sunday: Holy Communion at 8.30am; 2nd Sunday Family Service at 11.15 plus the great Christian Festivals; Good Friday, Easter Day, and Christmas Day. The collections from God Friday, the Harvest Festival and the Carol Service are donated to good causes such as The North Devon Hospice, The Children's Hospice, Shelterbox and the Devon Air Ambulance Trust.

Our big church project, the restoration of the Rood Loft Steps together with the wall paintings and biblical text continues and we have been fortunate to secure grants from ChurchCare and the Batsworthy Fund plus a generous donation from our Archdeacon, the Venerable Mark Butchers. With these funds we can start work as soon as permission is formally granted by the Diocese – probably in July. Once this is accomplished we can turn our attention to our bells.

For those of you who are not regular church goers I encourage you to re-engage with our national religion – Christianity. Our services are very friendly with the a chat afterwards over tea/ coffee and biscuits.

I close with heartfelt thanks to the PCC team and our Clergy, the Rev'd David Baker, Rev'd Alastair Forman, Rev'd Chris Winney, Rev'd Penny Lawson, Licenced Reader Richard Holloway and Lay Assistant Fran Evans.

Keep in touch via the Parish website www.knowstone.org.uk and the Edgemoor Group website: www.edgemoorparishes.org.uk

Reg Howe, Church Warden – 14.5.2018