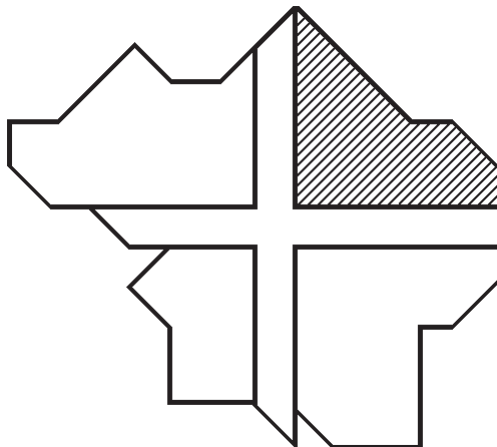


STANTONBURY ECUMENICAL PARTNERSHIP



CHURCHES

Bradwell, St Lawrence
Downs Barn, Cross and Stable
Great Linford, St Andrew
Stantonbury, Christ Church
New Bradwell, St James
Willen, St Mary Magdalene

ANNUAL REPORT

2010 - 2011

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From Mike Morris - Lay Chair

Andy's report gives a good flavour of what can be achieved when we work together and support each other in mission. My own thoughts continue the theme of our working to support and encourage each other, but also address some issues that we have to face in the coming months.

The future of the Community Centre in New Bradwell has been a source of concern to our friends in New Bradwell for some time. But we feel that this is an issue for the wider Partnership and with that in mind a small group has been set up to work with the Management Group of the Community Centre so that a new lease can be arranged. We have had an initial and very fruitful meeting and I am sure that more will follow as we try to work out how to overcome what appeared at first to be an insurmountable problem. In turn, by our working with the Management Group, the church will be seen to be actively involved in, supporting and working with the community.

We also hold in our thoughts the concerns for the future of the Cross and Stable community. Whilst it is for that congregation to determine the way they wish to go, it is for all of us to be there and help them grow as God would want them to grow. Can I ask that the Cross and Stable particularly remain in our prayers and that we may all be ready to respond to any request that that church ask of us.

Sharing agreements and Constitutions remain to be finalised. It is important that the former is dealt with as soon as possible for without it monies from the sale of the Methodist Chapel in New Bradwell cannot be released to St James, where they can be used for improvements to the building. We shall be pressing for that conclusion.

Andy has touched on the retirement of Chris Collinge in May next year and the need to work now on how we will manage with one less Ministerial colleague. Our small Lay Group has had one meeting and another is arranged. But the group would welcome any ideas you might have, given that we are unlikely to be given another Anglican minister as a straight replacement for Chris. We would welcome any thoughts you may have on how we might best arrange ourselves, how best we might use the lay and ordained people we have and what the laity might take on so as to release time from a reduced ordained ministry team who we know are often overworked. And please

think, as they say, "outside the box". Remember "God works in mysterious ways...." Please encourage members of your congregations to consider given time and/or talents.

New ways of working within the Mission Partnership are still being determined now that the new constitution has been approved and we do not yet have a clear picture of how it will affect the LEPs. What had emerged from the review was that people felt that there should be a strong focus on mission. Structures are being developed to put this in place. The Mission Partnership will be an employer set up as a limited company to protect the Trustees and Executive. The Assembly at June will be asked to approve a new constitution, a standard one produced by the Charity Commissioners with the Mission Partnership aims and purposes included. New working patterns as approved by the last Assembly have been established and the new committees are running in tandem with the established ones. These new structures will have to be adopted by the June Assembly meeting along with an interim trustee's board (I am one of the interim trustees). The June Assembly will be the last Assembly in its present form whereby it makes business decisions. The matter of support for the LEPs is high on the agenda but has yet to be resolved.

The search of a new Ecumenical Moderator (to be titled in future the Director for Ecumenical Mission) is under way. It is proposed to advertise in denominational papers the week after Easter, short listing would be the first week in June with interviews 21st and 22nd June.

Finally on an upbeat note I have met over Easter a Methodist minister from Nigeria who is studying at the Ecumenical Institute at Bossey in Geneva. He has been visiting Milton Keynes to see how we operate ecumenically. What he has seen has inspired him. He has taken away pictures, both mental and digital, as well as ideas that he intends to share with his colleagues at the Institute and also ideas to take back to his homeland later in the year. Before coming here he had never even thought that the denominations could work together in ways that we now consider almost natural. So what we do both separately and together can inspire others and there is no doubt God will continue to inspire us in the coming months and years.

From the Rev. Andy Jowitt, Ministerial Team Leader

Much of the life of our Partnership and parish is within the life of each of the individual churches as they work out their mission and calling and serve God in their individual ways. Much of this life will be described in this collection of reports.

There is another important dimension and that is our 'togetherness': the ways we seek to support one another and encourage one another and work together.

Our evening services programme now provides an opportunity for worship each Sunday somewhere in the parish. This could be a quiet focus at the end of a busy day, or an opportunity to worship when a morning service wasn't possible, or a chance for us to pray for each other. The Partnership services hosted by the Cross & Stable Church have partly had this last aim in mind. It has been good recently to see people travelling to other parts of the parish over Holy Week.

Hosting and promoting the Passion Play performed by Riding Lights is one example of something that becomes possible when we work together. Sometimes one church takes a lead, and we are grateful to the lead taken by members of Christ Church in this instance.

The Week of Accompanied Prayer (enabling people to have a guided retreat experience without having to be away from home); the Room'n'ate programme of social events and speaker evenings for men; the Marriage Celebration dinner; the Marriage Preparation courses; the 'Glow in the Dark' party (providing an alternative to Hallowe'en); the Noah's Ark Party; the children's training events provided by Chris Collinge and other training events provided by Peter Ballantine: these are all examples of areas where we are able to do things better together (sometimes things that are not viable otherwise). The Week of Accompanied Prayer is now being taken up elsewhere, and this year is being run in Woodhill Prison, an example of what happens in the SEP having a wider impact.

That synergy of pooling energy and skills can help us serve our community better. Over the last year the Partnership contribution to the MK Soup Run has increased from one to two evenings. The Monday and Tuesday runs are sponsored

by SEP and made possible by the commitment of people from different parts of the Partnership working together, and working together with people from other churches too.

This year saw the first edition of NETwork, a Partnership magazine produced not 'for internal consumption' but to be distributed, and hopefully enjoyed, on a wider scale. The quality of the first edition made a favourable impression. Now we are working on a second edition, and also on plans to generate some income from advertising. This first production of NETwork came on the back of some fine work to establish a Partnership website as not just a means of sharing information, but often as a first point of contact with our churches in this age of the internet.

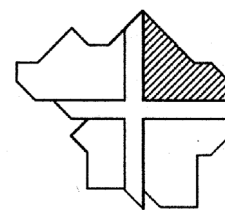
The ministerial team is another area of Partnership life where we seek to support one another. Judy Rose has been an integral part of that team for longer than any other member. With the need to make space to be able to care for different members of her family, young and old, Judy felt the time had come to retire as a member of the team. We are so glad, however, that she will still be part of our fellowship and will hold 'Permission to Officiate'. Last summer we said goodbye to Dave Bell, who served as part-time assistant curate at St James. He is now very busy as full-time Team Vicar in the Watling Valley Ecumenical Partnership. Soon after saying goodbye to Dave, we were delighted to welcome Liz Baker as associate priest licensed to the parish. Liz is Director of the Well community and her main involvement is at St Mary Magdalene, Willen.

This time next year we will have said our goodbyes to Chris Collinge who has set May 2012 as the beginning of her retirement. Chris' departure will be a loss not just to St James but to the parish, and it is highly unlikely that this time we will be able to appoint a direct replacement to this post. This raises important questions about the future. Work has already begun on the thinking we need to do, not least in the working group convened by our Lay Chair Mike Morris.

The coming year will be an important time for us to listen to each other and listen to God, as we look to the future and do so with hope and vision.

Stantonbury Ecumenical Partnership

Ecumenical Parish of Stantonbury and Willen



Membership 2011

With breakdown into declared Denominations

Church	A	URC	B	M	E	Other	Total
Bradwell, <i>St Lawrence</i>	76	1	7	4	27	8	123
Great Linford, <i>St Andrew</i>	85	4	4	3	11	13	120
Stantonbury, <i>Christ Church</i>	11	0	14	3	8	7	43
New Bradwell, <i>St James</i>	46	1	1	5	17	4	74
Downs Barn, <i>Cross & Stable</i>	15	0	2	3	0	2	22
Willen, <i>St Mary Magdalene</i>	39	0	0	2	5	5	51
Total	272	6	28	20	68	39	433

Key	A	Anglican
	URC	United Reformed Church
	B	Baptist
	M	Methodist
	E	Ecumenical
	Other	(includes Church of Scotland, Church of Ireland, Church of Uganda, Roman Catholic, Presbyterian and some undeclared)

Treasurer's Report

January – December 2010

The year ended with a deficit of £8,790 however this was considerably less than the budget deficit of £19,000. This was helped by the generosity of at least one of our churches with an additional payment to the Partnership. The share to the Mission Partnership whilst increasing by approximately £9000 was paid on time and in full without any problems.

The transfer of Soup Run Donations to the Partnership went without too many difficulties and is well supported due to the generosity of many small givers across the Parish.

Other income/expenditure was largely in line with the budget.

2011 is again likely to be a challenge for us financially and once again a deficit budget is being presented. This is largely made up of an increase of a little over £8000 to the Mission Partnership, (however as a Partnership we do not come anywhere near the self-support which is being encouraged), payment for the 'Network' parish magazine and membership of Citizens MK.

The generosity of our churches in what they have offered as their share towards the Partnership has helped offset the deficit however there is awareness of those who are struggling and who are not able to give more.

The rate of the Gift Aid revenue refund will be reducing this year, as the Partnership benefits from this, treasurers / gift aid treasurers may have their work cut out to encourage both an increase in giving to cover the shortfall during the current constrained times and also to persuade those who are in work and paying tax to gift aid where possible.

An issue which we will have to grasp within the next couple of years is that of a shortfall in the Baptist Union Pension fund and the need to make this up is coming from the Government. It is likely that there will have to be an increase in the contributions paid to the pension fund of between 6-8%. It is also possible that we may have to pay additional contributions as a result of a 'cessation event' since 2005 (between John Bernard leaving and Chris Howden's arrival). A consultation is currently in place and we will have to wait and see the outcome of this. There is an opportunity for us to have a say in this the end date however is before our next SEP meeting.

I am once again very thankful for the help and hard work given by Adrian Prisk, Paul Watt and Gary Farnes in pulling together the 2010 accounts. Thanks also go to each member of the churches who gives so generously to enable with God's help the work of mission to be carried out in the Stantonbury area.

Maggie Prisk, Treasurer, April 2011

Accounting Policies Stantonbury Ecumenical Council

The accounts are compiled on the "going concern" concept. This means that all transactions have been made on the assumption that Stantonbury Ecumenical Council will continue into the future

The "accrual concept" has been applied to transaction values, except Gift Aid and Grants. This means that where goods or services have been received but have not been invoiced in the accounting year the accounts include an estimate of the value of the transaction as though an invoice had been received.

In line with the Charities Act three Fund classifications have been used. They are:

Unrestricted Fund This fund contains all values which are for general use within the funding of the Church. The majority of transactions fall into this category.

Restricted Fund This is for monies which have been received or put aside for a particular purpose, for example, 10% of giving for external causes, collections for specific named causes, specific donations or legacies

Endowment Fund This is where investments have been left to the Church and the income is to be used within the Church. In some cases these can also have restrictions as to their use.

To retain an open book approach and to show the size and scope of transactions the netting of costs with income has not taken place.

Maggie Prisk, Treasurer, April 2011

Stantonbury Ecumenical Council
UK Balance Sheet - Standard
As at 1 January 2011

	1 Jan 11	1 Jan 10	£ Change
ASSETS			
Current Assets			
Accounts Receivable			
Accounts Receivable	0.00	6,492.57	-6,492.57
Total Accounts Receivable	0.00	6,492.57	-6,492.57
Cash at bank and in hand			
CafCash Current			
CafCash General	37,485.61	43,821.56	-6,335.95
CafCash Soup Run	951.57	0.00	951.57
Total CafCash Current	38,437.18	43,821.56	-5,384.38
Savings	9,263.66	9,217.00	46.66
Youth Account	1,260.89	1,536.69	-275.80
Total Cash at bank and in hand	48,961.73	54,575.25	-5,613.52
Total Current Assets	48,961.73	61,067.82	-12,106.09
Current Liabilities			
Other Current Liabilities			
Accounts payable	0.00	3,314.32	-3,314.32
Total Other Current Liabilities	0.00	3,314.32	-3,314.32
Total Current Liabilities	0.00	3,314.32	-3,314.32
NET CURRENT ASSETS	48,961.73	57,753.50	-8,791.77
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIA...	48,961.73	57,753.50	-8,791.77
NET ASSETS	48,961.73	57,753.50	-8,791.77
Capital and Reserves			
Cross and Stable Charities	5,749.71	5,282.00	467.71
General Fund	40,999.56	50,934.81	-9,935.25
Soup Run	951.57	0.00	951.57
Youth Fund	1,260.89	1,536.69	-275.80
Shareholder funds	48,961.73	57,753.50	-8,791.77

STANTONBURY ECUMENICAL PARISH, MILTON KEYNES - CONSOLIDATED ACCOUNTS

For the year ended 31 December 2010

Unrestricted Funds

Account:	St. Andrews	Christ Church	Cross & Stable	St. James	Bradwell Church	St. Mary Magdalene	Bradwell Ecumenical Council	2009 TOTAL FUNDS	2009 TOTAL
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	
INCOMING RESOURCES									
<i>Incoming resources from donors</i>									
Planned giving:									
Quota for Local Ministry							33294	33294	40166
Gift Aided	15754	22443	9176	22888	26245	9536	0	106042	108625
Income tax recoverable on Gift Aid	4692	7682	3458	5444	4850	2355	28	28510	28784
Not Gift Aided	2033	0	567	0	9849	0	0	12449	13245
Collections (open plate) at all services	10328	2401	1243	2430	0	3031	0	19433	18202
Gift days	0	263	1375	0	0	405	0	2043	2765
Small donations	1477	75	1506	2468	944	0	0	6470	7906
	<u>34284</u>	<u>32864</u>	<u>17325</u>	<u>33230</u>	<u>41888</u>	<u>15327</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>33322</u>	<u>219693</u>
<i>Other voluntary incoming resources</i>									
Donations, appeals, etc	0	0	0	3949	0	4037	0	7986	12371
Legacies	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2276
Fetes, bazaars, other fund-raising events (not netted off)	1986	0	21	2993	637	2147	0	7784	5965
Grants	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3000
	<u>1986</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>21</u>	<u>6942</u>	<u>637</u>	<u>6184</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>15770</u>	<u>23612</u>
<i>Income from charitable and ancillary trading</i>									
Fees from Weddings and funeral	6150	0	166	2480	7301	2764	0	21596	20606
Church letting	0	14374	0	0	155	0	0	14529	17687
Church hall letting	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	5	0
Other trading (not netted off)	50	0	0	0	0	0	0	50	410
Other lettings	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Fees	0	185	0	0	205	0	0	390	208
	<u>6200</u>	<u>14559</u>	<u>166</u>	<u>2485</u>	<u>7661</u>	<u>2764</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>36570</u>	<u>38911</u>
<i>Other ordinary incoming resources</i>									
Insurance claims	0	0	0	0	0	0	368	368	5401
Sundry refunds	0	306	0	220	0	3801	0	4462	8243
	<u>0</u>	<u>306</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>220</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>3801</u>	<u>368</u>	<u>4830</u>	<u>13644</u>
<i>Income from investments</i>									
Dividends	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Interest on CBF Accounts	0	45	6	0	0	0	0	51	102
Interest from bank accounts	1	0	2	0	0	6	0	86	814
Profit on invested capital	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	<u>1</u>	<u>45</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>137</u>	<u>916</u>
	<u>42471</u>	<u>47774</u>	<u>17520</u>	<u>42877</u>	<u>50186</u>	<u>28082</u>	<u>368</u>	<u>265548</u>	<u>296776</u>
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES									
Contras Payment of Milton Keynes Christian Council	0	0	0	0	0	0	128356	128356	119584
Contras Payment of Tax&Fees Returns to Local Churches	0	0	0	0	0	0	38503	38503	37995
Contras Payment of Fees to Oxford Diocese	0	0	0	0	0	0	18476	18476	18369
Contras - Others	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	14059
Contras - Sundries	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total to Bank Account	<u>42471</u>	<u>47774</u>	<u>17520</u>	<u>42877</u>	<u>50186</u>	<u>28082</u>	<u>368</u>	<u>221605</u>	<u>486783</u>

STANTONBURY ECUMENICAL PARISH, MILTON KEYNES - CONSOLIDATED ACCOUNTS

For the year ended 31 December 2010

Unrestricted Funds

Account:	St. Andrews	Christ Church	Cross & Stable	St. James	Bradwell Church	St. Mary Magdalene	Bradwell Methodist	Ecumenical Council	TOTAL FUNDS	2009 TOTAL
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Consolidated including Ajs										
RESOURCES USED										
<i>Grants</i>										
Missionary and charitable giving:										
Overseas Mission Church Societies	0	4200	0	0	0	0	0	0	4200	5178
Relief and development agencies	0	0	0	328	0	59	0	0	387	1041
Home Missions	0	660	0	274	0	0	0	0	934	660
Relief and development agencies	0	202	0	0	0	59	0	0	261	238
	0	5082	0	602	0	118	0	0	5782	7117
<i>Activities directly related to the work of the church</i>										
<i>Ministry:</i>										
Paid by MKMP	30491	21439	9528	23821	32159	10918	0	0	128356	119584
Paid by SEC	7909	5561	2472	6179	8341	2832	0	0	33294	40166
Clergy salaries paid locally	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	32426	32426	32017
Clergy expenses	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	9011	9011	8451
Clergy housing	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2257	2257	8233
other clergy expenses	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Church running expenses	3224	10222	4350	8004	6139	6451	0	1703	40093	42728
Church Insurance	2540	1010	0	3660	1961	2219	60	0	11450	12493
Church maintenance	1116	3436	0	493	266	165	1580	0	7056	17560
Junior Church & Youth Work	0	0	0	0	547	0	0	0	547	0
Expenditure on other trading	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	78
Expenditure on letting	0	989	0	0	0	0	0	0	989	0
Upkeep of churchyard	0	0	0	0	371	0	0	0	371	2095
	45280	42657	16350	42157	49784	22585	1640	45397	265850	283405
<i>Fund-raising and publicity</i>										
Costs of fetes, bazaars, other fund raising events	0	0	0	0	0	404	0	90	494	111
Non-recurring costs of stewardship campaigns	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	0	0	0	0	0	404	0	90	494	111
<i>Church management and administration</i>										
Administration: Printing & stationary	331	75	0	337	609	254	0	342	1948	3267
Subscriptions	0	318	0	0	0	0	0	372	690	688
Bank charges	0	0	0	0	40	0	0	5	45	61
Loan interest	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	331	393	0	337	649	254	0	719	2683	4016
TOTAL RESOURCES USED	45611	48112	16350	43096	50433	23361	1640	46206	274809	294649
Contras Payment of Milton Keynes Christian Council	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	128356	128356	119584
Contras Payment of Tax&Fee Returns to Local Churches	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	38503	38503	37996
Contras Payment of Fees to Oxford Diocese	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	18476	18476	18369
Contras - Others	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	14059
Contras - Sundries	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total from Bank Account	45611	48112	16350	43096	50433	23361	1640	231541	460144	484657
<i>Net Movement in funds</i>										
Balance brought forward at 1st January 2010	-3140	-338	1170	-219	-247	4721	-1272	-9936	-9261	2126
Prior year adjustment re Restricted/Unrestricted Funds	5871	7764	3291	5322	7475	4433	5929	50935	91020	88793
	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Balance carried forward at 31st December 2010	2731	7426	4461	5103	7228	9154	4657	40999	81759	90919

STANTONBURY ECUMENICAL PARISH, MILTON KEYNES - CONSOLIDATED ACCOUNTS

For the year ended 31 December 2010
Restricted Funds

For the year ended 31 December 2010
Endowment Funds

Account: Consolidated including Ajs	St. Andrews	Christ Church	Cross & Stable	St. James	Bradwell Church	St. Mary Magdalene Council	Stantonbury Parish Youth Club	TOTAL FUNDS	Acc/Bradwell Church	2009 TOTAL
£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
2 INCOMING RESOURCES										
Incoming resources from donors	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Planned giving:										
Quota for Local Ministry	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Gift Aided	0	0	0	0	2916	0	0	2916	0	2092
Income tax recoverable on Gift Aid	37	0	0	468	595	0	0	1100	0	519
Not Gift Aided	0	0	0	0	1094	0	0	1094	0	830
Collections (open plate) at all services	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Subscriptions (Youth Club)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Gift Days	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Small donations	0	689	0	0	0	0	196	3032	0	2498
	37	689	0	468	4605	0	196	8142	0	5930
Other voluntary incoming resources										
Donations, appeals, etc	622	0	465	1	838	1099	0	3025	0	43418
Legacies	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1000
Fetes, bazaars, other fund-raising events (not r	1245	0	0	1714	2015	0	0	4974	0	3769
Grants	0	1500	0	419	0	0	0	7969	0	11132
	1867	1500	465	2134	2853	1099	0	15968	0	59319
Income from charitable and ancillary trading										
Loans	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	243
	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other ordinary incoming resources										
Insurance claims	0	0	0	0	4639	0	0	4639	0	0
Sundry refunds	0	450	0	0	0	2182	0	2632	0	0
	0	450	0	0	4639	2182	0	7271	0	0
Income from investments										
Dividends	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	594	576
Interest on CBF Accounts	0	0	0	0	0	25	0	25	0	202
Interest from bank accounts	0	0	0	9	1	0	1	11	0	12
Gains/Losses on investments	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	0	0	0	9	1	25	1	36	594	790
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES	1904	2639	465	2611	12098	3306	197	31417	594	66291
Contras for Payment of Milton Keynes Christiar	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Contras - Sundries	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total to Bank Account	1904	2639	465	2611	12098	3306	197	31417	594	66291

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28/04/11
Accrual Basis

Stantonbury Ecumenical Council
Income and Expenditure by Class
January through December 2010

	Cross & Stable Charities	Soup Run	Willen	Youth	Unrestricted	TOTAL 2010	TOTAL 2009	BUDGET 2011
Income								
Contras Income							725.57	
Cross And Stable Charities Inc	3,867.71	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	3867.71	8631.96	
English Heritage	0.00	0.00	2,181.90	0.00	0.00	2181.90	0.00	
Fee Income						0.00		
A Jowitt	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	9280.50	9280.50	8529.50	
C Collinge	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	5384.00	5384.00	6889.00	
C Howden	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2050.00	2050.00	1304.00	
P Ballantine	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	9167.50	9167.50	11571.50	
P Smith	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	7537.00	7537.00	6722.90	
Total Fee Income	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	33419.00	33419.00	35016.90	35000.00
Gift Received								
Soup Run Donations	0.00	1,037.49	0.00	0.00	0.00	1037.49	0.00	
Soup Run Transfer from St James	0.00	1,109.67	0.00	0.00	0.00	1109.67	0.00	
Gift Received Other							1069.14	
Total Gift Received	0.00	2,147.16	0.00	0.00	0.00	2147.16	1069.14	
Inland Revenue Gift Aid	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	26323.63	26323.63	25131.50	26000.00
Interest Inc								
Bank Interest	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	24.05	24.05	0.00	
Interest Inc - Other	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.38	53.17	54.55	488.82	
Total Interest Inc	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.38	77.22	78.60	488.82	
Other Income	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	35.00	35.00	0.00	
Parish Share								
Bradwell Church	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	40500.00	40500.00	40000.00	43000.00
Christ Church	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	27000.00	27000.00	25500.00	27000.00
Cross and Stable	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	12000.00	12000.00	15000.00	8000.00
St. Andrew's	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	38400.00	38400.00	36000.00	38400.00
St. James	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	30000.00	30000.00	29500.00	30000.00
Willen	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	13750.00	13750.00	13750.00	14300.00
Total Parish Share	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	161650.00	161650.00	159750.00	160700.00
Repayment	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	100.00	0.00	
VAT Reclaim							21025.01	
Youth Income	0.00	0.00	0.00	195.57	0.00	195.57	132.00	
Total Income	3,867.71	2,147.16	2,181.90	196.95	221604.85	229998.57	251970.90	221700.00

Expense	Cross & Stable Charities	Soup Run	Willen	Youth	Unrestricted	TOTAL 2010	TOTAL 2009	BUDGET 2011
Audit Expenses	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	300.00	300.00	0.00	
Baptist Minister								
PAYE & NIC	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	5506.60	5506.60	6281.86	
Pension Contributions	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	6930.00	6930.00	6724.80	
Salary	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	19988.91	19988.91	19011.76	
Total Baptist Minister	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	32425.51	32425.51	32018.42	33000.00
Bus. Expenses								
Advertising	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	90.00	90.00	0.00	
Bank Charges	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	5.00	5.00	12.50	
Total Bus. Expenses	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	95.00	95.00	12.50	8500.00
Clergy Expenses	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	9010.63	9010.63	8450.86	
Contras Expense							230.00	
Cross and Stable Charities - Ex	3,400.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	3400.00	9500.00	
Deposit Refund	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	250.00	
Development	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1277.75	1277.75	271.84	1750.00
Diocesan Fees	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	18476.00	18476.00	18368.50	18500.00
Fee Payments								
Bradwell Church	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	3637.00	3637.00	3324.00	
Downs Barn	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	156.00	156.00	96.00	
St Andrews	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	4102.00	4102.00	4918.50	
St James	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1908.00	1908.00	2292.00	
Willen	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2404.00	2404.00	2243.90	
Total Fee Payments	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	12207.00	12207.00	12874.40	13000.00
Gift Aid	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	26295.66	26295.66	25846.40	25000.00
Grants Forwarded	0.00	0.00	2,181.90	0.00	0.00	0.00	150.00	

	Cross & Stable Charities	Soup Run	Willen	Youth	Unrestricted	TOTAL 2010	TOTAL 2009	BUDGET 2011
Manse								
Council Tax	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1382.83	1376.42		
Improvements	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	517.50	6046.69		
Maintenance						498.96		
Water	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	356.34	310.58		
Total Manse	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2256.67	8232.65	3500.00	
Miscellaneous								
Clergy Away Day	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	90.00	346.00		
MKCC						168.00		
Training						40.00		
Miscellaneous - Other	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	35.00	455.69		
Total Miscellaneous	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	125.00	1009.69	725.00	
Mission Partnership								
Photocopying	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	128356.00	119584.00	136555.00	
Printing	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	148.00	128.74		
Secretarial Expenses	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	179.30	0.00		
Soup Run Expenses	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	14.58	153.43		
Subscriptions	0.00	1,195.59	0.00	0.00	1195.59	0.00		
Treasurer's Expenses	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	373.00	346.50		
VAT Repayment						17.74		
Youth Expenses	0.00	0.00	0.00	472.75	472.75	14058.65		
Total Expense	3,400.00	1,195.59	2,181.90	472.75	231540.10	251755.90	240530.00	
Profit for the Year	467.71	951.57	0.00	-275.80	-9935.25	215.00	-18830.00	

Children and Families

Much of the work during the year was concerned with adopting the new Vetting and Barring legislation that, in the event, did not largely come into practice because of the response of the coalition government. I also continued with the outreach events to children and families which were available throughout the partnership.

Safeguarding

The main change has been that we have been accepted under the umbrella of The Churches' Agency for Safeguarding for applications for CRB checks. This has meant that we must apply for each CRB through the Methodist church. However, the Oxford Diocese will still be available to offer advice. The Local Authority Designated Officer, who must be involved should any safeguarding incident arise, give excellent guidance and advice.

Safeguarding Officers

The following people have been Safeguarding Officers within each church community.

Bradwell Church — Jenny Brookman
 St James' Church — Sarah — Jane Chick
 St Andrews' Church — Glenys Bloomfield
 Cross and Stable - Gill Grant
 Christ Church — Janice Puddephatt

Safeguarding Team Leaders

The following people are Safeguarding Team Leaders

Christine Collinge
 Sandra Kennedy
 Lesley Blight
 Chris Howden

Safeguarding Training

No training events have taken place because we were waiting to respond to new legislation.

I was able to attend a training day run by Milton Keynes Council on Safeguarding. It was good to share experiences with a wide variety of people — for example social workers, police and teachers.

Outreach Events

On October 30th we held another very successful Glow in the Dark party. Thank you so much to all of the people from throughout the parish who helped at this event — and for the children who came!

Partnership wide activities

There is a diversity of work with children throughout the parish. Young church groups are flourishing at St Andrews and Bradwell Church. St Andrews continues to be a beacon for Godly Play. Cross and Stable are holding activities for children on a monthly basis and this is going well. Christ Church continues with its After School Club meeting every week and more children are coming along to enjoy the activities. St James now has Dolphins each Sunday in church - it is good to be able to offer visiting children some special time. St James' also held a very successful Messy Church on a

Saturday morning and intends to run these at regular intervals. Bradwell has a flourishing Toddler group and Tiddlers at St James is flourishing. A summer school was shared between St Andrews and Christ Church. St James had a well attended week of activities during the summer holidays on the theme of "Fun and Friendship." Good Friday workshops were held at St Andrew's and St James' churches.

The Wider Scene

The Core Skills training event is drawing to a close. It has been an excellent course beautifully presented. The subject covered during 2011 have been Children and Community, Pastoral Awareness and Children's Spirituality to be held on May 21. The course has been very much appreciated by the attendees. Unfortunately many of those who work with our children in church do not have the space to attend extra training so the course will not have a direct effect on work with children in the Stantonbury partnership.

I have continued with my involvement with x — site and it is good that some children from our partnership attend and, in some cases, bring along their friends. The team continues to be organised from Scripture Union but consists of members from all over Milton Keynes. The core leaders are Alan Carter (Scripture Union), Rachel Foster (MK Bridgebuilder Trust) and Mandy Eyeington (New Life Wolverton) who are an inspiration — the story telling, music group and general engagement with the children is second to none.

The Future

A Noah's Ark party is planned for June 11th at New Bradwell Community Centre and there will continue to be outreach events and children's activities throughout the partnership. One very exciting development is St Andrew's is holding a quiet day for children using the garden and Godly Play, on May 21st~

I will endeavour to hold some gatherings where our children's leaders can come together and share ideas. There will also be some Safeguarding training held during the year.

Chris Collinge

Creative Arts

Since I took on this roll we have decided to hold one main event each year on behalf of SEP. The Community Arts festival last Easter was good fun and drew together schools, community and the congregations of Stantonbury Ecumenical Partnership. We discussed the possibility of repeating it this year but due to the different Easter holiday dates we decided not to repeat the festival but instead invited Riding Lights to perform a passion play using the Campus theatre as a venue. On Tuesday 19th April, the Tuesday of Holy Week 'The Narrow Road' was watched by over 200 people from across Milton Keynes. We are pleased to say that we will have covered our costs and may have made a small profit. It was deemed to be a good occasion and we are very grateful to Anne Slee who administered it and Brian Howden who organised the advertising and stewarding.

In addition to this one main event individual churches have held concerts and creative activities. For example St Andrews has held musical evenings and participated as usual in the Waterside festival. St James has held concert evenings too and had a flower festival celebrating their anniversary. Turning this next year I will try and keep a diary of arts/creative! musical events and would be grateful if organisers could let me have details of times and venues. I will attempt to keep the website updated.

Christ Church is re-launching an Art group on Thursdays beginning on 19th May from 1.30- 3.30, which we hope will draw in people of all ages and abilities and maybe organise some week end workshops. Please pass this information to anyone who would be interested. Other ideas always gratefully received!

Chris howden

EVANGELISM ENABLER REPORT

New House Visiting

After a slow-down in the building programme in 2009/10 there has been an acceleration over the past year in the developments at Stantonbury Park (now to be named Oakridge Park) and Red House Park. A considerable number are now occupied. The Red House Park visiting has been looked after by St Andrew's, while the Oakridge Park visiting has remained a team effort. The visiting has continued in two ways: delivering the Welcome Pack personally to new occupants where we find them in, and delivering Christmas leaflets and the NETwork magazine through doors to every house. A brief word about the materials: the Welcome Pack was designed to be easily updateable. This has proved a good plan as information is soon out of date, and the inserts were all revised this autumn. NETwork was designed to be attractive and useful for a wide readership. Simple features like the list of churches on the back proved useful in doorstep conversations. In the next edition we plan to further improve this feature with postcodes and corrected information.

Christmas and Easter Cracked

In the autumn I stood down as trustee of Bridgebuilder, having served in that capacity for some time and having felt for a while that I needed to try and make some space in an overcrowded diary. I remain as enthusiastic as before about the work of Bridgebuilder. Chris Howden and I recently attended an 'Easter Cracked' session put on by a team from Whaddon Way Church. These programmes are now hosted by a number of churches around Milton Keynes, with support from Bridgebuilder, and are very popular with the schools who bring their Year 6 children to learn in a very interactive way about the true meaning of these festivals. Chris and I would very much like to explore the feasibility of us offering 'Cracked' to schools within our Partnership.

More Than Gold

This is an organisation sponsored by a wide range of denominations and mission agencies to help and resource churches to engage with the London Olympics in hospitality, service and

outreach. We don't yet know whether Milton Keynes will be directly involved in any way in 2012, but we know that the impact will be on all of us.

I am meeting with a small group of leaders and members of different churches around Milton Keynes to explore how we can benefit from 'More Than Gold' resources and work together to engage with London 2012.

Alpha

Once again three courses have been run over the last year, and one is about to begin. The two autumn courses (one held in the evening and one in the morning) both started late, as participants were away or unwell at the time the courses were scheduled to start, and so to complete the courses they both continued over into the New Year. They were both small but proved very worthwhile for those who attended.

Alpha MK has ceased to function as an active body over the last year, so we are no longer able to link up with other churches running courses concurrently.

I have generally offered a follow-up course in the New Year. This year for the first time I used a course called 'Challenging Lifestyle' based on the Sermon on the Mount. The first series (of three) ran up to Easter. It was opened up to whoever wanted to come and had a good take-up. By popular demand we will be doing series 2 during this summer term.

Room'n'ate

Room'n'ate is offered as an opportunity for men to meet, enjoy each other's company and also engage with issues of life and faith, often through hearing people's story. This last year we have had some good evenings (including one where members had 3 minutes to give potted highlights of their life) and one or two disappointments too. Our first planned speaker evening was with Andy Stockbridge, Chief Executive of Toybox, who spoke engagingly on the journey that brought him to his current role. Our Autumn speaker evening was sadly cancelled. It was a tough call, but with a speaker travelling some distance and hoping for a group that would include invited guests, we had to make a judgement that we weren't on target for numbers. Roy and I are exploring how best to plan our future programme.

And finally ...

Police Chaplaincy

I have recently made moves to try to develop this role, having found very little time to do so for some time. However, with cuts impending and changes ahead, I believe this may be an important time for some chaplaincy to be offered.

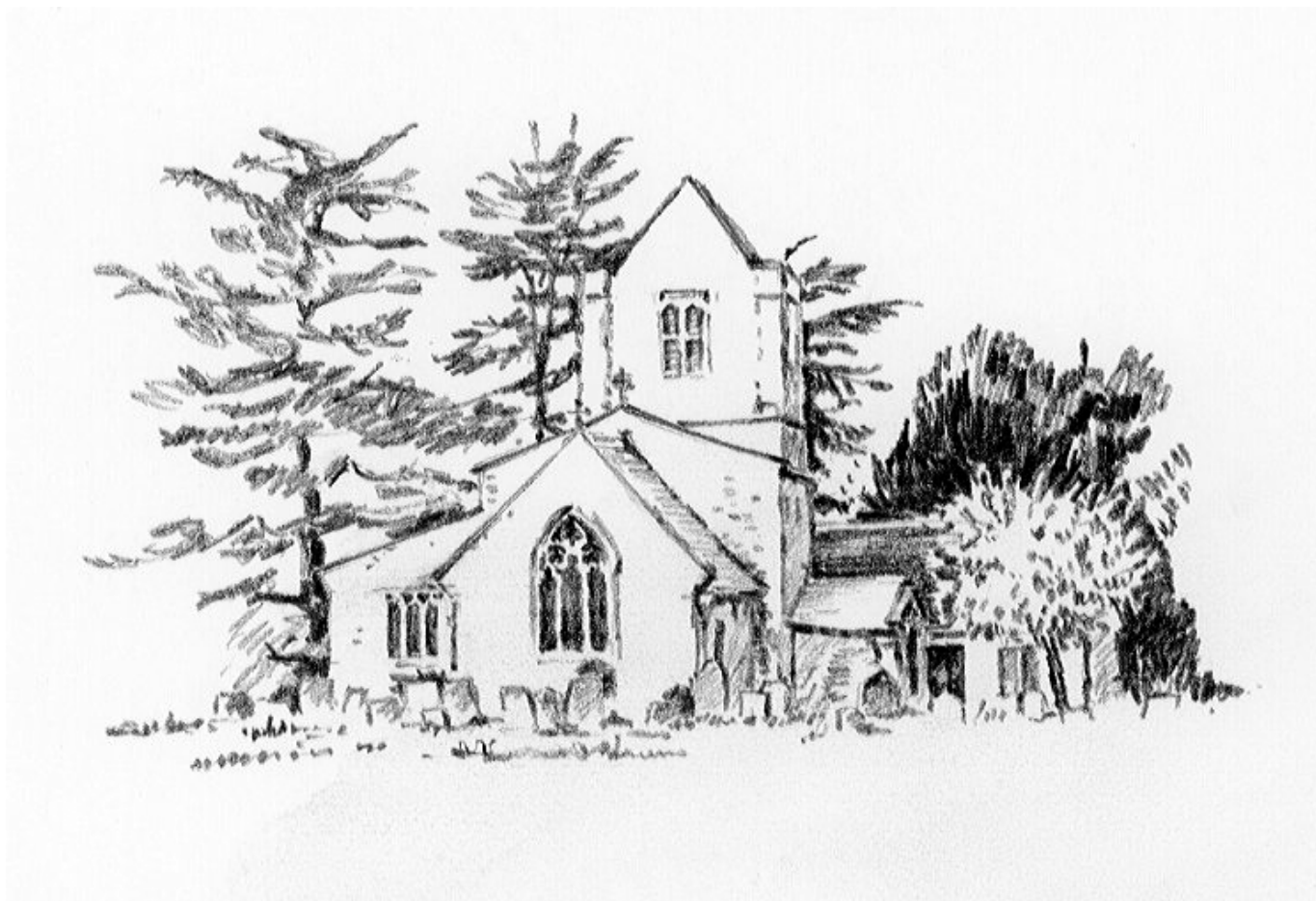
CMA (Christian Motorcyclists' Association)

A new branch has started quite locally, meeting at the Jack's Hill transport café on the A5 north of Towcester and linking up with the local Motorcyclists' Action Group. The CMA group has a vision for building bridges into the local biker community. I hope to join as an Associate member.

The Rev. Andy Jowitt

Stantonbury Ecumenical Partnership

Bradwell Church



Annual Reports

2010 - 2011

Minister's Report

I find the word 'Faithful' a thought-provoking one. You'll find it used lots of times in both Old and New Testaments. It's used to affirm individuals (like Tychicus, for instance: "the dear brother and faithful servant in the Lord"). We're called to be faithful ourselves and we're reminded that God is faithful.

I turn the word around in my head and think of it in two ways: faithful as in 'reliable', 'trustworthy', 'loyal'; and faithful as in 'full of faith' – trusting in God, willing to see where He's at work and to step out in obedience where He calls me.

At my core I want to be faithful, and I'd be more than happy if ever I could be described with the words Paul uses of Tychicus (in Ephesians 6).

Being faithful can be tough when the going is tough, but it's a word and a thought I also find helpful and important in those times. Speaking personally, and being honest, there have been times over the last year when I have found the going tough. There have been issues I've needed to grapple with in my role as Team Leader. There have been some demanding pastoral situations, some sad, some difficult. After a number of years when we've seen numbers grow slowly but steadily (both in membership and attendance at services) these numbers have not grown over the last year.

There are pressures 'out there' at the moment which are affecting lots of us – pressures on budgets, on jobs and so on, and many have faced family and health problems too.

So I've found it moving and encouraging to have witnessed people being faithful to God and faithful to each other, and I'd encourage you to be 'full of faith' too, in the way I've described above. I'm also deeply grateful to those who serve faithfully in lots of different ways, as officers, for instance. A lot of these areas of service are covered in different parts of this report, some not (for instance Douglas Stewart's work to produce the noticesheet and John Trippett's work to put out the Sunday rota). I warmly commend this collection of reports to you as a picture of our life as part of the 'body of Christ'.

A key expression of that life is in our Sunday worship. Some of the time we have followed themes in our Bible readings from the season in the church's year, or the lectionary, or S.U. 'Light' material. Sometimes we've done something different. Over the summer we looked at some of the 'Feasts of Israel'. In 2011 we've studied the Sermon on the Mount and are now continuing with Matthew's gospel as we head towards the climax of the story in Jerusalem. Visiting speakers for our 9.00 am and 10.45 am services have included Geoff Colmer (Regional Minister of the Central Baptist Association), the Rev. Dr. Gnanavaram Masilamani (Principal of Tamilnadu Theological Seminary), Kathy Pinsent (CMS link) and Andrew Cowley (CPAS Leadership Development Officer).

An important new part of our Sunday worship has been the (roughly) monthly evening services. There's been a good attendance at these and several have been led by church members: Joanna Hollins, Anne Taylor & Karen Ho, John & Muriel Moffoot, the Lighthouse team. Each service has been unique. An even newer addition to Sunday has been the 'half-hour of prayer'. Lesley mentions this in her report. Sometimes

prayer has been silent, sometimes spoken, sometimes with a background of music. It's a time to bring to God the needs of our fellowship, our communities and our world, and the week ahead.

Since the last AGM I have fulfilled my intention of stepping down as a trustee of Bridgebuilder. I remain a keen supporter of Bridgebuilder and am wanting to explore with Chris Howden and others in the parish whether we could work with Bridgebuilder to offer their Christmas Cracked and Easter Cracked programmes (for children in Year 6) to our local schools. If we did this, we'd need to build a team of people to do it. (Hard work but fun!)

I continue as a Governor at Summerfield School and as Hon. Sec. of the Memorial Hall, and have also been co-opted onto the Robins (Sure Start) Centre advisory group. To my sadness I have found very little time to do any voluntary police chaplaincy over the last year. I hope I will be able to do more. I am also a bit excited about the formation of a new Christian Motorcyclists' Association group meeting at Jack's Hill Café on the A5 and building good relations with the local bikers' community. I will not find time to be a full member, but hope to be an associate.

I feel very fortunate to be made welcome in the local schools, where the main contribution I'm able to offer is assemblies. The children are very responsive and often thoughtful too. I also continue to offer regular services in our local sheltered housing. In addition to the Christmas services and in response to a request from residents, I have started a simple bi-monthly service in one with hymns (with the help of Muriel at the piano). Sadly this has met with hostility from some residents, which has discouraged others. I'm reminded that hostility to Christ and to faith can be found as much in the older generation as in any other.

Which brings me back to Ephesians 6: "Be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power ... be alert and always keep on praying for all God's people ... Peace ... and love with faith ... and grace to all".

Andy Jowitt

Church Council

Council members elected and serving this year have been Claire Meakins, Diana Stammers, Henry Dougherty, Karen Ho, Lee Michalke, Peter Lazard, Pam Watson, Sue Bertrand and myself, along with Treasurer Michael Squire and Church Officers Alan Howarth and Paul Watt. Arthur Georgestone has joined us ex officio in his capacity as a clergyman with permission to officiate and Mike Morris continues to join us also in his ex officio role as Local Preacher in membership at Bradwell.

The first Council meeting following the last AGM was in May, when we confirmed appointments of postholders in various areas of service and fulfilled our requirement to look annually at the Safeguarding Children policy, as well as tackling what is the regular part of the agenda at all our meetings - hearing how the various groups that make up our church life are developing. Reports from each of them are in this booklet. Andy's report is always a key item for us and helps to highlight

priority areas. We have done our best to provide an appropriate steer for him.

At our next meeting in July, we were visited by the Revd Stephen Mosedale who told us about a pioneer ministry, VentureFX. This is a national project of the Methodist church, linked to the Fresh Expressions initiative which exists to allow new forms of church to develop and express themselves in non-traditional ways. The aim is for 20 pioneer ministers in 20 locations over 4 years to minister with the 18-35s age group; the plan was to bid for one location to be Milton Keynes. We have since heard that this is going ahead and a suitable person is being sought.

At our October meeting, Paul Brookman (one of our SEC representatives) joined us to discuss another initiative. Citizens:MK is a community based organisation which hears the concerns of parts of a local community and campaigns for positive change. Citizens:MK was looking to start in Milton Keynes, testing to see if there was support from collective bodies, including faith groups. SEC wanted to go ahead as long as individuals and churches within the parish were enthusiastic. This has now started to function here.

Our final meeting of the year in January saw us concentrating again on the 'normal' business of the church, including reviewing its past activities, and considering future plans. One significant decision was to move the prayer half hour to a Sunday evening from a Monday morning in the hope it would be accessible to more people.

Finance seems always to be a concern to us; we remain grateful to God for the generosity of individuals that means we make it to the end of the year!

The Standing Committee consists of minister, lay chair, treasurer and a representative Church Officer, and meets between Council meetings to move forward details of business as delegated by Council. It has looked at details of finance and recently reviewed our mission giving, preparing a proposal to go to the first meeting of the next Council when elected.

Our thanks go especially to Karen Ho, Peter Lazard and Pam Watson who have completed their various current elected terms of office.

Lesley Blight, Lay Chair

Occasional Offices

2010 was a busy year for weddings at St Lawrence: there were 13 weddings and 1 service of blessing after marriage. 2011 looks like it will be a quieter year, with rather fewer booked as yet, though there are several 'in the pipeline' and several already booked for 2012. Wendy Hanson continues to serve as vergers and Janet Edsall as our regular organist. Many thanks to Carol Foster who has acted as clerk to the registers for many years and done an immaculate job. Carol is now passing this baton on to Wendy.

These occasions are of course full of meaning for the people involved, and the contact with the church, both before and after as well as at the event, can be meaningful and important too.

I try to help the couples prepare not just for the day itself but

also for building a strong and good marriage every day. To this end I run marriage preparation courses at St Lawrence for the Partnership as a whole.

On 11th February 2011 (near to St Valentine's Day) we repeated the Marriage Celebration Dinner we tried for the first time last year. I was delighted that several of the couples married recently at St Lawrence came, and thoroughly enjoyed the evening. A kitchen team, which included Ray & Jill Scoins, laid on a 3-course dinner. The clergy and others dressed in 'black tie' to wait at tables and visiting speakers Gary & Jan Palmer gave a humorous and thought-provoking presentation.

The number of baptisms in 2010 was quite low: 5 children and 1 adult (Andy Strickland). In some ways I'm not disappointed by this. Although the sacrament of baptism is for me potentially among the most moving and important and exciting of events, I think I'd rather people didn't do it that did it carelessly. Interestingly we had rather more Services of Thanksgiving and Blessing for children. There were 9 children brought to church for this simple service, happening on a Saturday or Sunday afternoon, often with the church filled with family and friends. Dawn Viccars and young Antony have been faithful helpers on these occasions.

Although we haven't in recent years ever hosted a Believers' Baptism & Confirmation Service (because of our small size and lack of baptistery) I'm always delighted that lots of the church family make a priority to support our candidates when they affirm their faith. This was again the case at the service in November at the Cross & Stable Church, Downs Barn, when Nancy Grisley, Andy Strickland and Mike & Sheila Crome were confirmed. Our Bradwell Church music group provided wonderful music for this event.

Part of the staple of my working week is often to visit bereaved families and to assist them with the funeral of a loved one. In 2010 I conducted 34 services at the Crematorium and there were 12 services in church. At most of the latter Mavis Tunney assisted as vergers and Janet Edsall as organist. There is quite a bit of discussion in some circles and some concern that Christian ministers are not being approached to take funerals and that they are often being taken over by 'civil celebrants' and others who make their living by doing them. In my case I find that the number I take does not appear to have reduced, maybe in part because over the years one builds relationships with families and individuals. The relationship may be very slight but can be important at times like this. There is often important pastoral follow-up after a funeral. I find my time capacity to provide this is often much less than I'd like. I'm grateful to Pam Watson for the task she's taken on to write cards to families on the anniversary of a loved one's death.

Andy Jowitt

Bradwell Church Fabric Report 2010/2011

St. Lawrence Church

Quinquennial:

We have instructed our architect to progress the outstanding repairs to the tiles and lead on the roof. These are low priority repairs that are not expected to cost very much.

Damage and repairs:

The Baily burial crypt in the south east corner of the church that had collapsed in 2009 was repaired in accordance with our architect's instructions. The work was carried out in May/June (by Steven Todd of Earls Barton, Northants) and the site returned to the condition it was in before the collapse. Rather than reinstating the brick vault, which will never be seen again and would have cost vast sums of money, the chamber was roofed over with concrete beams. The rubble that had fallen into the crypt was left in situ. The three coffins were undamaged and left in place. Contrary to our original expectation, the cost of this work was mainly covered by our insurers.

The drop-bolt keeper plate of the church gates that was damaged by a motorist driving into it was repaired in May/June by Lavendon Building Co. Ltd., of Risely, Bedford. The cost of the repair was covered by insurance, with a small cost to ourselves because we modified the design to prevent a recurrence of the accident.

Electrics:

A working group has been formed to consider different aspects of the proposed new lighting for the church.

New additional speakers have been ordered for the south aisle and it is expected that these will soon be installed. The new speakers will fill the acoustically 'dead' area in the aisle.

Plumbing:

The tap in the kitchen needs replacing as a result of corrosion damage to the spout, which now leaks when the tap is running. Unfortunately this is not a conventional kitchen tap and the work will need to be carried out by a qualified plumber. This outstanding work will be done early in the next year (hopefully in April).

Fire Extinguishers:

The fire extinguishers were checked by 'Nu-Swift' at the end of September and as they were found to be in a satisfactory condition we were given the relevant 'Portable Extinguisher Maintenance' certificate.

Changes and Additions:

A small brass bolt was fitted to retain the servery shelf in its down position to prevent it from obstructing the kitchen door.

We were given a number of nearly new stacking chairs with fabric seats, which will be used as additional seating in the church replacing the much older chairs with the solid plastic seats.

New carpet tiles were laid in the vestry.

Church Cleaning:

A small team of regular volunteers with occasional help from others have succeeded in keeping the church clean and presentable all year round. It goes without saying that this is an important job and we need to keep a rota of helpers to make sure it is done regularly. Without this people are often forced to step in at the last minute before a wedding or funeral to make the church appropriately clean and tidy. With enough

names on the list the burden falls only a few times a year so it need not be an onerous duty, but there are people on the list who have been on the rota for a very long time and it would be nice to give them a break. So please consider whether you would be able to spend an hour or so every couple of months and let me know before the new Rota comes out in May.

Churchyard:

The church notice board was treated in March (2011) with Sikkens Cetol THB 006, as recommended by the suppliers to protect it and to retain its golden colour.

Work has started on the preparation of a submission to the Diocese for a faculty to erect cycle racks adjacent to the annexe door. These are likely to be steel hoops (stainless steel or galvanised) in a 'toast rack' form with capacity for six bikes. The funds for this are already being held in a restricted account so we are not expecting any impact on our annual budget.

Lawn mowing was again contracted out to our regular contractor and all strimming. We are grateful for the help with strimming given by the Parish Council through their groundsman and to all the volunteers who have helped maintain the churchyard. Particular thanks are due to Richard Beaton for his help in mowing the extension area and to Dick Grace for mowing in front of the church.

Back in July we had a Working Party day and tackled a number of jobs within the church and churchyard: -

- Cleaning of gutters and gulleys.
- Clearing of weeds from the childrens grave enclosure
- Clearing of weeds from around box tombs
- Treatment with weedkiller
- Lopping and pruning of yew and holm oaks
- Rehangng of annex door that had dropped slightly
- Painting of gates (using Spencer PU100 Enamel Semi-matt black, which was provided by the gate restorers, Anwick Forge)
- Painting of toilet: white ceiling, magnolia walls
- Deep cleaning of church, especially kitchen

We are planning more working party days; in April (02/04) and, for a late summer-clean, in September (24/09). Please help if you can.

Bradwell Chapel

The rendering to the wall at the rear of the building was repaired (Timeline Plasterers) and the 'low level' electrics rewired (Phil Wood). We are grateful to the Methodist circuit who contributed £1000 towards the cost, which was added to money raised at the Memorial Hall Spring Fayre (£75).

We had a gift of carpet tiles which were laid in the summer by Alan Howarth.

The Chapel is the home of TWIG, our young people's 'house-group', and is used for various meetings both for Bradwell Church and for the parish. It is hired out on some occasions for use by other groups. There is capacity for increased usage. The Chapel is also an invaluable site for our photocopier and some other church equipment and resources.

It remains a 'place of worship' and so its use needs to be in keeping with this. The Monday early morning prayer time

(in the Chapel) has now been replaced by the ‘half-hour of prayer’ on Sunday evenings (in the church) and we may wish to think about how the Chapel could still be used for prayer and worship.

Thanks and Appreciation

Our thanks are due to Tony Trigg who obtained the good-as-new chairs and carpet tiles for us, and to Alan Howarth for fitting the tiles. Without the help of our band of volunteers it would not be possible to keep our church looking as beautiful as it does. The appearance and condition of the church are a real asset to the village and a credit to our Christian faith: our gratitude goes out to all those who have helped to keep it this way. As ever, if you would like to join the Fabric Action team, help with cleaning duties or help out in any other way, please do let me or one of the church officers know.

Peter Lazard, Fabric Sub-Committee

Music

Musicians at Bradwell have continued to enjoy leading music at regular services and other events. All Age Services at 10.45 have usually had the music group to lead singing, using Janet Edsall’s arrangements. The group particularly enjoyed leading music at the baptism and confirmation service at Downs Barn and at the first carol service before Christmas. The regular music leaders have been helped again by “locums” from elsewhere, particularly Adrian Prisk, to whom we’re grateful for helping with some of the 9am services.

Diana Stammers

Church Choir

Following some interest, a Church Choir was assembled for Pentecost Sunday 2010, and a small, but perfectly harmonious, group sang at the 9 a.m. service. Although it was agreed that there was not the demand for a regular Choir, we sang again at the Harvest Festival celebration and at the Carol Service. Those who took part enjoyed what we did, and the comments of the congregation seemed to suggest that our efforts were appreciated. However, finding a slot when the Church is available for practice and choristers have free time has proved difficult, as has the lack of male participants. New members would be very welcome, as would suggestions about how to find another evening in the week when we can rehearse.

John Moffoot

Bellringers

We are still struggling to find new ringers to join our band and have lost a former captain who has moved away from Milton Keynes. We managed to ring for all the weddings wanting bells this year, but only with quite a lot of help from neighbouring towers. The shortage of ringers has also affected our ability to ring for Sunday services on a number of occasions.

As there was no fete this year we opened the tower during the cream tea and book sale – there was a lot of interest in what was going on, but none of this resulted in new recruits. This

seems to be a common problem in the area so the local branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild of Bellringers is looking to run a larger recruitment project in Middleton Hall. Hopefully the Big Ring Pull will be more successful than our own efforts.

Jill Joyce

Church Flowers

A big thank you to all those who give towards flowers.

At Christmas we were delighted to see two of the bell ringers join our crew – welcome Chris and Jean. We look forward to their help over the coming year.

It’s enjoyable being in the quiet church arranging flowers, all the everyday chores forgotten for an hour or so.

Thank you to the team of Margaret, Tracey, Jane, Jenny and Liz for all the hard work through the year.

Should you wish to make a donation, no matter how small, to help towards keeping the flowers in church you will find a box on the bookshelf in the annex.

Wendy Hanson

Wednesday Coffee Morning

We are pleased to continue to meet on Wednesday morning and our many helpers are much appreciated.

We are pleased to welcome the PCSO’s now, sometimes up to four members including Bianca.

Our Christmas meal was well attended and we enjoyed the vegetarian selection as normal at Camp Hill Café.

We are very pleased that the blue chairs now provide a comfortable visit in the annexe.

Raymond Bradshaw

Lighthouse Prayer Ministry

Our Lord continues to bless us. He answers some of our prayers so quickly, other times we have to wait and wait, but our Lord’s time isn’t our time, neither his ways our ways. This we have to remember.

Many people come up for prayer during the year and we praise God that they are moved by him to come forward. Very occasionally we have a time when there isn’t anybody, so we take that as an opportunity to pray for the church family.

We had a service for the church family a while back but not many came. For the ones who came we felt it to be very special indeed and for ourselves it was a great spiritual help. A very powerful service indeed, and totally led by the Holy Spirit. Andy came to give Communion, which ended the day perfectly.

Miracles do happen. One we think of is Mark Kelly who the church family prayed for, for such a long time. He has made a dramatic recovery and his family think it’s a miracle. Mark’s name is still on the continuing prayer list in the annexe as we

pray for him to find work and a new life. Praise God for his wonderful ways, and his marvellous miracles.

Please continue to use the phone numbers on the notice sheet. We would love to hear from you, no matter how great or small your prayer need.

Gill Carey for Wendy, Joan, Gill, Pam and Sue

Retreat 2010

12 members of Bradwell Church linked up with Duston C of E Northampton for a weekend of Silent Retreat at Ely Retreat Centre, Cambridgeshire in May last year.

Our conductor for the weekend was the Reverend Peter Balantine. Duston and Bradwell enjoyed his humour as well as the teaching!

The weather was kind to us and we were able to enjoy the sunshine in the gardens of Ely Retreat Centre, as well as visiting Ely Cathedral where we were lucky enough to hear an orchestra and choir practising for an evening concert as we viewed the interior of the cathedral.

Though originally it was to be a "one off", Bradwell and Duston got on so well with each other, it was agreed to join together for 2011 Retreat.

Anne Taylor

CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE

Church Creche

We have a marvellous band of loyal workers who continue to support young families by providing a creche in services in term time unless there is a family service. Even then people remember to put boxes of toys in the annexe in case parents or carers want to make use of them - we owe them a huge thank you for their thoughtfulness. Can we offer now our grateful thanks to the creche team for continuing to provide this valuable support - we must remember what efforts people go to be able to attend church with young families and show love and encouragement towards them and this little band of top grade givers!

We cannot stress enough the great satisfaction to be had from this important work in making relationships with the newest members of the church and potential new members! There are people who come for the first time to experience how friendly and accepting we are as a church for a variety of reasons: visiting relatives, coming to baptisms, all sorts of reasons, maybe just trying us out as a church - we really need to show our enthusiasm in getting to know them and welcome them into the family by our love and concern. Please think about joining this team and by blessing others bless yourselves!! Also please use the creche if you are parents and bless us as your children get to know other toddlers and the helpers and you have some time to just relax and be in the service.

Jill Scoins

Chatterbox

... is an open group for carers – parents, grandparents and childminders – with babies and pre-school children, meeting in the Memorial Hall every Wednesday in term-time from 1.15 – 2.45 pm.

By the end of the spring term, Chatterbox will have been running for 10 years. Our numbers have been healthy over the past year; we thought we might be a bit quieter in the autumn after some of our regulars left to start school, but we have kept busy and have had several new families start coming – an answer to prayer.

We continue with our regular routines of play, chat and refreshments, and Andy comes in every other week to lead a short session of songs and a Bible story. His props and visual aids fascinate the children, and they join in enthusiastically with the music, including the 'noisy song' when we get out the percussion instruments. We try and do something special at the end of each term: our Teddy Bears' Picnic in July on the grass outside church is always well attended, as is our Christmas Nativity, in church, and Party (including a visit from Postman Pat), back in the Hall, and we mark Mothering Sunday and Easter with special craft activities and little gifts.

Thank you as always to Mary Shouler for faithfully coming in every week to make drinks, and thanks too to the adults (and children!) who help pack everything away at the end of each session.

Jane Jowitt

God's Gang

This year we have looked at lots of subjects! Our programmes have included (from the Old Testament) series on the lives of Gideon, Samuel, the young David and Jonah. From the New Testament we have explored series on sayings of Jesus from John 14 and 15, Jesus' power to heal (stories from Mark's gospel), Jesus' parables about God's love, and ways people responded to Jesus. We try to mark occasions like Mothering Sunday and take an Advent service.

The Sunday session is usually led by Carol Wood, Scott Edsall or me. Thanks to all our helpers this year (Alison Peace, Carol Foster, Claire Meakins, Heather White, Jill Scoins, Karen Stainthorpe, Liz Day, Nancy & Alan Grisley, Ruth Jowitt, Sue Howarth, Thelma Billington). Not all feel able to continue to help, so we would be happy to hear of anyone who would like to join the team. If anyone wants to lead the session sometimes, we'd LOVE to hear from them!

We have continued to use the Scripture Union Light materials, from which I plan the outline of the programme for each week so that there is continuity of what the children learn and experience, no matter which of the team leads.

Our weekly attendance varies a lot and is usually anything from 5 to 14, ranging in age from 3-12 plus. Some of the 'children' older than the official age of 12 continue to make occasional visits.

Lesley Blight

X:site MK

X:site MK is now well into its second year. It is run by a team of over forty from churches all over the city including three people from Bradwell Church and one from St James New Bradwell. They have various roles – including forming a live band, running games, leading group activities, puppets, drama - the lot!

It runs in association with Scripture Union and MK Bridge-builder Trust for children aged 7-11. Although numbers each time are lower than we had hoped (usually between 50 and 70), over 120 are on the books and have been at some point in the last year. Most of our God's Gang children who are in the right age group have come along.

X:site MK runs six times a year, on the second Saturday of alternative months - January, March, May, July, September and November.

Lesley Blight

TWIG

TWIG has been working well the latter half of the year on our new 1st Sunday of the month timeslot. We have had a mix of topics, some chosen by TWIG and some chosen by the leaders when TWIG were not feeling particularly creative.

The group is normally about 8 -10, sometimes approaching 12. A couple of new faces have been very much welcomed by the group and these new faces have become part of a very active teenage discussion regarding each week's topic.

As mentioned last year, we were looking forward to this group's commitment level to grow and I am glad to say that it has. The group is a mix of different maturity levels in relation to their own discovery of faith at work in their young lives.

Synergy has not been well attended this past year but I am hopeful and will continue to encourage. We had hoped to host in 2011 but have realised we need to focus a bit more time and effort in order for our hosting to be a success. We will see what 2012 brings.

Jan Newman-Bracey & Scott Edsall

Treginnis 2010

Once again I set off for the lovely Welsh area of Pembrokeshire and the beautiful city of St. David's to that unforgettable farm called Treginnis. Along with me were 6 of our young people; Matthew, Samuel and Sarah had all been before and it was the first time for Hannah, Michelle and Mollie.

There was a lot of chat on the journey and for the first time in the six years I have been driving down there we experienced a bad journey. Everything was going OK until I reached the M4 at Swindon to find that the motorway slip road had been closed due to a serious lorry accident. So we had to follow the signs in a lot of traffic to get to junction 16 and continue our journey. This meant that we were only able to make 2 stops instead of the usual 3 and when we arrived at Treginnis we were the last to arrive, being beaten by Bradford who we were usually waiting for before tea.

However, when we arrived we discovered that the entrance

to the farm had been transformed into a pirate ship, as our theme this year was Pirates. It was a great start to a wonderful week; we did all sorts of things including our usual visit to Oakwood theme park, and we went to the water park as well for swimming. Lots of craft was on offer and we did lots of team games like total wipe-out Terrines style, and a trek to the hill to rescue the Jolly Roger Flag. Breakfast on the Beach was definitely a highlight for both the children and me as our leadership group had that day to do our teaching about the amazing things God does. We were wondering how we were going to compete with the beach but as usual God guided us and we kept the children's interest for our half-hour slot.

One of the amazing things I learnt is never underestimate the learning power of children. During the week the teaching was based around treasure and the children had these treasure boxes. Every day we had a Bible verse and something to put in our treasure boxes to help us remember the verse. Along with the other leaders at our evening meeting we were worried that the treasure boxes were taking away from the teaching and that we were not sure if anything we were teaching was being remembered. Then on our wonderful journey home something really amazing happened. Mathew was sitting in the front and he got out his treasure box and started reading the verses, and as if by magic the others in the back started to recall the teaching sessions. It was a very special moment for me.

Treginnis is taking a sabbatical this year as many of the regular leaders have other commitments but will be back again for 2012. I don't know if I will be able to be a part of that as I found my limitations this time around, and indeed on the last day shed some tears as I felt it would be the last time I sat at the table with the children in that beautiful dining room. I hope that we will still be able to send children to Treginnis next year because if you speak to any of those who have been, they all come home wanting to go again.

Jan Newman-Bracey

HOUSEGROUPS

Sunday Housegroup (fortnightly)

Membership of the Sunday Housegroup remains strong with attendances averaging nine.

We continue to rotate our meeting venues, meeting on a fortnightly basis with a social event on the fifth Sunday of the month – if there is one.

Leadership of each session also rotates according to the venue.

Among the topics we studied last summer were a number of the Psalms – some particularly relevant to the personal situations of some of our members who were/are undergoing employment uncertainties.

The autumn sessions were devoted to the study of other religions and some of their festivals such as Islam, Judaism and Buddhism as well as Christianity. Although we centred each study on a particular festival it, of necessity, meant that something of the history of each faith was told.

The sessions proved to be both interesting and enlightening, helping us to understand some of the other faiths.

On the social side in February 2009 some members of the housegroup embarked on walking the 139km (87miles) of the Ridgeway from Ivinghoe Beacon in Buckinghamshire to Avebury in Wiltshire. We walked it in stages and finally completed it last August bank holiday. The non-walkers among us usually join us for a pub lunch!

Now we have begun our next mission to walk the entire route of the Chiltern Way – we'll let you know how we're getting on in the next annual report!

Paul Brookman

Monday evening (Church)

We are continuing to meet together for a mixture of Bible Study and worship. We have again covered some interesting topics and had some very interesting discussions as a result. Our last bible study was on the subject of heaven and was both thought-provoking and really helpful.

The group is also continuing to evolve as we have had some very welcome additions to our group in the form of Jill Scoins and Katie Rutledge and we now have a very healthy core group of six people. In addition to Jill and Katie our membership is Tracey Hanson, Karen Ho, Cathy Kightly and Carol Wood. We would be happy for the group to keep growing so if you would like to join a housegroup and you are free on a Monday please feel free to join us from 8.00 pm.

Karen Ho

Monday evening (Lenthall Close)

The group has met regularly throughout the year for fellowship, bible study and reflection and to pray with each other. Studies have included a focus on suffering, using 1 Peter and on belief, examining the statements of the Apostles Creed. We've also enjoyed watching Channel 4's "The Bible: a history" programmes (with Anne Widdecombe, Gerry Adams and other commentators) and the BBC's Nativity drama serial, both of which have prompted much discussion. The group has come to the end of an era of being hosted by Janet and Scott Edsall in Lenthall Close. We shall continue to benefit from their hospitality in their new home and will enjoy "settling in" there over the next year.

Diana Stammers

Tuesday afternoon (second Tuesday of each month)

This small fledgling group meets once a month for two hours in Bancroft. We are using the beautiful Luke's Gospel as our material and relying on commentaries for explanations. We have started by looking at the geographical, historical and political background of the people living at the time of Jesus in the Holy Land. With this information it is hoped that we shall appreciate what Luke is telling us in his gospel. We are gradually getting to know each other and are unafraid of expressing different opinions. None of us are experts and we are all learning from each other.

Margaret Brown

W.O.W. (Women on Wednesdays) (last Wednesdays)

WOW has had a great year enjoying getting to know more about our family members in the church - their life experiences and how Jesus has impacted decisions they have made and actions resulting from those decisions has been really inspiring! We have been so enriched and encouraged - and it's always good to know that others have struggled with the same difficulties and have some insights into how they can be resolved. We can learn so much from those who are near and that's besides speakers who come to talk to us from the community around us. A huge thank you to everyone who has blessed us with their experiences in our evenings together - we have appreciated your efforts to do this and untold input into our lives. Thank you very very much!

Jill Scoins

Thursday morning

This group meets at 1A Atterbrook on Thursday mornings in term-time to chat, read the Bible and pray together. We are very informal and all enjoy having a good chat! but we also value the time we make for looking at the Bible together and supporting each other through prayer. One of our members left in the autumn to embark on a round-the-world trip, and we've enjoyed receiving occasional postcard updates from South Africa, India, Australia and most recently New Zealand ... In the summer we also enjoyed celebrating a 90th birthday (Dorothy Stevenson's) with a special lunch.

A little while ago we adopted a more interactive way of praying, to help people to gain confidence in praying aloud. We continue to use one of the Scripture Union 'Lifebuilder' series as a basis for our Bible study. In recent months we've looked more closely at The Ten Commandments, which we found a stimulating study, and are currently working our way through Acts.

Jane Jowitt

Thursday evening (fortnightly)

It has been a mixed year for the group. One of our original members - Frank Frances – sadly passed away in July and in November we gained two new members.

Through the year we have studied:-

- Philip Yancey's "What's so amazing about Grace" using DVD and Discussion.
- 'A Journey of Discovery' – what it means to be a disciple of Jesus today by Kate Hayes. Study guide from Scripture Union.
- 'The Calling' – Genesis Ch12, 'The Exodus' – Exodus Ch3, 'The Fulfillment' – John Ch1. 'Conclusion' Esther Ch7 by Major Diana Strickland, Salvation Army. 4 teaching DVDs from Spring Harvest 2010.
- 'Forgiveness' using Johan Arnold's book 'Why Forgive' as background reading and Andy kindly gave a list of readings from the Old and New Testament on forgiveness which we studied. This subject brought many memories to the fore from each of us and we feel that we dealt with past hurts and are now able to go forward.

- For Lent the group is studying ‘Jesus’ Final Week’ by Cindy Bunch (Scripture Union), meeting weekly through Lent in order to finish the study in Easter week. The book examines each day in Holy Week, and hopefully it will give us a clearer understanding of the path to the Cross.

It is still £1.00 to attend our housegroup! The community projects we have supported / financed in the last 12 months are:-

- Two boxes of knitted hats and jackets for children – sent to Africa.
- Second hand Dyson upright Hoover for Bradwell church.
- Donation of £50.00 to Climb Your Mountain Charity, sponsoring the granddaughter of one of our members, who was climbing Kilimanjaro in memory of her grandfather – she made it to the top!
- £25.00 to Plough Publishing House who send out ‘Why Forgive’ by Johan Arnold for free to prisons, secondary schools and study groups.
- £36.00 to a fund set up in order to buy a Salvation Army uniform for a 17 year old girl whose parents could not afford the uniform.
- As a group we volunteered to run the annual cream teas – pulling in some extra hands to help!
- 16 carrier bags at Christmas for 12 men and 4 women – given out at the soup run for the homeless in Christmas week – containing 24 useful gifts.

We pray that the Thursday evening housegroup will continue to flourish and that God will be present at our meetings, guiding and teaching us to understand the Bible more clearly and to remember those who are in need.

Anne Taylor

Saturday morning (usually 1st Saturday of the month)

The group has had another quiet but successful year. We have a pretty consistent attendance of about 10 with an average age of about 77yr. At the start of the year we followed the Damaris ‘Talking about forgiveness’ programme, having previously used ‘Talking about Jesus’. Latterly we have been focussing more on individual use of our Bibles and one very interesting meeting was spent looking at ‘Song of Songs’ and trying to understand what it was really about. Last month we had a ‘How well do you know your Bible’ Quiz which was enjoyed and led to some comparison of the words used in different versions of the Bible e.g. What kind of wood was used to make Noah’s Ark – was it gopher, cypress or cedar?

Douglas Stewart

Social Events

Cream Teas – Saturday, 19th June

As well as serving lots of cream teas, we sold lots of second-hand books, Heelands First School choir sang in the church, and patio games provided entertainment outside. Thanks were due to Anne Taylor for organising the teas’ team and to many

people who helped in different ways. It was a day of hospitality and welcome. £401 was raised on the day and donations on the next day made this up to £600, which enabled us to go ahead with all the work needed on the Chapel.

BBQ – Sunday, 18th July

This was a good day in our usual mould with bouncy castle, children from Belarus, and great live music by Michael and friends. A number of invited non-church people came and the day was much appreciated by Friends of Chernobyl’s Children’s host families. Info on numbers and offers of help were last-minute, but there was lots of goodwill and help on the day and approximately 120 people came. (Not the most we’ve had, but a good number). £170 was raised for Falcon Camps.

Book Fair for Willen Hospice – Saturday, 25th September

With lots of good second-hand books still in hand, we decided to hold another event. Rebecca Kershaw helped organise this in memory of her mother Sandra Oakley and all the proceeds went to Willen Hospice. The Memorial Hall generously provided their premises for free because of the cause, and so the only expenses were for publicity. Many church members helped and the amount raised from the sale of books as well as refreshments and lunches was nearly £560.

Andy Jowitt

Projects supported by the parish

Stantonbury.net and NETWORK

After years of discussion and good intent the past 12 months has seen the launch of two long awaited projects – the Stantonbury Ecumenical Partnership’s website at www.stantonbury.net and the first edition of NETWORK, an occasional magazine for the partnership.

The website went live last spring and is steadily growing although we still need to get congregations into the mode of “think event, think web” as the supply of information and publicity for events happening in the partnership is still sporadic.

Nevertheless Stantonbury.net is proving a valuable tool to bring together the six churches in our partnership area with easy access to information and goings on in other churches, in particular the weekly notices.

Traffic is steadily building but it is imperative that we are able to regularly update the content to encourage visitors to return to the site frequently.

NETWORK is the name given to the partnership’s magazine for all our churches. How was the name chosen? Well the NET part of the title refers to North East Milton Keynes – the Stantonbury partnership area.

As the first magazine was very much an experiment with no date set for a follow up issue it was decided that the content would be mostly feature based so that it did not date too quickly. It is also being used as a tool to drive traffic to the website where current events can be publicised.

We are already in the early stage of planning the next issue of NETwork – Stantonbury Ecumenical Council has authorised the funding for a magazine to be published in June but we hope to offset the costs by including a limited amount of paid for advertising. So if you have a business or know of one that would like to advertise please contact me at enquiries@media4impact.co.uk or phone 0776 1968 468. The same email address and phone number can be used for sending information for inclusion on the website.

Paul Brookman, website and magazine editor

Christian Aid

The result of our 2010 house to house collection was £1,847.86, which was higher than the previous year. Congratulations to all involved in any way. I don't think any of us will forget 'The Flying Toilets' featured in last year's information.

On behalf of Christian Aid, thank you for joining in the largest Christian witness in the country. The total collected in Milton Keynes was £23,641.28 and for the country approx. £3.1 million.

The May Mission Focus was about front line work in various countries in the face of the world recession and the Big Tax Return campaign.

Margaret Brown

Milton Keynes Soup Run

Bradwell Church is now fully involved in being part of the Milton Keynes Soup Run for the homeless and needy, both on Monday and Tuesday evenings.

Some members of the Sunday night housegroup expressed the desire to demonstrate our Christian love for others in action and so we began to investigate whether we could support the soup runs already being led by Woughton Ecumenical Partnership (Wednesday and Friday evenings) and Stantonbury Ecumenical Partnership (administered initially through St James' Church, New Bradwell for Monday evenings).

With much help from those teams we eventually gathered enough volunteers to get our project off the ground – to deliver soup and sandwiches on a Tuesday evening.

We hand out soup and food at three venues at pre-determined times at Milton Keynes Central railway station, Milton Keynes Theatre and Milton Keynes Library.

It has proved to be an interesting and worthwhile experience, hearing the stories of those we serve and how they came to be in the situations they are in. Some are genuinely homeless while others get by sleeping on the floor or sofa in the homes of friends but have little funds for food.

The key aspect is that we do not judge people by their circumstances and nor do we preach the Bible. Rather it is by showing our love for our fellow human beings that we pray that one day they will find it in their hearts to seek the love of God for themselves.

The further good news is that although the Tuesday soup run was the initiative of the Sunday housegroup it now makes up less than 50 per cent of its membership – with other members

coming from this church's congregation and other churches in the Stantonbury partnership.

Paul Brookman

Open Door Drop-In for the Homeless and Vulnerably Housed

The Drop-In is held in the Salvation Army Building in Coniburrow on a Monday from 11am – 1.30pm. As well as a three-course lunch, a shower is available, toiletries and 3 items of food to take away, plus 3 articles of clothing from donations given.

Open Door have been desperately looking for new sponsors and the Open Door Project in Bletchley, held on a Wednesday, had to close for a few months due to lack of funds. It is now open again but the activities have had to cease – art, cooking and football.

There is only funding for both Centres until May and Open Door urgently needs your help, through sponsorship or donations. Please consider giving financially, however small an amount you can afford.

Anne Taylor

Room'n'ate

Room'n'ate is the parish-wide social group for men. All events are accompanied with a meal and the food at all venues has been very good.

Highlights this year have included:

- A very well illustrated talk by Jamie Slee about his and Anne's experiences during a sponsored cycle ride across Mexico. Jamie's bike and kit aroused much interest – and our venue at the Cock Hotel in Stony Stratford was great.
- A recent meeting where Room'n'ate members could volunteer to talk for 3 minutes about their life was very successful. The meal at the Wolverton House was very good value and tasty.
- An evening walk from Wolverton to the pub at Cosgrove for a meal or a drink.
- A pre-Christmas quiz in Stony Stratford (looking very enticing in the snow). Andy's questions were very challenging – not least about Milton Keynes.
- A talk by a missionary about the Muslim religion – a very interesting insight into this world for Christians.

All men are welcome.

Thank you to Roy Laurent and Andy Jowitt for organising Room'n'ate.

Henry Dougherty

Mission Giving and Mission Prayer Focus

Each month we focus in our noticesheet and in our intercessions on a mission enterprise which we support through prayer and financial giving. Some of this giving is through our 'tithe': we follow the principle of giving 10% of our regular income

to mission causes. Some of these are local, some national and some overseas. The amounts (and the causes) are decided by Church Council. We don't aim to change the allocation a great deal from year to year, as regular, reliable support is so often important for the causes we give to, and it can take time for us to get the word out about them. We want the support to be about much more than money, and to be also about prayer, awareness and sometimes action.

Lesley Blight has prepared a brief summary of our monthly focus, which I'll include here as it's very helpful (see over-leaf). Over the next year it may be helpful to refresh the way we keep informed and prayerful about these causes. Each Mission Focus benefits from a 'champion' who will promote awareness.

The tithe amounts given in 2010 are listed below, together with the projected figures for 2011. We did a great deal a couple of years back to 'catch up' with our tithe giving. We have fallen a bit behind in terms of the total given as a proportion of what is now our regular income. The Standing Committee looked at this and drafted revised figures for 2011. Our policy has been that if we find our actual tithe figure exceeds the planned giving, we set that amount aside to respond to emergency needs worldwide.

Andy Jowitt

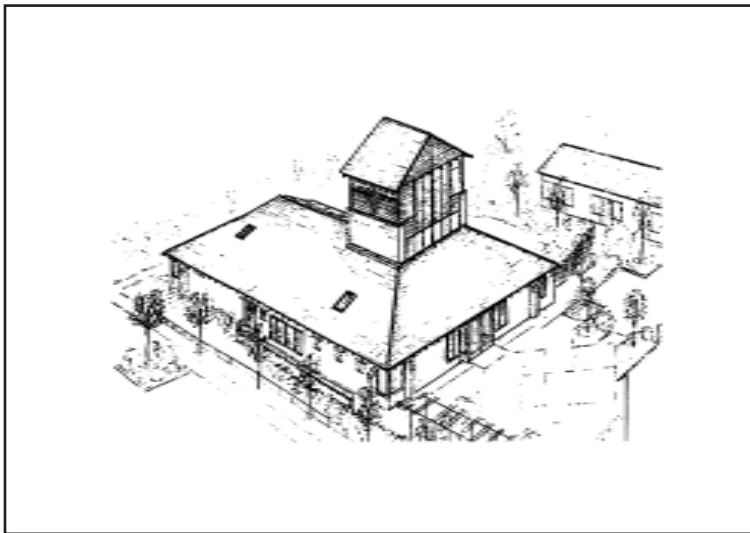
	Given in 2010	Proposed for 2011
Scripture Union	£400	£500
Bridgebuilder Trust	£600	£750
Hope UK	£300	£350
Open Door	£400	£500
CPAS	£300	£400
CSW	£200	£250
CMS	£600	£750
MK Soup Run	£300	£300

World Vision (child sponsorship)
(as needed to top up support from God's Gang)

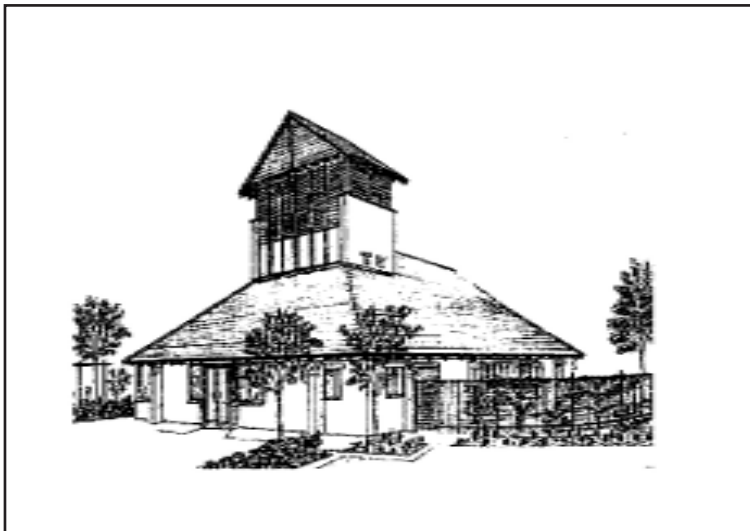
Bradwell Church - Monthly Mission Focus

Month	Mission Focus	Method of giving
Jan	Scripture Union <i>Helping people engage with the Bible, providing outreach to children and young people and equipping churches for this work.</i>	tithe
Feb	MK Bridgebuilder Trust <i>A local Christian charity associated with Scripture Union, with a team of schools workers and volunteers offering assemblies, classes and programmes for children and young people.</i>	tithe

March	Hope Outreach UK <i>A Milton Keynes based charity providing medical teams, care for orphans, training for pastors, etc. in Sri Lanka.</i>	tithe
April	The Open Door Project <i>A day centre at the Salvation Army, Con-niburrow and Queensway Methodist Church, for homeless and vulnerable people.</i>	tithe
May	Christian Aid <i>Development, aid and emergency aid world-wide.house-to-house</i>	collection
June	World Vision (child sponsorship) <i>Supporting Teleza, a school girl in Ma-lawi, and her community.</i> <i>[N.B. Cost of sponsorship covered as much as possible by God's Gang]</i>	STO monthly
July	Church Pastoral Aid Society (CPAS) <i>(including Falcon Camps)</i> <i>An Anglican-based charity providing re-sources and training for pastoral and out-reach work as well as lots of children's and youth work.</i>	tithe + net proceeds of BBQ for Falcon Camps
Aug	Christian Solidarity Worldwide <i>Supporting Christians under pressure and persecution around the world.</i>	tithe
Sept	Soup Run <i>Delivery of soup and sandwiches to the homeless, organised by local churches.</i>	tithe
Oct	Tear Fund <i>'The Evangelical Alliance Relief' Fund, serving the world's poor through well-targeted aid and development.</i>	Harvest collection
Nov	Church Mission Society (CMS) <i>Between 2005-10 we were linked with Kathy Pinsent, teaching at Hebron School, Tamil-nadu, South India. We all enjoyed Kathy's visits to us so much and wish her well as she works now as a teacher in the UK, near to her elderly parents. We have just begun a link this spring with Tony & family working in SE Asia. We hope they will be able to visit us this summer.</i>	tithe
Dec	Toybox Charity <i>Helping street children in Central and South America.</i>	Collections from Christingle service and carol singing in local area

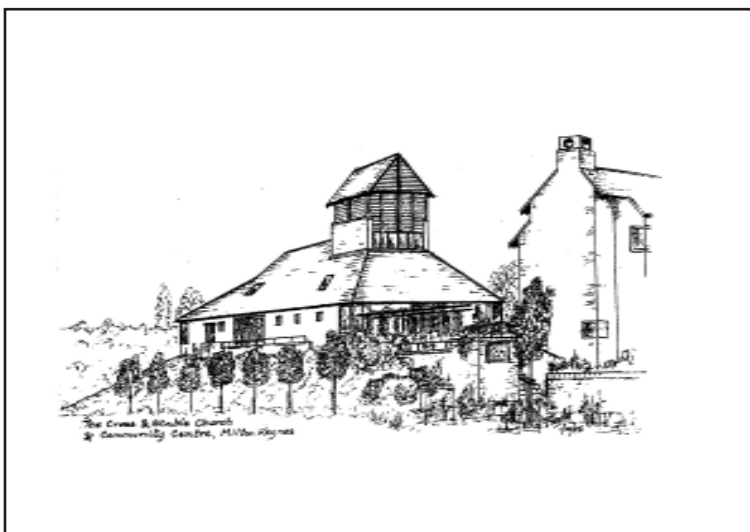


The Ecumenical Parish of Stantonbury



Annual Report 2010

13th March 2011



Cross and Stable Church

Downs Barn Milton Keynes

Serving Conniburrow
Downs Barn Downhead Park
Neath Hill Pennyland

*The Cross and Stable Church and Community Centre Milton Keynes
from line drawings by John Fowler, 1987*

**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AGENDA
13 MARCH 2011**

1. Apologies for Absence
2. Minutes of the last AGM
held on 7 March 2010
3. Matters arising from those minutes
4. Annual Reports for 2010, attached
5. Acceptance of the Financial Statement
6. Acceptance of the Membership List
7. Appointment of Church Officers
 - a) Wardens: Currently Bob Cross;
Amy Bright resigned after the SEP AGM
April 2010
 - b) Secretary
Currently Gwen Green
 - c) Treasurer
Currently Gill Grant
 - d) Minutes Secretary
Currently Gwen Green
 - e) Team Leaders:
 - 1) Senior Steward
Currently Ken Brine
 - 2) Worship
Currently Bob Cross
 - 3) Junior Church
Currently Gill Grant/Katie Casey
 - 4) Pastoral Group
Currently no one in post
 - 5) Furnishings & Flowers
Currently no one in post
 - 6) Christian Aid Rep
Currently Gill Grant
 - 7) Social Events
Currently Jeanette Smith
 - 8) 4 Reps without portfolio
Beverley Zialor, Richard Crawshay,
Olukemi Aderemi, Amy Head
8. Representatives -to be elected or nominated where appropriate
 - a) SEP
Currently Bob Cross and Gill Grant
 - b) Mission Partnership
Currently Gwen Green, Olukemi Aderemi
 - c) Management Committee
Two representatives of the MKCC
Paul Smith
Four nominated representatives of the
Stantonbury Ecumenical Partnership -
Bob Cross, Amy Bright, Peter Green
and Ken Brine
Two User Group Representatives
Marcus Agye and a vacancy
Two Residents Representatives
vacancies
One rep. of the Milton Keynes Council
Rick Brackenbury

- One rep. of the Linford Parish Council
Beverley Labbett
- d) Church & Community Centre Trustees.
Charity No 1017685
The Centre Trustees
David Labbett nominated by Milton Keynes Council
John Wheaver nominated by Milton Keynes Council
The Parish Trustee
Joan Wilson nominated by Linford Parish Council
The Church Trustees
The Pastoral President (represented by Mary Cotes)
The Vicar by virtue of office
Amy Head nominated by the Vicar
- e) Directors of Cross and Stable Charity.
Charity No 800370
Vicar, Ken Brine, John Wheaver,
Paul Brookman, Peter Green
9. Any Other Business:
10. Date of next AGM

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of The Cross and Stable Church

Held on Sunday 7th March 2010

Present: The Reverend Paul Smith (in the chair) together with 14 members.

1. Apologies for Absence

Jeanette Smith

2. Previous Minutes

The Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on the 29 March 2009 were agreed and signed. There were no matters arising.

4. Annual Reports

All the reports for 2009 had been circulated beforehand. Thanks to John Weaver and Peter and Gwen Green for assembling, photocopying and stapling them. They were agreed.

5. Financial statements 2009

The accounts were accepted subject to the approval of independent examiners; proposed by Bob Cross and seconded by Joan Wilson. Gill was thanked for all her work as Treasurer. It was realised that the Gift Day enabled the deficit to be much lower than anticipated. It was proposed to have another Gift Day this year on 12 September (near to our 'patronal' festival of Holy Cross Day on 14 September). There will be advance warning and leaflets. Amy Bright said we should consider giving generously week by week.

6. Membership list

The adoption of the present membership list (dated 31 December 2009) was proposed by Amy Bright and seconded by John Weaver and accepted.

7. Appointment of church officers

a) Warden

John Weaver has completed 3 years Church service. He was thanked. Amy Bright becomes the first Church Warden, having two more years to serve. Bob Cross was nominated as the Second Church Warden by John Weaver and seconded by Gwen Green. His nomination was agreed by all and he was duly given his set of keys! Amy gave advanced warning of the need for Stantonbury Ecumenical Parish to be registered as a Charity with the Church Commissioners. For this the Stantonbury Parish will nominate 2 people to be Parish Wardens. Thus the local congregations having Wardens to be called District Wardens. Thus we nominated Bob Cross and Amy Bright as District Wardens of Cross and Stable - to be ratified by the Stantonbury Parish AGM.

7a - i In our appointment of Church Officers we should have added Richard Crawshay and Beverley Zialor as two officers without portfolio who were in place in 2009. We are encouraging the idea of 3 representatives without portfolio: Olukemi Aderemi was proposed as the 3rd

representative - by Gwen Green and seconded by Amy Bright. All agreed. The first Officers meeting is scheduled for 25 March 2010 at 7.30pm in the Vestry. Gwen Green and Amy Bright have given apologies for absence from that meeting. 7e5. Joan Wilson offered to assist with flowers and furnishings. This was agreed.

Items 7b to e were proposed en bloc by Peter Green, seconded by John Weaver and agreed

8. Election of Representatives

a) SEC : Bob Cross and Gill Grant - SEC AGM on 23rd April

b) Mission Partnership : Gwen Green and Olukemi. Next Meeting of Mission Partnership Assembly on 16 March at Christ Church. The AGM will take place on Tuesday 15 June 2010.

c) Management Committee It is advisable that representatives are not also Trustees of the building to avoid conflict of interest. However, Paul Smith will serve on both committees by virtue of office. Bob Cross, Amy Bright, Paul Smith, Peter Green, Ken Brine together with community nominees Marcus Argye, Catriona Morris and Beverley Labbett are to continue on the Management Committee.

d) Cross and Stable Community Centre Trustees : David Labbett, John Weaver, Joan Wilson, Amy Head, Mary Cotes and Paul Smith to serve. Gwen Green to inform Mary Cotes that she will serve as a Cross and Stable Trustee only - in case of conflict of interest.

e) The Cross and Stable Charities Directors (No 800370) Paul Smith, Ken Brine, John Weaver, Peter Green and Paul Brookman to serve.

9. Any Other Business

Swine flu precautions need no longer be in place. Paul Smith offered three proposals:

1) Return to former habit - chalice and bread (possibly using the metal chalices) [8]

2) Continue with wafers and small plastic cups [2]

3) Mix: CofE service and ministers to use chalice and bread;

For Iona/Lima and Free Church ministers use separate cups and wafers [4]

Therefore a mixed response - to be taken to the Worship and Officers' Meetings

Position of chairs - again a mixed response. Positive response to Paul Smith's interactive/discussion type sermons. All agreed that coffee following morning worship is better,

There was no extra time for discussion regarding time of worship.

10. Date of the next AGM - 13 March 2011 noting that Easter 2011 is on 24 April.

The meeting closed with the Blessing at 12.50pm

Paul Smith, Chairman

Willen & Downs Barn

Minister's Report 2010 - 2011

Over the last year I have continued to try and develop the joint role of being Minister with pastoral charge of both churches within the Stantonbury Team, combined with being Team Rector (which, in effect, is a minor role). As Minister of the two congregations my emphases in the past year continued very much as detailed in previous reports.

The main points to note over the last year include:

At Cross And Stable

- Continued decline in the number of people attending Cross & Stable church for a variety of reasons including removal from the area, frailty, and some significant deaths
- Increasing pressure on fewer individuals helping to run the building
- Recent initiatives have included :
- raising our profile: we are pleased that the building now has a visible name on the exterior and are grateful to the Management Committee for doing this; Christmas advertising was well received and we are grateful to those individuals who took initiative and made arrangements for a striking handbill and poster design.
- running an experiment with the arrangement of our seating and concluding with a modified form of our habitual Sunday morning shaping. This was a result of our Thinking Morning and resolving to run an experiment.
- Planning four quarterly evening services in Cross & Stable for the whole parish
- The monthly services for the deaf have continued to be well attended and the signed carol service was successful again. Informal carols were well-attended and is becoming a fixture.
- Agreeing a significant decrease in our contribution to the parish share.

At St Mary Magdalene

- Continuing to care for the building and its fittings in various ways: most recently, improving the wood panelling (an ongoing task) and upgrading the PA system.
- It is hoped to bring mains water to the exterior of the building during the coming year.
- The licensing of Rev Liz Baker, a former member of the congregation and now Leader of the Well at Willen, as an Associate Priest in the Stantonbury Partnership. Margaret Moakes continuing ministry as Licensed Lay Minister (leading worship, leading small groups and in pastoral care and spirituality for others)
- Working with the Well in mutually enriching initiatives, including continuing a monthly healing service in church
- Enjoying some social and fund-raising occasions for general fund raising
- Continuing occasional interfaith meetings: Jewish and Muslim so far.
- Celebrating a significant increase in the number of weddings in 2010 and providing

marriage preparation using resources and personnel from our own congregation.

- Building on the success of choral evening services with Quorum as part of whole Partnership pattern of evening services throughout the year.
- Visit to Westminster Abbey involving members from around the Partnership.

Generally

- Continuing a Christian group at the new Lovat Fields Retirement Village ("The Tree of Life Group"); well-attended Christmas carol service and Remembrance Day services.
- Continuing with local schools, recently adding Brook-sward to the schools I visit
- Occasional chaplaincy cover at Willen Hospice; weekly prayers with chaplain.
- Welcoming some visiting preachers at both churches during the course of the year and having members of the Stantonbury Ministers Team visit to take services from time to time.

Challenges, Opportunities And Issues Which Face Us Are:

- Continuing to define a clearer relationship between the Well and St Mary Magdalene Church and promoting consciousness of that
- Meeting our responsibilities of care for the upkeep of both buildings through volunteers
- Pastoral care at both churches
- Supporting the parish share and other charitable causes through our giving.

Revd Paul Smith

Churchwardens' Report

It is strange that in a Church Report, we should consider the meaning of a particular word but I feel it necessary to avoid confusion.

The Officers of the Cross and Stable appoint Church Wardens to be part of the Officers Committee to chair meetings and, generally, oversee the physical and lay workings of the Church as a congregation.

This congregation is also a part of the Stantonbury Ecumenical Partnership and a Part of the Church of England parish of Stantonbury and Willen.

The Church of England has appointed two Church Wardens to that Parish and decreed that wardens of Congregations shall be described as Deputy Wardens. The Council has pointed out that Officers of any Congregation may call themselves what they will so we are sticking with Warden.

It's been a busy year and our first concern is that worship may take place and this is easy because of the helpfulness of all the Congregation who come to Church and get on with what ever task may present itself.

I am also grateful to the Stewards, Readers, Servers at Communion and the coffee makers who ensure week by week that our services take place.; in our helpers we are blessed. Behind the scenes there is the secretarial work and the rostering of duties together with the preparation of the communion table – all performed by volunteers who deserve our gratitude.

The other main concern is the numbers of our membership, which have now reached the smallest they have ever been. The Stantonbury Partnership have listened to our concerns and responded with practical help in that they have reduced their financial demands upon us and, spiritually, have started to look at other ways we may be helped. An evening service on Sundays, once a quarter, is a start. We continue to pray for guidance and an increase in attendance. Please let the Officers know of any ideas you have.

Highlights of the year have included the Parish Ecumenical confirmation service held at the Cross and Stable and the always amazing service we hold each year at the Tree Cathedral. It is always a pleasure when the occasion demands that we share our worship with our brothers and sisters at Willen either here at the Cross and Stable or at the newly re-roofed St. Mary Magdalene Church

My personal thanks go to Our Vicar, Paul and all those who help in our worship.

REC 03 March 2011

Ruminate

Ruminate is a Parish wide group of men who meet seven or eight times a year for fellowship. The Meetings take various forms but are usually held at a local inn where good food always features. Activities in the past year have included a visit to a Golf Club [with active participation] a gentle riverside walk ending with an inspection of the attractions of one of the local village pubs and talks from a visiting speaker who relates his life and Christian experience.

One such talk was an account of a cycle ride for charity across Central America from Jamie Slee of Stantonbury

Membership is open to all males and there is no fee. We meet our own costs and friends are always welcome. Attendance at Church is not a condition of membership

REC 03 March 2011

Report from the SEP Representatives for 2010

2010 was the year when Stantonbury Ecumenical Parish changed its name to Stantonbury Ecumenical Partnership. This reflects the desire of many members that the Partnership should be seen as a group of ecumenical churches. However for Church of England purposes it is still called the Parish of Stantonbury with Willen. As an Anglican Parish it must appoint just 2 Church Wardens, however many churches there are in the Parish. Each Church can appoint its own Officers. In 2010 the Wardens for SEP were Bob Cross and John Figg (Willen).

In 2010 there was an Evening Service every Sunday somewhere in the Parish, including, in July, our Tree Cathedral Service.

The Soup Run for homeless people has been extended to include Tuesday evenings. SEP is now responsible for Mondays and Tuesdays.

New Bradwell Methodist Chapel has been sold to MK Tabernacle. The formal Sharing Agreement for St James in New Bradwell is still with the solicitors and until this is finalised the Church cannot receive any proceeds from this sale.

The Parish Review took place in 2010. This review should be held every five years to check that the work of the Churches is being conducted in accordance with the requirements of the participating denominations. There was no doubt that this is happening and the report from the Review Panel has been circulated to the Mission Partnership and in our Churches.

There have been concerns about lack of communication in the SEP. To help resolve this issue there is now a SEP website (www.stantonbury.net) and the first issue of a new parish magazine was printed in December (NETwork)

A community Arts Festival was held at Christchurch during Holy Week. This incorporated an art and sculpture exhibition, evening concerts with music, drama dance and song and afternoon craft workshops, all with an Easter Theme. It was very successful involving people of all ages who do not attend church services.

The Well at Willen hosted another Week of Accompanied Prayer in July.

We hope that every Church Member will feel that as well as belonging to their “own” Church that they are also part of the wider Stantonbury Ecumenical Partnership.

Gill Grant & Bob Cross

Junior Church Report 2010

The Junior Church has been meeting on the first Sunday of the month, during the signed service, since September 5th. The number of children attending has varied from 3 – 8, but this has maintained a link with some of our Church families.

Gill Grant & Bob Cross

Mission Partnership Report

The Review process has continued and an interim body of Trustees has been appointed. It is hoped that all the groups will be in place by the AGM in June 2011. Reverend Dr. Mary Cotes completes her term of office as Ecumenical Moderator of the Mission Partnership this year (2011). In the restructured process her successor will be known as the Director of Ecumenical Mission. A job description is being drawn up.

The Mission Partnership were involved in the Ecumenical

Kirchentag in Munich in 2010. A group from Milton Keynes had a display stand in order to explain the ecumenical story of Milton Keynes. The Leipzig Link flourishes and a small group went to celebrate the 25th anniversary of St Martinskirche.

At the November Assembly Amy Merone from Christian Aid's Oxford office spoke inspiringly about Christian Aid's work in Tajikistan, Central Asia, one of the world's poorest countries post USSR. Christian Aid are helping people to grow food crops instead of cotton - a project called 'Power to the People'.

At the March Assembly Rev Alan Hodgetts, Chaplain of Woodhill Prison spoke with much compassion of his work. Rev Daphne Preece, newly appointed Chaplain to the Milton Keynes Hospital, gave a quick overview of her work with patients, families and staff and is hopeful that more help will be available, either from the voluntary sector, or a second chaplain to ensure 24/7 cover.

We are recommended to attend a service on 15th May at 6pm in the Church of Servant King, Furzton to celebrate the 400th anniversary of King James Bible.

Gwen Green

Photocopier

A photocopier continues to be available to church members and other users of the Cross and Stable If you do wish to use this resource please contact Peter or Gwen.

During the year nothing has been spend on maintenance or copy charges and £100 is being handed to the Management Committee for the use of the Snug. All costs for paper and toner have been met from income. All users have paid their bills. Free copies were made available to one user facing financial difficulties. 40,000 copies have been made during the year at an average charge of slightly less than 2p a copy. After paying the Management Committee there will be a balance of £1250.

Despite the high cost of tinted A4 paper (currently £8 for 500 sheets compared with as little as £2.00 per 500 for white) we shall try and maintain the 2p price for all copies.

The present machine performs well and there is no immediate need to change. At only 40,000 copies a year it will be hard to justify a better machine or a colour copier. At the moment good quality laser colour copies can be ordered at 15p a copy. We do hope that for users to have access to a copier on the premises at very low rates is worth the inconvenience of the space taken up in the Snug.

Peter Green, 27th February 2011

Cross and Stable Members and Friends

Members

Surname	First Name	Denom	<u>Friends</u>	
			Surname	First Name
Aderami	Olukemi	A	Ademola	Kristina
Argue	Allen	A	Buchan	Ann
Baines	Susan	A	Glen	Mollie
Bright	Amy	A	Joseph	Suresh
Bright	Paul	A		

Brine	Joan	A	Joseph	Damayanthi
Brine	Ken	A	Lubbock	Lyndsey
Casey	Katie	U	Maynard	Alice
Crawshay	Richard	B	Wells	Billy
Cross	Bob	A	Wright	Irene
Davis	Charles	M	Deaf Community	
Grant	Gill	B	Payne	Leslie
Green	Gwen	A	Billy	xxx
Green	Peter	A	Sheil	Chris
Head	Amy	M	Harvey	Jenny
Payne	Elizabeth	RC	Organists	
Saunders	Irene	Other	McConway	Kevin
Smith	Jeanette	A	Prisk	Adrian
Wheaver	John	A	Read	Nick
Wilson	Elsie	M	Rous	Helen
Wilson	Joan	A	Eaton	Helen
Zialor	Beverley	A		
Anglican		14		
Methodist		3		
Baptist		2		
URC		1		
Other		2		
Total		22		

Treasurer's Report

The financial records for 2010 were kept as receipt and payment accounts.

The figures were prepared monthly and presented to the Officers at bi-monthly Church Meetings

A sum of £3,458 was received as Tax returned on gift-aided donations.

£1375 was given to the annual Gift Day Appeal for Church Funds.

The final account at the end of December shows that there was a surplus of receipts against payments of £1,533.

In January there was a collection taken for the Mission Aviation Fellowship of £101.62 .

The loose collection money of £363.57 from the Christmas Services was collected for Hope Outreach UK.

A cheque will be sent to Hope in January 2011

The amount collected on Christian Aid Week 20 was £384.39 which was paid directly into Christian Aid's Account.

Gill Grant

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

	31st December 2010	31st December 2009
ASSETS		
Investments		
Deposit Fund CBF	1,010.77	1,405.09
	1,010.77	1,405.09
Current Assets		
HSBC Account	107.52	1,780.15
CAF Bank Account	3,574.04	645.09
Debtors	0.00	70.00
Unpresented banking	131.57	0.00
Unpresented cheques	0.00	-609.74
Cash in hand	0.00	0.00
	3,813.13	1,885.50
Accounts Total	4,823.90	3,290.59
FUNDS		
Unrestricted Funds	3,441.38	2,271.64
Restricted: Youth & Holiday Clubs	970.70	970.70
Designated funds (for organ repair)	48.25	48.25
Restricted for Hope Outreach UK	363.57	0.00
Funds Total	4,823.90	3,290.59
Funds January 1st 2010	3,290.59	4,176.83
Excess of receipts against payments	1,533.31	-886.24
Total funds December 31st 2010	4,823.90	3,290.59
Other Assets:		
Gift Aid Tax Claim (2010)	1,640.89	2,591.53

**RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNTS FOR 2010
GENERAL FUND**

	2010	2009
Receipts		
Congregational		
Covenants & Gift Aid	3,690.40	4,110.55
Standing Orders	5,485.80	5,610.00
Tax Recovered	3,458.39	3,156.99
Uncovenanted Planned Giving	,566.67	579.31
Collections & coffee	818.70	1,217.57
Other Services (Lovat Fields)	424.58	0.00
C&S Gift Day	1,375.00	2,255.00
	15,819.54	16,929.42
Other Income		
Social events - coffee morning	20.50	257.50
Donations and CAF Vouchers	1,506.45	1,177.80
Bank Interest (current account)	1.77	0.09
CBF Interest (deposit account)	5.68	28.21
Catholic Rent	-	310.00
Baptisms Weddings Funerals fees	166.00	237.59
Collection for MAF	101.62	84.20
Collection at Christmas services	363.57	163.59
		2,165.59
		2,258.98
Total Income	17,985.13	19,188.40
	2010	2009
Payments		
Ministry		
Quota	12,000.00	15,000.00
		12,000.00
		15,000.00
Church rent to management committee	4,140.00	4,140.00
Church Services (see note)	173.71	155.42
Junior Church	-	-
Photocopies	-	149.68
Sundry	36.49	281.75
		4,350.20
		4,726.85
Grants:		
Mission Aviation Fellowship	101.62	-
Hope Outreach UK	-	-
SEC Soup Run	-	100.00
Hearing Dogs for Deaf People	-	84.20
Carlton Village Emmaus	-	163.59
	101.62	347.79
Total Payments	16,451.82	20,074.64
Excess of Receipts against Payments	1,533.31	-886.24
Notes		
Palm Crosses	14.90	
Christmas Leaflet	158.81	
Sundry		
Refreshments for parish Confirmation Service		

**Stantonbury Ecumenical Partnership
Great Linford St Andrew
Annual Report 2010 - 2011**

Annual General Meeting 17th April 2011

1. Opening Prayer. Peter Ballantine began the AGM with prayers.

2. Apologies. There no apologies received or notified. In attendance were approximately 55 people.

3. Minutes of last meeting.

The meeting was asked if the previous meeting notes were an accurate record of events A vote taken proposed by Julian Pedley and seconded by David Wilson. Confirmed nem com.

4. Matters arising - there were no matters arising. PB duly signed for the records.

5. Membership role - the secretary reported that there had been an increase in numbers. There had been one person taken off the list. The numbers being: Total 120 members -93 Anglicans - 6 United Reform - 10 Ecumenical - 3 Methodist Baptists 4 - others 4.

6. Finance - Louis Fourie produced his report commenting that our General fund ended up with £3100 less than in 2009. Confirming that the Parish share was by far our largest outgoing. As a result of various projects and appeals we have achieved the target of meeting the Parish share. In addition Louis said that St. Andrew's will have to work hard to support projects and appeals to meet our commitments in the future.

Peter Ballantine took the opportunity of thanking Louis and Wanda for their excellent work over the last few years as acting Treasurer for St. Andrew's. Louis and Wanda are emigrating to Australia in June. Copy of Louis's report is attached.

7. Fabric/Building report. This was presented by Steve Hutchings. This included the following points - This last year saw the project for the restoration of stonework in line with the Quinquennial report. With the help of generous donations and grants this work will commence in the latter part of 2011.

The Easter cross has been successfully mounted on the wall of the south Aisle. A copy of the report is attached. SH thanked both David Kent and Derek Clarke for their help with the Cross.

Mention was made that next year SH plans to look at improvements/repairs on the interior of the church. He commented further to state re the Preservation fund that we should not allow to drain it!

Question from the floor relating the departure of Chris Collinge, would this help re finances. PB replied that when Chris Collinge leaves, there will be no replacement and will not have any significant impact on the Parish share as we are not paying our way at the moment. Further comment from PB was that recent changes in tax relief will mean a small decrease in what we claim back.

There appeared during the winter a stain on the side coming from the Church roof which can be removed. Peter Ballantine took the opportunity of publicly thanking Steve for his work for St. Andrew's which does save the church a lot of money.

8. Quiet Garden Report

Submitted and presented by David Kent. David presented his report by saying the Quiet continues to be used by visitors and the congregation. This year we will be celebrating the third anniversary of the Quiet Garden. It is hoped that events next year will follow the church calendar.

Details were given of Contemplative Quiet Days held during last year and gave details of forthcoming events for this. He thanked Margaret Broadhurst and David Wilson for the inspiration and help in planning these events. Dates for this year are identified in his report a copy of which is attached.

David Kent presented a report on the Maintenance of the Churchyard. He thanked the volunteers who help at the working parties and also to Duncan, Judy Rose's son who does a first class job looking after the grass around the churchyard. David's report is attached.

Question from Julian Pedley asked about the snowdrops. That when the extension of the grave yard happens this area they would be lost. SH replied that he plans to put discreet markers, within this area which will be resown for grass.

9. Bell-ringers

The Great Linford bells continue to be rung regularly by a core of 7 local ringers supported by regular help from Newport Pagnell and Padbury. On most Sundays we can get all 6 bells ringing for service. We have gained three new recruits in the year, Ryan, Jamie and Viv and all are doing well and making good progress. Alex moved to Nottingham University in the year and has been ringing with the University Society. She was elected their Master in February 2011 for a twelve month term of office. We have re-established a regular eight bell practice on the third Tuesday of each month at Downs Barn, which is good for our ringers and is attracting ringers from other towers around Milton Keynes. We also ring for service there on the first and third Sundays of the month. Alan continues to be the Deputy Master of the Oxford Diocesan Guild of Church Bell-ringers which involves organizing a few events and attending meetings. St. Andrew's receives regularly visitors locally. Also there is a current objective to raise funds for Bell-ringers by the Quiz questionnaire.

Peter Ballantine thanked Alan Marchbank for all his work which was much appreciated.

10. Choir report

Glenys Bloomfield said they were very busy at the moment. Requested that it would be nice to have new people to play piano and or organ. Judy Rose thanked Glenys for taking on the role as Choir Director and has clearly demonstrated that she is doing a marvelous job.

The Choir report is attached.

11. D Wilson report

David presented his report stating, he has led worship and preached at St. Andrew's and other churches. Is involved in various study groups and conducts funerals and bereavement counseling. DW was given well deserved thanks from Peter Ballantine. David's report is attached.

12. Lay Chair Report

In his report Nick Bloomfield mentioned we had attained certain achievements, during last year.

Firstly we had managed to reach our targets for parish share and the repair work. Also the increase in membership at St. Andrew's Church.

One of the most important acts that we have achieved this year, is that the people of St. Andrew's showed the right Christian spirit.

He identified that in the coming months we will have some work to do dealing with the short fall in resources, primarily starting with the budget.

However NB said he feels we are confident that will rise and meet the challenges in the future.

Nick Bloomfield thanked everyone for their continued support. In addition Julian Pedley commented that Nick does a fantastic job. This was soundly endorsed.

NB's report is attached.

13.Children's report. Anita Bolam.

Peter Ballantine said what a fantastic job that she does. Anita has organized the events this year for Good Friday although she will not be there. We do however need more help on the Sunday services. PB said please come and talk to us, if you feel you could participate.

There has been a significant increase in Sunday's attendance which is very good. with one Sunday having twenty five under the age of sixteen.

David Wilson said if volunteers wanted to help there is a lot of assistance that can be given.

Anita's report is attached.

14. SEC Report

The SEC has changed and is now called the SEP Stantonbury Ecumenical Partnership.

This report was presented by Mike Carter commenting on the meetings of actions carried out during the year.

The purpose of the SEP is to bind together all the activities happening in all the other parishes. MC asked the floor for any volunteers to join him at the meetings.

Jim Billenness agreed to attend meetings with MC. which average four in the year.

Mike mentioned that the SEP are the ultimate authority in the partnership. Finally Mike was keen to mention that meetings have been improved. i.e. length of.

Mike's report is attached.

15. Mission Partnership

Paul Carlo reported - the Mission Partnership is very much like the SEP partnership. They share information within the various churches in the area.

St Andrews has been represented at each of the Quarterly mission partnership meetings held throughout the past year, the mission partnership forum continues to represent Anglican;

Baptist; Methodist, Roman Catholic & United Reformed and it has been pleasing to see good representation from each of these denominations at all the meetings. The venue of the meetings over the past year have also continued to rotate with meetings held at Christ the Cornerstone; Newport Pagnell URC & Stantonbury. The Mission Partnership assembly has been chaired by Dr Mary Coates as Ecumenical Moderator through the past year but Mary has now tendered her resignation to this post and will be standing down in June pending the appointment of her replacement.

A core element of the meetings over the past year has been based on the changes to the working structure of Mission Partnership addressing its legal foundations as a result of changes in the operation of charities as overseen by the Charity Commission. The past year seen agreement being reached on the principle structures which will now be implemented over the coming year meaning 2011/12 will be the final year that the Mission Partnership assembly will operate as the new structures will then take over.

In addition to the legal and business aspects of running Mission Partnership meetings held over the past year have also included a number of guest speakers including Christian Aid, Milton Keynes hospital Chaplain plus the Chaplain of Woodhill prison. Meetings have also continued to provide a useful forum for representatives of all the denominations to update the members of the Mission Partnership assembly on topical and newsworthy updates.

A new post to replace the previous Ecumenical Moderator Mary Coates.

Next year will be the final year it will be running in its present format. There will be a new focus.

Judy Rose asked the question in terms of the different format would this have any impact on the monetary giving, answer was it will be the same.

It is the last year the for election of new officers.

Paul Carlo asked the meeting if there anybody who wished to attend the meetings with him. Jim Billenness agreed to accompany PC.

16. Giffard Park and Blakeland's Fellowship

Jean Beaver said there are still three three members who meet and have coffee. Then they say prayers. They will continue as long as they can.

17. Vicar's report.

Peter Ballantine's report was handed out. PB mentioned that both Freddie and Joyce have been verging at funeral's and Weddings. If they is anybody who would like to take on this role could they please see PB.

PB did however mention that Finances is always an issue. What with the building work this year our reserves will be down to a bare minimum, plus the fact that we do not pay our fair share towards ministerial costs. With this mind it does present the church with a challenge, and would there would have to be an approach to the congregation to think through their giving.

Peter Ballantine and Trudi Hutchings Governors of St. Andrew's School declared that there is now a shared foundation with Sherrington School. One Head and one Governor with both schools sharing the facilities.

Judy Rose stood up and asked everyone to give a vote of thanks to Peter for all his work. "He does more than his fifty per cent share"

Judy also took the opportunity to inform the meeting that she had resigned her license, but would still be around to help out from time to time.

Peter thanked Judy for all her hard work. Copy of the Vicar's report is attached.

18. Election of Officers.

Election of Lay Chair - Trudi Hutchings proposed Nick Bloomfield and seconded by Steve Hutchings - was approved unanimously.

Treasurer - our existing Treasurer has resigned due to their impending emigration. One nominee was proposed to the meeting. Olivia Clarke. Nick Bloomfield proposed and seconded by Wanda Fourie. It was put to the meeting and approved unanimously.

Secretary - Jim Billenness agreed to continue in the job. Mike Carter proposed and David Kent seconded. Meeting approved unanimously.

SEP - Representative Mike Carter agreed to continue, plus Jim Billenness agreed to accompany him.

Mission Partnership - Paul Carlo agreed to continue until it closes down. Jim Billenness agreed to join him as the second representative.

The Methodist Circuit and local URC churches plan to join together for business purposes. Peter Dudeney URC retired minister said there will be a meeting in July for all ministers retired and others to find ways to continue under a joint basis for the work they do.

Peter Ballantine proposed to the meeting that St Andrews should vote for this item for its continuation. The meeting concluded that it should be so and that Peter Dudeney is happy to represent St. Andrew's on this issue.

Memorial Hall committee representative is Paul Carlow. He is quite happy to carry on in this role.

Peter Ballantine informed the meeting, that Anita Bolam is technically on the council. Also when the Council next meet it would be useful to maybe to look for anybody to join.

19. A.O.B.

Glenys Bloomfield wished to thank Kimberley Turner for all her good work doing the weekly newsletter.

Julian Pedley also gave thanks to Queenie and Eileen for the recent coffee morning.

The Meeting closed at 12.40 p.m. with the Grace.

St Andrew's Church Officers - 2011/2012

Lay Chair	Nick Bloomfield
Secretary	Jim Billenness
Treasurer	Olivia Clarke
Fabric/Building	Steve Hutchings
SEP Representative	Milke Carter
Mission Partnership	Paul Carlo
Church Council Members	
	Julian Pedley
	David Wilson
	Mary O'Neale
	Judy Rose
	Anita Bolam

jwb April 2011

Vicar's Report for Great Linford AGM 2011

Each year special memories stand out and for 2010; Good Friday morning watching Anita's 'godly play' with 36 children spellbound for half an hour. Also was our Christmas services flourishing despite the worst weather for many years or decades.

There are of course many other good memories which makes me proud and humble to be part of St Andrew's church.

So what kind of year was it?

We saw a discernable growth in numbers especially in the second part of the year. It is encouraging that many of these new faces of all ages have stuck with us but of course we must let folk explore church and faith at their speed. Are we getting to know each other and not just talk to our friends over coffee.

We are seeing some changeover in leadership. Chad had to stand down as LLM during the autumn for personal reasons; we are grateful for his preaching, leading of worship done with a great dry humour! Judy Rose took some time out to reflect on her future and this has culminated in her 'retiring' in an official capacity as a member of the Parish Ministerial Team but she will still be around to help out from time to time for which I am grateful. During the year we welcomed back Glynis in her newer guise of married to Peter Dudeney who as a retired Methodist minister is offering us some help. And we have seen already Glynis' musical contributions!

We have met our financial needs and thanks to Louis and Wanda for their sterling work. We will be sorry to see them leave these shores this June but we wish them God speed in their new life in Australia.

Some challenges

Anita in particular has done great work with the children but sometimes we are getting some 25 under 16s in our services and we need more help. If folk feel a concern to teach our youngsters about the Faith, please consider joining our small group of leaders to work on a rota basis. Some training will be necessary and given.

Freddie and Joyce in particular have given faithful service in being vergers as funerals and weddings. Freddie has now stood down and Joyce needs some help to cover. Any offers?

Finances are always an issue. With the building work this summer, our reserves will be down to a bare minimum and also we really do not still pay our fair share towards ministerial costs. These sadly are unlikely to go down not least as from an Anglican perspective, as the subsidies offered to the 'new town' are now at an end. We will have to pay our way. Could I challenge folk to think through their giving -understand that we are in a recession and that money is tight but

An issue that we will have to face up to in our Partnership is that of ministerial cover; Chris Collinge will retire this time next year and it is unlikely to be replaced (partly financial partly availability). This has implications for how we do 'ministry' and this is more than filling in the perceived 'gaps' - some fresh air thinking is necessary. There is a small task group set up by the SEP on which Adrian Tarr is representing St Andrew's.

It is great to see skills arise in our congregation as people use God's gifting for a wider use; to see Sue Close and Livvy Clarke's musical talents emerge has been a revelation!

For myself, it is worth noting that along with all Anglican paid ministers I went onto a new employment contract this January called 'Common Tenure' which bring us more into line with the kinds of contracts that most of you at work have. It gives us in some ways more security but also our responsibilities and work arrangements are more clearly laid out. It allows me to stay until 70 if I so desire and as I approach 65 I have no immediate plans for retirement.

We must not forget that we work in an ecumenical partnership for which i am grateful'; it is good to exchange pulpits and have the stimulation. The Ecumenical Review highlighted the issues of whether we do most of our services in a default Anglican mode and I am trying to address that and you will notice some subtle changes. I am particularly keen that we have a more regular Baptist input than we have been having.

Mission Partnership has been changing its focus over the last year or so. The new emphasis is going to be less on structural unity but unity in mission. After all Jesus' prayer that we should be one was about a purpose = that the world might believe. It is great that we are Ecumenical but we must never lose our focus that we as a congregation are called to share and live out the Good News of Jesus -that by word, deed and attitude we may commend the Gospel of forgiveness and new life and purpose. One of my concerns is that of what could be called 'secular' man and woman - those who are so far from organised religion and faith in general - those for whom what we do at St Andrew's is such a mystery. Many folk comment on the atmosphere at St A's and that's great but let that be part of the process of a journey to faith for those who join us.

So many people have worked hard - I will mention my colleague David Wilson and my lay chair Nick Bloomfield with whom I have shared many a curry. There are so many of you who have worked hard, creatively and prayerfully - thank you all

Peter Ballantine April 2011

Membership Role - St Andrews Church 2011

Total number of people on the electoral role	120
Anglicans	93
United Reform	6
Ecumenical	10
Methodist	3
Baptists	4
Others	4

March 2011

The Repair of Saint Andrew's Church

2010 saw the start of the project to restore the exterior stonework, in line with the 2007 Quinquennial Report. The lengthy process of having a Schedule/specification prepared and put out to tender, acquiring a Faculty; applying for Grants took most of the year Thanks to generous donations and the hard work of those of you who have organised fund raising, we have secured sufficient money for the work to commence. Presently we are awaiting a start date from the stonemasons.

I would like to thank David Kent, and Derek Clarke for their help in getting the Easter Cross mounted on wall of the South Aisle. The cross has been successfully used outside at Easter and on Remembrance Sunday.

I have finally completed the repointing of the Ground Gutter that encircles the church - well almost -some repointing to the lower wall on the north side is needed. The Gutter is now watertight which means the walls of the church can now begin to dry out. Since they dry at a rate of one inch a year, no significant difference will be seen for some time.

Finally, over Christmas, the church suffered a leak into the Nave, leaving a unsightly brown stain. This was due to the extreme cold weather and heavy snowfall which created six inches of ice that blocked the gully. Hopefully the stain will brush off. Clearing the gulleys of snow, insimilar weather, will prevent reoccurrence.

Steve Hutchings

Quiet Garden (QG) and Churchyard Report

Quiet Garden

This continues to be used by visitors and members of the congregation.

Contemplative Quiet Days

Four Quiet Days were provided during 2010, and those who attended St Andrew's found that these events offered an opportunity within a peaceful environment a guided and quiet reflective and personal experience.

These days continue to be planned and I wish to take this opportunity of thanking Margaret Broadhurst (Christ Church)

and David Wilson for their inspiration and help in the planning and presentation of these events. If there is anyone in the congregation drawn to this ministry and who would like to contribute and be part of this group please contact David Wilson or myself

Further dates for events during 2011 are as follows:

Saturday 21st May

Late morning session particularly arranged for children accompanied by an adult followed by a shared lunch. Anita Bolam has agreed to assist with planning this morning.

Sunday 10th July

Afternoon event 3.00pm to 6.00pm followed by shared tea. This will be the 3rd Anniversary celebration of the Quiet Garden opening.

Saturday 17th September

Morning event 10.00am to 1.00pm followed by a shared lunch. This morning is planned particularly for men.

November Advent Event

It is hoped to provide a Saturday morning event during this month.

Looking ahead to 2012 it is envisaged to plan events to coincide with important dates in the church festival calendar.

It has been a pleasure this spring-time to see the display of three swathes of daffodils opposite the QG. A further addition to complete the third swathe of bulbs will be planted during Autumn 2011. Thanks are extended for the Social Fund in funding the cost of the bulbs and volunteers who planted them.

Last Easter and again on Remembrance Day & Sunday a wooden cross was erected opposite the QG. The cross was sensitively decorated to enhance these occasions. It is planned to repeat this again this year.

A faculty has recently been granted to provide a lamp post to illuminate the QG and notice board areas. It is anticipated that the QG and Social Funds will provide the necessary monies to pay for this work.

Maintaining the Churchyard Environment.

This work is generally overseen by a group who meet bi-monthly, and I thank them all for their commitment. This group consists of Peter Ballantine, Anita Bolam, Kathy Buchanan, Sue Close, Steve Hutchings & myself. We meet to plan and assess work that requires attention throughout the year. Any one interested in joining this group would be most welcome.

It is well documented that churchyards which are cared for by its congregation and local community are less likely to be subjected to acts of mindless vandalism. Our general aim here is to retain a balance and variety of areas for wildlife without developing either an overgrown jungle or a manicured garden. Within the existing churchyard area there are two small wild-flower areas, and soon between two of the horse-chestnut trees along the South wall an area for cremated remains will be provided. It has also been satisfying to see how the natural

perimeter boundary hedge to the churchyard extension area is steadily establishing itself. Thanks are also extended to Judy Rose's son Duncan who regularly mows the grass during the growing season.

Churchyard working partys have taken place on a monthly basis on Saturday mornings and I wish to thank all volunteers who have given their time and energies. All help is welcome, if you feel you would like to help but are unable to attend on a Saturday morning but are available at other times, please either contact Steve Hutchings or myself and we will be pleased to direct you to small areas of work that require attention. While working within the churchyard one can be pleasantly surprised by the conversations that can be shared with visitors attending graves or seated on the QG benches. This offers volunteers an opportunity to be God's welcome here at St Andrews.

David Kent 14th April 2011

St Andrew's Music Group report 2010/11

EASTER DAY 2010. Thanks to Ione Chadwick and her friends from MK Youth Choir the music was wonderful. Also Helen Miles' singing of The Easter Hymn from Cavalleria Rusticana by Mascagni was uplifting and memorable.

GLENYS BLOOMFIELD took over as Music Coordinator in April 2010 on a temporary basis! The Group meets about once every 3 months to organise the Musicians' Rota and discuss any other music business.

THE ROTA continues to run smoothly with a good variety of musical styles, in keeping with the ecumenical worship at St Andrew's. Our regular musicians are Valerie Kirby—Ashmore, Helen Miles, Susan Close, and Glynis Dudeney on Organ and Clavinova, and recently we have added Olivia Clarke leading us with her Gospel-style singing which has proved popular. Visiting musicians, notably Phil Richardson, Penny Miller, David Farr and Rachel Robinson have helped us out, eg. at holiday times. A big thank you to Valerie for her hard work with the Orchestra who play at the Open Door service each month. It has been good to welcome new musicians and to see young talent flourish. Please see Glenys if you would like to join the Rota, especially if you could play at the 6pm Communion Service once a month.

THE MUSIC CUPBOARD has been tidied out and a new lock fitted by Stephen Hutchings.

WATERSIDE FESTIVAL 2010. The music organiser let us down and only two acts turned up on the Sunday. Huge thanks to Phil who "busked" for us on the Saturday! We are organising the entertainment "in-house" for 2011 and already have a full programme for both days. Glenys will ensure that details are in the festival programme.

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY. Laura Owens' trumpet playing was another highlight of the year.

CHRISTMAS 2010. Despite the snow, the Ladies' Choir turned out in force, delighted to have Glynis back to conduct us, and made a lovely sound at the Carol Service. There was more beautiful music at Midnight Mass with Helen Miles and Carys Miller, accompanied by Penny and Jemima.

EASTER 2011. The men have already started rehearsing with Glynis for the Easter Day service, when a Mixed Choir will sing some special anthems.

ORGAN BURSARY. There is a vacancy at the moment. It is open to a young person who has already achieved Grade 5 standard on the piano and would be willing to play at a service once a month once they were competent.

NEW HYMN BOOKS. New copies of Complete Mission Praise, with 1,250 hymns have been generously donated by Pauline and Adrian Tarr. We look forward to learning some new ones; any requests to Glenys please!

FORTHCOMING CONCERTS. MK Brass will give a concert, organised by Mike Carter, on 7th May. Half the proceeds to our Buildings Restoration Fund. On 21st May Helen Miles will sing songs of the "Victorian Nightingales" with a retiring collection for Christian Aid.

THANK YOU again to all who contribute to the musical life of the church which is appreciated by so many. Long may it continue!

Glenys Bloomfield

David Wilson ALW Report 2011

In the past year I have led worship and preached at a St. Andrews and other churches within the partnership and occasionally elsewhere. In addition I have taken funerals on behalf of Stantonbury and Willen and elsewhere. I have contributed to the wider life of the parish and have co-lead various study groups. Conducting funerals and offering support to bereaved families has been a particularly enjoyable ministry.

I continue to take communion to those house bound and in residential homes on a regular basis.

As part of my own development I have read various theological and non-theological books which offer an alternative view. I intend to carry on with this reading.

In conclusion I would like to say that I continue to consider it both a joy and privilege to be involved with the mission and ministry of St. Andrews and Stantonbury and Willen Parish.

Lay Chair Report AGM 2011

Ladies & Gentlemen,

Despite the difficult economic climate, and the attendant demands on everyone's time and resources, I think we can safely say we have enjoyed another successful year at St Andrew's.

Our attendances are up (again!) and it has been a particular delight to see so many youngsters in the congregation (something I'm sure many other churches would be very pleased to see!). I have enjoyed meeting many of our new-comers, and been delighted to hear them speak of the warm welcome they feel they have received — as your elected representative I think I can say nothing has given me greater pleasure this year than to hear that message consistently delivered.

You will hear from other officers that we have been able to meet our financial targets for the year, and also those associated with the maintenance of the building. The work of our musicians, bell-ringers, flower-arrangers, gardeners and the children's group have all contributed greatly to our community at St Andrew's. I only wish to add that, once again, I was constantly amazed by the dedication of our friends who gave many hours of their time to make sure we achieved what we set out to do.

Without wishing to go into details, we have had a small number of very delicate situations to deal with during the course of the year. All I would like to say is that I was very impressed by the way in which people rallied round to assist where ever they could, and that I believe we, as a congregation, showed the right Christian values — a tribute to Peter and our leaders who fostered and nurtured this spirit.

In closing, I will repeat what I say each year - how much I continue to enjoy taking an active part in the day-to-day affairs of our church, and to thank you all for the support and encouragement.

My Very Best Wishes, as always,

Nick Bloomfield - Lay Chair 2010-11

Children's Work Report AGM 2011

Once again this past year has flown by. As always, numbers of attending children fluctuate from week to week. Over the year we have had so many children on some Sundays that we have had trouble fitting into our corner.

We continue to use the bell tower as our 'Godly Play' classroom and try to share stories twice a month. Anyone who would like to join us for a session is welcome. Our Good Friday session - "The faces of Easter" — was a Godly Play story and was enjoyed by adults and children alike. The sun shone for most of our children's week in August - our theme was 'The Holy Spirit'. It was an exhausting but thoroughly fun week. I always look forward to David Kent's dancing.

As always, we enjoyed our sledging when the snow was with us. And now that spring is here, everyone is enjoying all the daffodils in bloom that the children planted, with lots of help from David K and Steve.

We continually strive to welcome all new children and parents always comment on how relaxed, friendly and open our church is. I think this is one of St. Andrews great strengths and a quality we should always build on.

I'd like to say a special thank you to all our volunteers that help us through the year and at our key events. A huge thank you always goes to Queenie and Archie who have supported us tirelessly for many years.

This year however, we still need to build up our regular volunteer base to support the children's work that goes on every week. This will be a key goal for the year.

We truly appreciate everyone's continued prayers and generous support. Thank you.

Stantonbury Ecumenical Partnership Report

The SEP met four times during the year and as far as St Andrews was concerned, gave approval for formal faculty application to the Diocese for the following (all of which were successful)

- the proposed new cremation area;
- the proposed new lighting column at the 'Parklands' entrance
- the location and erection just outside the churchyard of the 'old wooden cross'
- agreement to undertake surgery to a 'distressed' tree in the churchyard
- the proposed external stonework repairs and restoration.

In addition other matters covered during the year for the wider SEP, included (in no particular order):

publication and issue/distribution of the first SEP Network magazine (to be followed up by another soon)
the future of paid Ministry in the Parish (a working party has been set up to consider the options and report back (St Andrews were invited to nominate a rep and I understand that Adrian Tarr has agreed to participate)

SEP has enjoined the CitizensMK movement in order to help influence those who might be able to improve low wages and other worthwhile social goals such as temporary housing accommodation for the homeless, tackling drug abuse, facilities for young people, etc)

There were many other events held emanating from the SEP/SEC such as the special review meeting of performance held at The Cross and Stable in January and the celebration of new marriages dinner also at the C&S, in February.

In a nutshell that's it, but I will be happy to address any questions or deal with any further information required.

Mike Carter

Bellringers' Report

The Great Linford bells continue to be rung regularly by a core of 7 local ringers supported by regular help from Newport Pagnell and Padbury. Most sundays we can get all 6 bells ringing for service.

We have gained 3 new recruit in the year, Ryan, Jamie and Viv all are doing well and making good progress.

Alex moved to Nottingham University in the year and has been ringing with the University Society. She was elected their Master in February 2011 for a 12 month term of office.

We have re-established a regular 8 bell practice on the 3rd Tuesday of each month at Downs Barn, which is good for our ringers and is attracting ringers from other towers around MK. We also ring for service there on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month.

Alan continues to be the Deputy Master of the Oxford Diocesan Guild of Church Bellringers which involves organising a few events and attending too many meetings!

Alan Marchbank

Treasurers Report

First and most importantly a very very BIG thank you to everyone who helped with the church financeS in 2010. Thanks to everyone who contributed funds, time and support to ensure we meet our financial obligations for the year, specifically:

- Jill Clarke who has done yet another great job of the Gift Aid Scheme;
- Caroline and Trudy who religiously counts the money every Sunday;
- Adrian who banks the money every week for us;
- Kathy who organises green envelopes;
- Trudy who is always there to answer questions and help with year end; and
- Wanda for all the administrative support.

We are still waiting for last years accounts from the auditors, and anyone who wants a copy please let me know.

Our General Fund ended with £3 100 less than in 2009 and our biggest outgoing, as per usual, was the Parish Share. Thanks to various projects and appeals we managed to meet our full Parish Share target of £38 400, up from £36 000 in 2009. The council has agreed to keep the budget at £36 000 as per 2010 and then make a decision towards the end of the year to pay the full share or not, depending on funds at that point.

Even though our total income was £2 500 more than hoped for, we again had to use money from our General Fund, as we had a deficit budget to start off with, and outgoings were £2,300 higher than expected.

We will really need to work hard again this year to meet our targets, so please support all projects in aid of fundraising for the church. This will be the final year that we can afford to have a deficit budget, as the General Fund balance is now only £2 700. There are many things in the pipeline to raise funds for the Restoration Fund, but it must be highlighted that we mustn't forget that Parish Share is our first and most important obligation.

General maintenance around the church is still carried out by the Clarks and the Stephen Hutchings and we are very thankful for this. A big thank you to Stephen and Trudy for all their efforts in securing donations for the building work.

As with every year, costs do increase and we ask everyone to please review their giving over the coming months or work together on fundraising projects. Times are still difficult in the current economic climate, but we pray that we will find ways, if through special projects or through donations, to meet all our financial commitments in 2011.

On behalf of Wanda and myself, a big thank you for your trust in us over the last three years to take on the role of treasurer, and do our bit for the church. We really enjoyed it and will miss you all when attending our new church on the other side of the world.

Louis and Wanda Fourie

	2011 YTD BUDGET	2011 YTD ACTUALS
	£875	£776
	£1,175	£1,293
	£1,250	£1,754
	£3,375	£3,371
	£250	£20
	£1,250	£853
	£500	£735
	£0	£0
	£8,675	£8,802

	2008 ACTUAL	2009 ACTUAL	2010 ACTUAL	2011 BUDGET
INCOME				
Collection	£3,764	£3,917	£3,437	£3,500
Green Envelopes	£4,665	£4,735	£4,755	£4,700
Pink Envelopes	£4,472	£4,642	£5,547	£5,000
Standing Orders	£12,853	£13,395	£13,032	£13,500
Donations (incl Legacy)	£1,845	£2,108	£1,273	£1,000
Church Fees	£4,838	£5,909	£6,150	£5,000
Sundry (coffee, interest, waterside, card sales)	£1,908	£3,482	£2,241	£2,000
Tax Recovery	£4,925	£5,747	£6,035	£6,000
TOTAL INCOME	£39,270	£43,935	£42,470	£40,700
EXPENSES				
Parish Share	£33,000	£36,000	£38,400	£36,000
Heat/Light/Water	£2,813	£2,638	£2,179	£2,500
Annual Insurance	£2,322	£2,909	£2,540	£2,600
Repairs and Maintenance	£695	£1,642	£1,116	£1,000
Music (Organ tuning and licences)	£0	£451	£489	£500
Donations	£0	£723	£0	£0
Printing / Stationery	£378	£512	£331	£350
Sundry	£1,044	£367	£556	£350
TOTAL EXPENSES	£40,252	£45,242	£45,611	£43,300

SURPLUS / DEFICIT -£983 -£1,307 -£3,141 -£2,600

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GF Open Balance £7,178 £5,871 £2,731

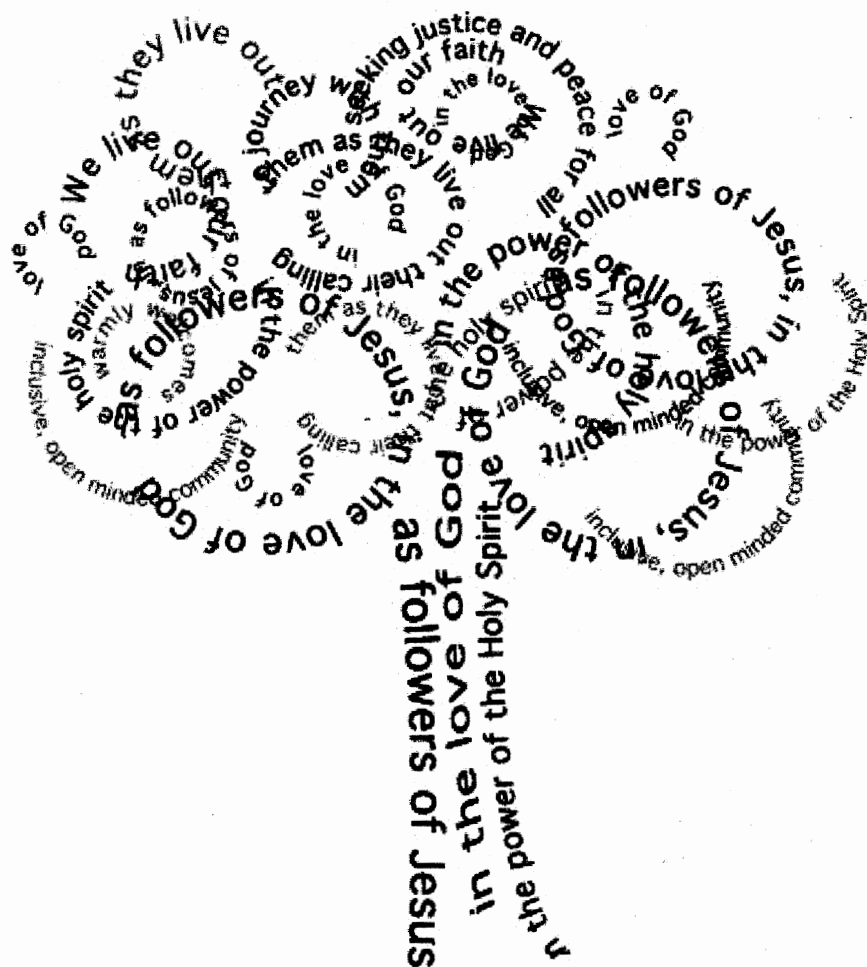
GF Close Balance £5,871 £2,731 **£131**

	31/12/10	31/03/11
FUNDS		
Music Development	£585	£585
Heating	£152	£152
Flowers	£25	£5
Children	£81	£81
Quite Garden	£275	£280
Social	£928	£1,190
Preservation	£7,884	£10,246

Ecumenical Partnership of Stantonbury

St James Church Annual Review

2011



St James Church community warmly welcomes EVERYONE to journey with them as they live out their calling as followers of Jesus, in the love of God and the power of the Holy Spirit.

- We are an inclusive, open minded community
- We endeavour to grow in faith through worship, prayer and study
- We live out our faith with an awareness of the local and global community, seeking justice and peace for all
- We are partners with other Churches in the Stantonbury area and enjoy worship in the Anglican, Methodist Baptist and United Reformed Church traditions

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Vicar	Rev'd Chris Collinge
Methodist Minister	Rev'd Mindy Bell
Licensed Lay Ministers	Mary Lovegrove Barry Fleming
Methodist Local Preacher Officers	Lavina Porter Prue Errington Graham Crisp
Secretary	Irene Fan
Treasurer	Mary Kennedy

Church Council Members

Rev'd Chris Collinge {ex-officio}
Mary Lovegrove(ex-officio)
Barry Fleming(ex-officio)
Lavina Porter(ex-officio)
Heidi Thomas
Mary Borrett
Mary Kennedy
Graham Crisp
Irene Fan
Sandra Kettleboro
Jo Roberts
Jennifer Cooper
Ron Lewis-Coker
John Porter
Jean Preedy

SEC Reps

Sandra Kettleboro
Mary Kennedy

Mission Partnership Reps

Barry Fleming
Prue Errington

Vicar's Report April 2010 to March 2011

St James' year of celebration is ended although I hope we will never stop celebrating our risen Lord! The sesquicentennial anniversary was a delight full of diversity and I believe almost stress free. That is the way it should be. In my report last year I said "My dream is that during the coming year we will face the future with enthusiasm and create our own vision statement that will guide our future ministry."

My dream has come true. The vision statement is on the front cover of the Annual Review.

The vision statement developed through two particular acts of worship in church followed by some work in a small group. In the acts of worship the congregation worked first of all on identity trying to envisage how others saw us and how we saw ourselves. Two words summed up this initial work - welcome and warmth. There was both a desire to welcome people with warmth and a hope that that was how we were experienced in the community. There was a real hope that we are a *churchfamily*. The second service looked at how we saw our mission. The responses to this were more diverse. Again there was welcome in the sense of inclusiveness and showing the love of God to people through acceptance. There was an appreciation of the church as a *place*; offering space for prayer and reflection. There was also a desire to learn more, an appreciation of the work of prayer, a valuing of the diversity of worship and a small number of people aware of the need to actively engage with global issues. There was not an emphasis on the Stantonbury Partnership except in the expression of appreciation for the diversity of worship offered through our engagement with four denominations. However, this is an important part of who we are so it was included in the Vision Statement.

The vision statement is illustrated by a tree. The Trinity is expressed through the tree trunk thus illustrating the understanding of the Trinity as being essential to our expression of faith. The boughs hold our main statement which is to be welcoming followers of Jesus empowered by the persons of the Trinity. The tree brings to mind the parable of the mustard seed. It also reminds us that people can come and go always finding a place and that some will simply rest for a while under its shelter. Thank you to Pete Roberts for producing this final illustration.

All that remains is for the statement to be known by all of us so that it can inform and guide our lives as well as make clear to others who we are.

The figures for January to December 2010 are as follows. There were 3 Baptisms and 1 Thanksgiving for the birth of a child. There were 9 couples married in church, 7 funerals conducted in church and 13 funerals conducted on behalf of the church at the crematorium. The average weekly attendance was 46 adults and 7 children.

Some time ago we adopted the rule that limited the number of years a Church Officer could serve to 6 years. Sadly this means that Prue Errington finishes her term of office this year.

Prue has been a rock; her support and wisdom never fail. I shall always remember that she said she felt called by God to be Church Warden. Prue has served her time in this spirit, always looking to the example and comfort of the faith in her work. So, thank you, Prue, from me and from the church family. We know you will not be far away but hope that you will have something of a rest in the next year.

I need to thank you all for your cheerfulness and openness to new ideas and challenges. A special thanks to all those people who help on a regular basis, putting the church firmly in their diaries and showing, in faithfulness, their love of God.

God bless you all as we enter the post sesquicentennial year!

Chris

Report on the Fabric of the Church

In September the Quinquennial Report was carried out by our architect Bruce Deacon. He reported that the building is generally in a good sound state of repair, of course there are some areas requiring attention. The report gives recommendations and a time scale for the repair and maintenance of the building and contents during the next five years. The fabric group will meet to draw up plans to arrange for the necessary work to be carried out. Following long and extensive investigations on the original stone chimney an internal flue from the boiler could not be installed. To comply with Health and Safety Regulations we had no choice but to erect an external stainless steel flue.

Our church yard continues to look beautiful thanks to the hard work of those who support our regular working parties held throughout the year. Thanks to Ken Errington who every week clears the litter and makes sure the church yard is clean and tidy.

Church Officer Report

It has been a joy and a privilege to serve as warden then officer for the past six years here at St James. Time flies when you are having fun, is a saying I can agree with. The years have passed so quickly and now is the time for me to hand back the church keys.

St James congregation is a loving family who care for each other so much; it is wonderful to be part of Gods' love for us all in this place. In the other reports to this annual meeting we can read of the diversity of our life here at St James during this past year. We are blessed to have the gift of Rev'd Chris Collinge, her ministry is so full of love and warmth, who could not fail to see the love of Jesus reflected in her care for us all.

I would like to thank Graham Crisp who has worked alongside me as officer this year, also thanks to John Porter and Mary Borrett for supporting us deputy officers

Our services continue to run smoothly week by week thanks to all those who give so much of their time to St James, to our organists, sides-people, sacristans, readers and intercessors.

Thanks also to those who support the work of the church:

flower arrangers, coffee makers, cleaners, Jo Roberts and Zena Trayner for their commitment to working with the children of the church. Also thank you to John Porter who prints our pew leaflet and helps to raise extra money for the church by running the 100 club. Also to Danny Waite who co-ordinates our Gift Aid contributions. Thanks to Irene Farr for organising Tiddlers and washing the altar linen. Not forgetting John Walton for keeping the web site up to date. Mary Kennedy continues to take care of our finances as treasurer this is an enormous task but not only does she do this superbly she also works hard in many other areas of church life. Mary has always been a great support to me and I thank her very much.

The future will bring change and challenges for the people of St James. If we wish to continue as a community following Jesus in the love of God in the power of the Holy Spirit we must all work together and offer our time and talents to enable our church to continue as a witness to God's love here in the Stantonbury Partnership for the next 150 years.

Prue Errington

St James' Social Events 2010

As 2010 fast becomes a memory, it seems appropriate to look back at some of the social events that took place during the year.

The year was dominated by our 150th Anniversary celebrations with the flower and music festival in May and the Barn dance and anniversary service in December forming the focus of our celebrations.

Looking back at 2010 it is pleasing to report that many other social events took place, both inside the church and outside in the local community.

Musical events always feature strongly in St. James' social calendar.

Bradwell Silver Band have been performing concerts at St. James for many years and in 2010 entertained well attended audiences at their Spring, Autumn, and Christmas concerts.

Other musical events included the Vocadamy concert, performances by Marcus Armstrong and by the Gerry Poole band.

Out in the community, St James was represented at the May day fun day, Bradwell carnival, Bradfest music concert and the community centre Christmas Bazaar.

Our annual patronal festival was blessed with good weather, as was the ever popular children's late Autumn Glow in the dark party.

Another popular and well attended event last year was our Harvest supper, which was held in the Community centre.

Our Saturday morning café is as popular as ever, with the occasional Fair Trade Coffee morning, "Messy church" and other events taking place alongside the café.

It goes without saying that none of these events would take place without a lot of hard work from those people organising them and a big thank you goes to you all.

Looking forward to 2011, plans are already being made for several music concerts as well as a visit from the Vagabond

cinema, please look out for details of these in pew leaflets and on our website.

Social events play an important part in church life and of its place in the community. As St. James changes and evolves over the next couple of years, this part of church life will become even more important to those of us who value our church, our church family and our Christian fellowship. However, it will only continue if there are volunteers prepared to organise events and people to support them.

On a personal note I would like to thank all those who have helped me in my first year as Church officer, in particular to Prue and to Chris. I have found it an honour and a privilege to serve St. James in this way especially in its 150th anniversary year. Thank you all.

Graham Crisp

St James Church New Bradwell 2010

It has been a special year in the life of St James as it celebrated its 150 years anniversary the Church having been dedicated and consecrated for burial on December 6th 1860.

The first major event of the year was the open weekend and Flower Festival on Saturday 22nd May and Sunday the 23rd. The date chosen as nearest to the anniversary of the laying of the foundation stone on May 24th, 1858. Local organisations and individuals provided floral arrangements that decorated all areas of the church, making a memorable display. All the floral arrangements can be viewed on the St James website.

The church was open all day with different events taking place alongside the flower arrangements and morning worship. These included entertainment by local musicians, and a quiz for children based on church artefacts and architecture. Lunches and cream teas were also available.

The main event of the year was the special Service of Celebration held on Sunday December 12th. The Preacher and Celebrant was The Right Reverend John Pritchard, the Bishop of Oxford. The service was well attended and included the Mayoress, Debbie Brock, with her accompanying cadet for the day Tim Bell, and Mary Cotes the Ecumenical Moderator.

The special service booklet for the occasion had an embroidered panel on the front cover, each one of the 124 being individually produced over many weeks by Jennifer Cooper and Nicky Fleming.

To begin the celebrations a Barn Dance was arranged for the Saturday evening. This was well attended and greatly enjoyed by all ages, the music being supplied by "Sleeping Moggy".

Dave Folwell and Jennifer Cooper worked together to produce a booklet outlining a History of St James Church. Many thanks go to the New Bradwell Heritage Group who published it, supported by a generous grant from Milton Keynes Heritage Association. The booklets were given to the local school and handed out free during the weekend of the Flower Festival. The back cover of the booklet includes a picture of the congregation outside the church.

Dave also arranged for a display cabinet in the South aisle to display New Bradwell, Stantonbury and Church memorabilia.

These included a Cup and Saucer, each with a monochrome picture of the in 1902, crested china, photographs and other related items.

This was a memorable year in the life of St James New Bradwell.

Stantonbury Ecumenical Council

Looking back over the SEC minutes for 2010 we seemed to deal with many meaty subjects which I can only highlight to you otherwise I would have to write a book. If you would like any further information on any of the subjects I can make the minutes of those meetings available to you.

The LEP Review mentioned in last years report was completed and is now being digested and worked on by the SEC committee. Again copies of this can be made available if required.

We lost Dave Bell from the team when he was licensed and went off to Watling Valley and we gained the Rev. Liz Baker who was also newly licensed and came from Wading Valley so the status quo remained the same.

The Parish agreed to support Venture FX which is a Methodist sponsored scheme to work with predominately non church going 18-30yr olds. We also agreed to become part of Citizen MK after Moussa Baraka came to the Parish to explain what the role of this partnership is.

It was also agreed to fund a newsletter and we have seen the result of this recently please pick up a copy of Network from church if you have not read this yet.

Parish Wardens were elected for the first time, this role is needed for legal purposes within the SEC. This does not remove the work of our Church Wardens who we now call Officers but it does remove some of the legal responsibility. Bob Cross from the Cross and Stable Church and John Figg from Willen Church agreed to stand for these posts.

The SEC is trying hard to sort out the Sharing agreement for St James and the absolute farce that is the New Bradwell Community Centre Lease. Both of these subjects have serious implications for us at St James and we must hope and pray that they can be sorted out this year.

The SEC is made up of all of our clergy and lay Ministers plus two representatives from each Church. They make all the important decisions for the Parish and these decisions affect us so please do take an interest in what they are doing for us and support them whenever you can.

Visit our website WWW.stantonburyparish.org.uk

Mary Kennedy, SEC Representative

Tiddlers

Sessions are held in church on alternate Wednesday mornings from 10.00-11.30 during term-time.

In 2006 Chris and Jo were inspired to start a service of 'Worship and fun for the under fives'.

They asked interested parents and carers from church and the local community what form they would like this to take and Tiddlers began.

Jo asked in church for people to help with the sessions and Sandra and I volunteered; in this fifth year we are both still very glad we did.

At any session up to thirty under fives, and their grown-ups, have played, chatted, laughed, created, listened, sung and prayed together.

During the past year we have enjoyed meeting our friends, playing with friends, joining in songs and rhymes, sharing snack-time, playing with playdough!

There are many thanks to give from all who have enjoyed Tiddlers during the past year:

To Sandra and Lavina for the excellent snack-time/coffee and cake time, and for the accompanying smiles and listening.

To Janet Booden for helping with snack-time and being brilliant at putting all the pieces back in the puzzles, and to Kerry for bringing her mum and for her own help.

To Prue for ensuring a warm building.

To Mary Borrett for a lovely session with organ music.

To Trudy Llewellyn for providing a wonderful assortment of collage materials.

To Mindy for providing story and worship time in Chris's absence and for bringing her mum and Morgan along.

To Sarah Gates and Sue Myhill for boldly stepping in at very short notice to lead story time and songs and rhymes.

To Rebecca Hyman and Lily for regularly setting up and packing away.

To Chris for encouraging us all in everything we do, and for her many variations on 'The Wheels on the Bus'!

To the generous people of St. James for welcoming toddlers into this beautiful building.

I can think of no better way to end than with the last line of the Tiddler's prayer;

'Thank you God for Tiddlers!'

Hurrah!

Irene Farr

Dolphins

It has been a busy year for the Young People of St James Church family. Every Sunday at the 10am service Zena or Jo ensure that there is a theme for the children to focus on. Group time in the vestry provides an opportunity to learn about the faith through stories, games, discussion. A creative activity is prepared for quiet time during the service.

Easter 2010 was a special time. Our now annual Good Friday Workshop continues to attract children and families from in and around New Bradwell. This well supported and well

attended event provides a vital link with the wider community.

The children celebrated the Easter season by two wonderful ribbon dance performances. With guidance from Kath Bell the children were able to act out the Easter story using different colour ribbons. This show was performed at St James and at Christ Church Stantonbury as part of a special evening to celebrate the arts. Later in the year the children were proud to demonstrate their ribbon dancing skills and confidently entertained the congregation at The Church of Christ the Cornerstone at CMK for a celebration of the Ecumenical success in Milton Keynes. The Bishop was delighted and amazed at the enthusiasm and skill shown by the ribbon dancers when they performed to a packed Church at the '150 Year' celebrations held at St James in December 2010.

The summer holiday club, held in the community centre in the summer holidays was as popular as ever. Providing a great opportunity for friends to connect up in the holidays, the activities were fun and imaginative. Experimenting with magnets and making slime were the most popular, though a little messy! Chris entertained everyone during group time with funny stories and singing along to her guitar.

Our Stantonbury Parish Glow-in-the-dark party, held every Autumn, continues to draw a huge crowd. Held in St James Church, but supported by all of Stantonbury Parish there were an array of different activities to try. From candle making and other crafts to melted marshmallows and hot dogs. The children and their families love the busy atmosphere and excitement. With pepper lanterns held high, the evening closes with a story and song to celebrate the bright light of God's love in our World.

Advent 2010 we had our first Messy Church activity and shared lunch. This lovely morning was enjoyed by all ages of our Church family. Everyone worked together to make and create special symbols and representations of this often overlooked time of year. Prue made delicious soup to warm us up and a tasty lunch was enjoyed by all.

Advent, of course, led us into the Christmas season.. Cafe Carols was fun and festive. Cafe style, people gathered at the front of St James to drink tea and sing Carols. The children were enthusiastic to take an active part in this event. Evie and Fred confidently entertained everyone with their musical instruments and all the children joined in the singing.

The Church was a buzz on Christmas Eve for the Nativity service. Sean and Lily were proud to accompany Teddy (the Shetland pony) into Church to recreate the Christmas story. On Christmas Eve, St James Church really is the place where people want to be, to feel the love and catch a little of the magic that Jesus brings for all of us.

Jo Roberts, March 2011

The Third Friday Group

You may come across the title T3F. T3F stands for The Third Friday group. This is a meeting for young people who have begun secondary school and we meet .guess when, the third Friday of the month. We are a small group of around 5, mainly,

but not only from St James' church. The group is run by Mindy and Chris and has replaced the Film Group. We follow the Youth Emmaus scheme but when that leads us off to watch a film we do so. This term we have looked at generosity, the gap between rich and poor and watched the film Pass it Forward. We have great fun, heated discussions and amazing ideas! It has been great to have help from some members at our Open Door services.

Financial Report 2010

We started 2010 with a fairly healthy brought forward balance of £5,322 in our unrestricted accounts ie: our current account and the petty cash and £10,560 in our restricted accounts. The restricted funds are Ring fenced for particular needs and must not be used for the general running of the church there is a list of these accounts on the last page of the attached accounts.

At the AGM it was agreed to carry on with the Dodge the Deficit campaign in which we were trying to raise an extra £3,000 by the congregation each donating at least £30 which they could raise in any way they liked as long as it was legal! We actually raised £2,746 which was brilliant and it enabled us to pay £30,000 towards our Parish Share. We had committed to pay £28,000 towards the Parish Share which is actually a lot lower than we should be paying realistically, so the extra £2,000 went towards helping the Parish meet its costs. This year we are committed to paying £30,000 and it would be great if we could raise more.

In 2010 we had 79 members on our Electoral Roll most of whom have pledged income to the Church. This pledged money on which I have to rely comes to just short of £23,000 plus another £4,000 to £5,000 recovered from gift aid, so you can see that our pledged income does not even cover the cost of the Parish Share let alone all the other costs of running the church. If we all increased our giving by £1 per week we would raise an extra £4,108 per year. I realise that some of us cannot afford even that but I do ask you to give some thought to what you could afford and to increase your giving on a weekly basis as it is the regular giving that St James has to rely on.

The Methodist Chapel was finally sold and St James stands to gain approx £125,000 from this sale. This money must be used to add a new facility to the building of St James and the hope would be to add a small meeting room plus toilets. However we cannot have this money until we have a legal Sharing agreement with the Methodist Circuit. Chris has spent the last seven years making herself ill trying to get this ratified and hopes that we have it in place before she leaves us. The money also has a five year time limit on it so the clock is ticking on this one!

We will still need to fund raise as half of this money goes into our Fabric fund which is now not as healthy as the accounts suggest as we have just paid out over £3,000 pounds to have the chimney made usable. We therefore need to make sure that we will have funds to continue to keep the building in a safe condition. The recent Quinquennial has highlighted other works that we need to pay attention to and I refer you to the Wardens report for these, we will of course apply for grants where possible.

It was decided that the Soup Run accounts should be taken under the SEC umbrella as it is a parish wide activity. I was happy to hand these over as it makes the St James accounts easier to manage. I think that the accounts are fairly straightforward but please don't hesitate to speak to me if you have any questions. We go into 2011 with less money than in 2010 so we need to dig deep in order to continue to cover our costs.

I would like to thank Danny for yet again carrying on his role as Gift Aid and Envelope Scheme coordinator it's such a relief not to have to take on those jobs myself. I also thank John Porter for continuing as the 100 Club coordinator, and all the usual members of the congregation who always give up their time to make sure that our regular fundraising events take place such as stalls at the May Day, Summer Carnival, and Christmas Bazaar events. The funds raised from these events all add up and we rely on them.

Mary Kennedy, Treasurer

100 Club Report 2010

Club run by John Porter

1129 shares @ £1 per share	£1,129.00
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Prizes paid out	£564.50
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Payments made into church funds

April	£191.50
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August	£188.00
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December	£185.00
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Total	£564.50
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St James					
Financial Statement					
For the year ending 31 December 2010					
	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	TOTAL FUNDS 2010	TOTAL FUNDS 2009
	£	£	£	£	£
INCOMING RESOURCES					
<i>Incoming resources from donors</i>					
Planned giving:					
Gift Aided	22,886			22,886	23,332
Income tax recoverable on Gift Aid	6,015	468		6,483	5,022
Not Gift Aided					
Collections (open plate) at all services	2,430			2,430	2,618
Gift Days					
Small Donations	2,036			2,036	2,891
	33,366	468		33,834	33,863
<i>Other voluntary incoming resources</i>					
Donations, appeals etc.	3,949			3,949	5,963
Legacies and Memorials					3,276
Refreshments and Flowers	1,278			1,278	1,771
Fetes, bazaars, other fund-raising events	1,715	1,714		3,429	3,298
Grants		419		419	2,000
	6,942	2,133		9,075	16,308
<i>Income from charitable and ancillary trading</i>					
Fees - Weddings/Funerals	1,909			1,909	3,537
Church letting					
Church hall letting	5			5	
Chapel letting					
Other trading					
Other lettings					
Other Fees					
	1,914			1,914	3,537
<i>Other ordinary incoming resources</i>					
Insurance claims					1,066
Sundry refunds	220			220	900
	220			220	1,966
<i>Income from investments</i>					
Dividends					
Interest on CBF Accounts					
Interest from bank accounts		9		9	4
Income from sale of invested capital					
		9		9	4
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES	42,442	2,610		45,052	55,678

St James					
Financial Statement					
For the year ending 31 December 2010					
	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	TOTAL FUNDS 2010 £	TOTAL FUNDS 2009 £
RESOURCES USED					
<i>Missionary and charitable giving:</i>					
Overseas Mission Church Societies					978
Relief & development agencies	328			328	
Home Missions Church Societies	274			274	
Relief & development agencies					452
	602			602	1,430
<i>Activities directly related to the work of the church</i>					
Parish Share	30,000			30,000	29,500
Insurance	3,660			3,660	3,582
Repairs and Maintenance	493	1,403		1,896	4,550
Quinquennial Work					
Utilities	3,885			3,885	3,767
Churchyard upkeep					1,909
Other Church running expenses					1,182
Worship	809	445		1,254	1,055
Equipment					1,352
Expenditure on church letting					
Expenditure on church hall letting					
Expenditure on other trading					
Junior Church and Youth Club		513		513	319
Sundry	3,310	1,509		4,819	1,306
	42,157	3,870		46,027	48,522
<i>Fund-raising and publicity</i>					
Costs of fetes, bazaars, other fund raising events					
<i>Church management and administration</i>					
<i>Administration:</i>					
Printing and stationery	337			337	203
Subscriptions					
Bank charges					
Loan interest					
	337			337	203
TOTAL RESOURCES USED	43,096	3,870		46,966	50,155

St James					
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES					
For the year ending 31 December 2010					
Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	TOTAL FUNDS 2010 £	TOTAL FUNDS 2009 £
INCOMING RESOURCES					
Incoming Resources from Donors	33,366	468		33,834	33,863
Other voluntary incoming resources	6,942	2,133		9,075	16,308
Income from charitable and ancillary trading	1,914			1,914	3,537
Other ordinary incoming resources	220			220	1,966
Income from investments		9		9	4
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES	42,442	2,610		45,052	55,678
RESOURCES USED					
Grants	602			602	1,430
Activities directly relating to the work of the church	42,157	3,870		46,027	48,522
Fund-raising and publicity					
Church management and administration	337			337	203
TOTAL RESOURCES USED	43,096	3,870		46,966	50,155
NET INCOMING (OUTGOING) RESOURCES	(654)	(1,260)		(1,913)	5,523
GAINS AND LOSSES ON INVESTMENTS					
- realised					
- unrealised					
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS	(654)	(1,260)		(1,913)	5,523
BALANCE BROUGHT FORWARD AT 1 JANUARY 2010	5,322	10,560		15,882	10,359
Prior Year reclassification					
BALANCE CARRIED FORWARD AT 31 DECEMBER 2010	4,668	9,300		13,969	15,882

St James**BALANCE SHEET AT 31 DECEMBER 2010**

	Notes	2010 £	2009 £
FIXED ASSETS			
Tangible fixed assets			
Investment assets			
CURRENT ASSETS			
Stock			
Debtors	Fees	301	1747
Short term deposits - eg CBF Deposit Fund		5,877	7,610
Cash at bank and in hand	inc p/cash	4,367	3,574
CAF Deposit Account		3,424	2,950
		<u>13,969</u>	<u>15,881</u>
LIABILITIES			
Creditors			
NET CURRENT ASSETS		13,969	15,881
FUNDS			
Unrestricted		4,668	5,322
Restricted		9,300	10,560
Endowment			
		<u>13,969</u>	<u>15,882</u>
Balances on Individual Funds			
General Fund	Unrestricted	4,668	5,321
Music	Restricted	56	234
Junior Church	Restricted	445	521
Fabric	Restricted	5,260	5,436
Interest	Restricted	116	113
Soup Run	Restricted		1,307
Annex CAF A/C	Restricted	3,424	2,950
		<u>13,969</u>	<u>15,882</u>

Approved by the Church Council on

and signed on its behalf by:

(The Chairman)
Date:(Member)
Date:

**Stantonbury Ecumenical Partnership
Christ Church Stantonbury
Annual Report 2010 - 2011**

Minister's Report

2010 has been a busy year full of variety. The main event in the early part of the year was the planning, preparing and staging of a Community Arts Festival, on behalf of the SEP. The event took place a week before Easter beginning on Saturday March 27 when we set up an art exhibition which displayed art from our local schools, art groups and from individuals. We arranged concerts, drama presentations and poetry reading on Saturday, Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday and had a wide cross section of the community involved. The schools made visits to the exhibition and were particularly taken by the sculptures lent to us by David Moore. This was a popular and enjoyable event and we are grateful to the variety of people who took part.

Following on from the Arts Festival we ran an Essence course on Thursday evenings from April 29 to June 10 with five participants. The material was much appreciated and led to some interesting discussions and art creations, as we explored our Christian faith together.

Brian and I attended the Baptist Assembly from April 30 to May 3 in Plymouth the theme of which was 'One world, one mission'.

The ongoing mission of the church was in our thoughts as the Church Council met to look at the role of the leadership on June 5 and then when the congregation met for art @home morning on June 12 and discussed the role of small groups.

The previous @home had led us to us forming a Social Committee so we could arrange social activities on a regular basis to which we could invite friends and family. We held a Burns Night on January 25 which was well attended and much enjoyed as we piped in the haggis and read poems after the meal. We had a car treasure hunt on July 17, a ramble around Newport Pagnell on July 28, a barbecue at the manse on August 29 (when we tried very hard to keep Steve, Sylvia and Roger dry when the heavens opened!), a day away at Penny's uncle's on September 11 and a Harvest Supper on October 2. These were all enjoyable events which helped us to get to know one another better and to invite friends and family.

The other contact we have made this year is with a Muslim group. We met in June and October to dialogue together with the aim of understanding each other better. This has been quite informative and is an ongoing conversation.

I have taken two weddings in the building this year, one for an African couple in August and one for Jo and Dan in October. Jo attends our 9 am service.

On the second Sunday of each month, throughout the year, we have included members of the congregation or the house-groups either to preach or participate in a café style service. This has helped to add to the variety of our services and made use of the many gifts we have amongst us.

We can be very grateful to God for all that he has taught us in the past year through our life together, and for all the hard work done in maintaining the building, working with children and senior citizens and participating in the life of our

neighbourhood.

We look forward to all that ahead as plans for the site development are beginning again and as we seek to strengthen our own sense of identity and mission in 2011.

Chris Howden

Secretary's report

During 2010 Church Council has met regularly at approximately two monthly intervals. We had an extra meeting, mentioned in Chris's report, at Bradwell Chapel on a Saturday morning in June, with the twin aims of getting to know each other better and looking at the role of leadership within the church.

Three members of Council come to the end of their terms at the AGM. These are Maggie Prisk, Claire Vogeli and Cis Jones. Maggie and Cis have the option to continue attending Council in their roles as lay ministers of the church. We believe Claire may be rather busy with a new arrival I We are grateful to all three for their time on Council and to Claire for her competent chairing.

Over the past five years we have consistently failed to recruit a full Church Council. Nine members is probably a bit unrealistic given the size of our congregation but we now have only two Council members left (excluding the Treasurer and Secretary). Please do consider prayerfully whether this might be something God is calling you to do.

Our membership stands at forty three, one less than last year. Kim and Jenny Matthews have come off the membership list. We are sad to lose them but we are happy that they have found a church fellowship near their new home in Kenilworth. The addition to our membership is Gladys Martin who was baptised here and plays an active role in our church life. We welcome her to our 'church family'.

Sandra Kennedy

Treasurer's Report 2010

2010 proved to be financially better than anticipated. We had a deficit in the budget for the year of £2,549 but ended the year with one of £770.10. This includes having made provision for bad debts on some of our outstanding rent payments (some of which we may still receive) and having to pay some legal costs over the employment status of our former cleaner.

The situation was made financially better because there were several weeks in the summer when we were not paying a cleaner and we received no gas bills from September to January as we changed suppliers and the new supplier had not caught up with the billing. The Gift Aid receipts are larger because we claimed 15 months in 2010. We were able to meet our Mission Giving targets for the year in full.

The rental income appears less this year but there are less 'fees receivable' which may have given an over optimistic view in the 2009 accounts.

This coming year will prove quite a challenge as we have a number of items of maintenance which may well exceed the £5,000 provision in the budget. We may be able to get some funding and grants to help make some essential safety repairs to the roof. Utility costs have increased despite changing Gas supplier so we have fitted some new heating controls to try to limit this.

I am grateful as ever to those who donate so much to the day to day running of the church and urge you to continue as it is your regular giving that forms the bulk of the church's income.

Adrian Prisk

Stantonbury Ecumenical Council

Stantonbury Ecumenical Council meets five times a year with the addition of occasional Saturday mornings where there is a need to focus on a specific issue. Its membership consists of two lay members from each of the churches plus the clergy team. There is also a lay treasurer. It has a Standing Committee that meets between main meetings to set the agenda.

The role of SEC is to consider matters of shared interest to all the churches. In addition to the care of their churches all minister except one have an additional responsibility. Andy Jowitt is the Evangelism Enabler, Chris Collinge is responsible for Children and Families, Chris Howden has a responsibility for the Creative Arts and Peter Ballantine has a role in Training. Paul Smith has no second role as he has two churches to care for. He is also the Team Rector. Mindy Bell has a part time role representing the Methodist Church, working most closely with St. James, New Bradwell.

During 2010 SEC had an Ecumenical Review conducted by a group of five people, two of them lay members of this church. A meeting was held to discuss the report. One outcome is that the Ecumenical Parish has become the Ecumenical Partnership in order to reflect the diversity of the denominations. (Parish is an Anglican term). We are also in the process of obtaining Charitable Status for the Parish and we recently joined Citizens MK.

SEC holds its meetings in all the churches in turn so there is an opportunity both to visit other churches and to meet people. Claire Vogeli and I currently represent Christ Church on the SEC but there is an opportunity at the AGM for new volunteers. Please talk to us if you would like to know more.

Sandra Kennedy

Worship and Music Groups

The Worship Group aims to support and assist in the shared worship of Christ Church, being sensitive to the needs and experience of the whole church fellowship. We aim to reflect the different traditions represented and the participation and use of gifts of the whole congregation is welcomed and encouraged.

The group has met five times during the year to share ideas and plan for worship. We have looked at varying the format of services and have had several 'café' services during the year. We are also aware of the many gifts and talents in our congregation and have tried to make opportunities to share these, with a special focus on this on the second Sunday of each month.

New members to this group would be most welcome, to enable the development of our shared worship and to reflect the diversity of the congregation.

Music is an important element of our worship and we are grateful to those who spend time, planning, practicing and contributing their talents. Our musicians have not only provided a wide range of music for our services but also for services elsewhere in the parish and for community events such as the Christmas Concert. They meet to practice on Sunday evenings.

Susan Gander

Junior Church

Our children and young people are a valuable part of the church family. This year there has only been a small number of children, some coming most weeks while others are occasional visitors.

Activities are provided for the children either within the service or as a small group in the coffee lounge. The unpredictability of the composition of the group, with regard to numbers and ages, presents challenges when planning. Some sessions have reflected the themes that are being used in the services, while at other times we have looked at the lives of biblical characters.

Thank you to those who have contributed to this work during the year.

Susan Gander

Pastoral Care Group

This group meets from time to time to pray for and discuss how we can support those in pastoral need. This includes visiting people who are linked to the church through the various groups that meet here and family and friends as well as members of Christ Church who find it difficult to attend church. This group

is led by our minister, Chris Howden. Chris also visits those of our fellowship who are unable to get to church and takes them communion. She also leads worship in Hanover Court and Heron Lodge, our two sheltered housing schemes.

Pastoral matters of general concern to the church are sometimes referred in confidence to Council Meetings.

If you are in need of help, or know someone who is, then please approach the minister or any member of Council and they will pass on your concern to either Chris or the group.

We also have a trained Pastoral Counsellor, Chris Solly, who can help as required.

House groups

House groups are an important part of our life at Christ Church. Everyone is welcome to join a group on a regular or occasional basis. We aim to explore our faith through study in a relaxed and informal way and to support each other in our Christian journeys through life.

The times and venues of the weekly groups can be found on the front cover of our monthly notices. Lunch and Learn, an inter church group, meets monthly in the coffee lounge on the fourth Wednesday of each month. An hour of study is followed by a soup and sandwich lunch. It is ideal for older people who may not wish to go out in the evenings. It meets weekly in Lent to do one of the York courses.

Once a month on the fourth Wednesday the church meets for an evening prayer meeting in one of our houses. A list is published of the venues. Please ask if you would like one. Prayer is vital to the life and growth of the church.

During the summer a few events of a mainly social nature replace the house groups and other social events take place throughout the year arranged by the Social Committee.

Kid's Club

Kids' Club had a slow start and its viability was at one time in question but over the year numbers have picked up and we now have ten children regularly attending and one older child who has stayed on as a 'Junior helper'. We enjoy a varied programme of arts and crafts, games, puzzles and cooking. Each week we have painting in some form and a construction activity and we deliberately keep the session relaxed and offer choices as we feel the children have enough structure in their day at school.

The holiday club, as Chris has commented, had lower numbers in common with other summer provision. Perhaps now we have the services of the Regeneration Team in our area we will have more knowledge of what people really want in the holidays for their children?

We are grateful for the many donations of paper, useful 'junk', jars, fabric, greetings cards and other items which we receive.

These help save money and also the planet! Finally if you have any adult T shirts you no longer need some of our existing ones are nearing the end of their useful life. We use them to cover up the children's school uniforms when they are doing messy activities.

Sandra Kennedy

Senior Citizens

It has been a year of ups and downs for the Senior Citizens' Club.

Age UK (formerly Age Concern and Help the Aged) has now taken over providing transport for Lunch Clubs and this includes our group. They have contracted the job out to Bill's Taxis and this, on the whole, has been better for us, though we are now paying for transport but the cost is only £1 per person per week.

Our numbers have diminished over the past year as three of our members died in the past eighteen months and two have stopped coming - mainly due to transport issues. We currently have ten members on our books but usually only eight or nine in any given week.

The ones who continue to come do really enjoy the club, however, and for some it is the only chance they have of getting out and meeting friends. They are like a family to one another.

We recently had a trip to Frost's Garden Centre. Chris Howden kindly cooked a Christmas meal again for us and we had Wood End First School to sing on that day and each of the Senior Citizens received a hamper from the Campus.

Nancy Dua continues her staunch work of washing up and giving out drinks each week and we are very grateful to her.

The club continues to function with Ruth Walker-Singh, Nancy Warner and myself running it week by week but our future is uncertain as all of us have increasing family commitments which make it difficult for us always to be around. Usually we manage with two out of the three of us and help from Chris but as time goes on, and sadly we are all getting older, this becomes more of a problem. We will continue to keep going as long as we are able but we will be grateful for your prayers and any offers of help for the future.

Cis Jones

Christ Church Stantonbury				
Income & Expenditure, Previous Year Comparison and Budget 2011				
January through December 2010				
	Jan - Dec 10	Jan - Dec 09	Change	<i>Budget 2011</i>
Income				
Coffee donations	469.68	373.96	95.72	500
Coll Gen Fund (Gift Aided)	22,442.77	23,122.88	-680.11	24,000
Coll Gen Fund (Not Gift Aided)	2,401.42	1,721.79	679.63	2,200
Tax Recalim (Gift Aid)	7,682.24	5,729.72	1,952.52	6,000
Collections - Special	262.99	109.00	153.99	
Contras - in	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Donations	294.00	3,498.30	-3,204.30	
Grants	1,500.00	2,000.00	-500.00	1,000
Insurance Claims	0.00	3,416.41	-3,416.41	
Interest	45.10	74.46	-29.36	
Internal Transfer	200.00		200.00	
Miscellaneous Income	556.00	200.00	356.00	250
Photocopying	184.87	125.84	59.03	250
Rent	14,374.44	17,377.25	-3,002.81	15,000
Total Income	50,413.51	57,749.61	-7,336.10	49,200
Expense				
Bad Debt	953.00		953.00	
Bank Charges	0.00	8.00	-8.00	10
Cleaning	2,257.91	2,977.80	-719.89	3,000
Contras - out	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Expend. other	0.00	91.43	-91.43	
Gifts	0.00	70.00	-70.00	
Insurance	1,009.77	946.50	63.27	1,100
Internal Transfer Expense	200.00		200.00	
Junior Church and Youth Work	0.00	5.40	-5.40	
Legal Costs	528.75	0.00	528.75	
Maintenance	5,399.12	12,426.29	-7,027.17	5,000
Ministry	141.89	151.01	-9.12	150
Misc. Cheque Expenses	20.42	93.53	-73.11	100
Miscellaneous Expenses	833.07	70.60	762.47	300
Mission	5,750.43	5,428.20	322.23	5,000
Printing and Stationery	74.90	313.33	-238.43	250
Rent Refund	36.00	0.00	36.00	
Stant Ec Coun.	27,000.00	25,500.00	1,500.00	27,000
Subscriptions	318.44	342.20	-23.76	350
Traidcraft	14.50	78.00	-63.50	100
Utilities	6,345.31	7,470.74	-1,125.43	7,500
Worship	300.10	199.23	100.87	200
Total Expense	51,183.61	56,172.26	-4,988.65	50,060
Surplus (Deficit) for the Year	-770.10	1,577.35	-2,347.45	-860

Christ Church Stantonbury UK Balance Sheet - Standard As at 1 January 2011		
	01-Jan-11	01-Jan-10
ASSETS		
Current Assets		
Other Current Assets		
Prepayments	213.41	0.00
Total Other Current Assets	213.41	0.00
Accounts Receivable		
Accounts Receivable	1130.75	2887.50
Total Accounts Receivable	1130.75	2887.50
Cash at bank and in hand		
Cash	15.01	107.50
CFB Deposit	4250.50	4205.60
Current		
Stantonb Par Coun Grants	30.00	0.00
Current - Other	2052.82	4448.19
Total Current	2082.82	4448.19
Deposit	301.56	301.36
Total Cash at bank and in hand	6649.89	9062.65
Total Current Assets	7994.05	11950.15
Current Liabilities		
Accounts Payable		
Accounts Payable	0.00	3186.00
Total Accounts Payable	0.00	3186.00
Total Current Liabilities	0.00	3186.00
NET CURRENT ASSETS	7994.05	8764.15
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES	7994.05	8764.15
NET ASSETS	7994.05	8764.15
Capital and Reserves		
Cross & Stable Charities Grants	536.50	1000.00
General Fund	7427.55	7764.15
Stantonbury Parish Council	30.00	0.00
Shareholder funds	7994.05	8764.15

St Mary Magdalene Ecumenical Church, Willen

Annual Members Meeting Agenda

Sunday 20 March 2011



The Ecumenical Parish of Stantonbury
Annual Report 2010
St Mary Magdalene Church
Willen
Milton Keynes

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Annual Members Meeting

Sunday 20 March 2011

a. Apologies for absence from prior meeting

Apologies: Pat Clark, Michael Kemp

b. Minutes of the annual general meeting held Sunday 15th March 2010

Present: Paul Smith (Chair), Helen Eaton (Secretary) and other members of the Church.

1 Minutes

1.1 The minutes of the meeting held 15th March 2009 were approved as a correct record.

2 Matters Arising

2.1 There were no matters arising.

3 Annual Reports

3.1 The following written reports were received:

- (i) Willen and Downs Barn Minister's report 2009-10 from Paul Smith;
- (ii) Licensed Lay Minister's report from Margaret Moakes;
- (iii) Pastoral Care Scheme report from Margaret Moakes;
- (iv) Annual Report from the Fund Raising Group from Hilda Kirkwood.

3.2 Paul Smith reported orally that the fundraising group which had been originally convened to raise funds for the roof repairs would continue to meet and would direct their efforts to general fundraising for the Church. This group was important to the social life of the Church as well as being valued for their fundraising efforts. Church members who might wish to suggest work which should be done to the fabric of the Church should contact Bill Green, Michael Kemp or John Figg.

4 Repairs to Church roof and north vestry project

4.1 A written report on the roof and redecoration works was received from John Figg.

4.2 Paul Smith reported orally that the architect who had carried out the last survey of the Church had recommended that the exterior door be renovated and gilded. This renovation work had been contracted and, when done, this would complete the 'Under One Roof' scheme.

5 Financial statement for 2009

5.1 The financial statement had not been completed in time for the meeting and it was agreed that this should be made available to members in hard copy and by email in the weeks following the AGM.

5.2 Paul Smith reported orally that, whilst the Church was still solvent, there had been a decline in the amount by which the budget was in credit year on year. This situation would be considered in more detail at the next Church Council meeting.

6 Membership list

6.1 A draft membership list for 2010 was circulated. This included a number of new members who had joined the congregation during the past year.

6.2 It was requested that the following names be added to the list:

Rosalind Maine (Anglican)
Ann Gosling (Methodist)

7 Elections

7.1 A change to the constitution and governance of the Stantonbury Parish Churches was reported. This was necessitated by a new legal requirement for churches to register with the Charity Commission, and a form of constitution based on a model devised for Local Ecumenical Partnerships had been adopted which required the election of two Parish Wardens. The new constitution would take effect from 22nd April 2010 and the Parish Wardens would be elected at the forthcoming Annual Parish Meeting.

7.2 There were no nominations from Willen for the positions of Parish Warden.

7.3 The following elections were confirmed:

Church Warden Michael Kemp
(proposed by Margaret Moakes, seconded by Stuart Bowden)

Secretary Vacant

Treasurer Harry Osei
(proposed by Norma Bowden, seconded by Margaret Moakes)

Church Council members:

Betty Colley
John Figg
Kirsten Gibbs
Hilda Kirkwood
Margaret Moakes
Harry Osei
Brian Rollings
(proposed by Barbara Saunders, seconded by Roma Figg)

Stantonbury Ecumenical Council

Michael Kemp
Karen Walker
(proposed by Stuart Bowden, seconded by Hilda Kirkwood)

There were no nominees for the MK Mission Partnership Assembly.

8 Any other business

8.1 It was announced that Pat Clark was continuing to offer to provide meals under the banner 'dinners for dignity' for small groups of people. Pat would be happy to cater for groups of up to seven individuals, providing at least one person from the group was known to her. Funds raised from the dinners would be given to the charity 'Wherever the need'.

8.2 It was reported that Gift Aid envelopes would be distributed in time for Gift Day. 2010 Gift Aid at Willen was being coordinated by Sean Miles.

8.3 A motion was put before the meeting that the swine flu precautions, including the use of individual disposable cups during the Communion, should be discontinued and that normal practice should be resumed. A number of views both in favour of retaining the use of disposable cups and for returning to normal practice were noted.

8.4 It was agreed that normal practice for serving Communion using the chalice should resume, the exception being during Baptist Communion services when disposable cups would be used.

8.5 It was reported that gluten free wafers were available for those who needed them.

9 Date of the next meeting

9.1 It was reported that the date which had been originally proposed for the Willen 2011 AGM clashed with the agreed date of the Downs Barn AGM. It was therefore agreed that the next meeting should be held on 27th March 2011.

10 Closing blessing

c. Matters arising from those minutes

None

d. Annual Reports for 2010

d.i. The Minister's Report

Over the last year I have continued to try and develop the joint role of being Minister with pastoral charge of both churches within the Stantonbury Team, combined with being Team Rector (which, in effect, is a minor role). As Minister of the two congregations my emphases in the past year continued very much as detailed in previous reports. The main points to note over the last year include:

AT CROSS AND STABLE

- Continued decline in the number of people attending Cross & Stable church for a variety of reasons including removal from the area, frailty, and some significant deaths
- Increasing pressure on fewer individuals helping to run the building
- Recent initiatives have included :
 - > Raising our profile: we are pleased that the building now has a visible name on the exterior and are grateful to the Management Committee for doing this; Christmas advertising was well received, we are grateful to those who took initiative and made arrangements for a striking handbill and poster design.
 - > Running an experiment with the arrangement of our seating and concluding with a modified form of our habitual Sunday morning shaping. This was a result of our Thinking Morning and resolving to run an experiment.
 - > Planning four quarterly evening services in Cross & Stable for the whole parish
- The monthly services for the deaf have continued to be

well attended and the signed carol service was successful again. Informal carols were well-attended and are becoming a fixture.

- Agreeing a significant decrease in our contribution to the parish share

AT ST MARY MAGDALENE

- Continuing to care for the building and its fittings in various ways: most recently, improving the wood panelling (an ongoing task) and upgrading the PA system.
- It is hoped to bring mains water to the exterior of the building during the coming year.
- The licensing of Rev Liz Baker, a former member of the congregation and now Leader of the Well at Willen, as an Associate Priest in the Stantonbury Partnership. Margaret Moakes continuing ministry as Licensed Lay Minister (leading worship, leading small groups and in pastoral care and spirituality for others)
- Working with the Well in mutually enriching initiatives, including continuing a monthly healing service in church
- Enjoying some social and fund-raising occasions for general fund raising
- Continuing occasional interfaith meetings: Jewish and Muslim so far.
- Celebrating a significant increase in the number of weddings in 2010 and providing marriage preparation using resources and personnel from our own congregation.
- Quorum as part of whole Partnership pattern of evening services throughout the year.
- Visit to Westminster Abbey involving members from around the Partnership

GENERALLY

- Continuing a Christian group at the new Lovat Fields Retirement Village ("The Tree of Life Group"); well-attended Christmas carol service and Remembrance Day services.
- Continuing with local schools, recently adding Brooksward to the schools I visit
- Occasional chaplaincy cover at Willen Hospice;
- Welcoming some visiting preachers at both churches during the course of the year and having members of the Stantonbury Ministers Team visit to take services from time to time

CHALLENGES, OPPORTUNITIES AND ISSUES WHICH FACE US ARE:

- Continuing to define a clearer relationship between the Well and St Mary Magdalene Church and promoting consciousness of that
- Meeting our responsibilities of care for the upkeep of both buildings through volunteers
- Pastoral care at both churches
- Supporting the parish share and other charitable causes through our giving.

d.ii. Report from the licensed lay minister

My main areas of concern at Willen are (1) the First Sunday Service at 9.30 am (Morning Worship) and (2) oversight of the Pastoral Care Co-ordinators Group. In addition (3), I am on the Organising Group for Weeks of Accompanied Prayer in the wider parish. Among other things, this group offers training for accompaniers and spiritual directors.

(1) Monthly Morning Worship draws in a steady stream of worshippers, although the people concerned can vary from month to month. As well as working with Paul, I also like to work with other members of the clergy team in the Stantonbury Parish. It all makes for a variety of approaches. I also feel it is good to involve various creative people in our own congregation, so over the past year there has been input from the flower arrangers and from the musicians.

I'm hoping some of the families can be persuaded to lend support on Mothering Sunday at the beginning of April. Watch this space!

(2) The Pastoral Care Co-ordinators meet regularly, for which I am grateful. Each of them has oversight of a geographical area, seven in all. They keep an eye on regular attendees within their locality, as well as updating their lists to include newcomers. There is a special approach around Christmas to ensure members of their groups have information of services over the festival period.

Two new initiatives are on the cards. One is issuing invitations to marriage couples from the previous 12 months to attend for special prayers at an anniversary service. I am very grateful to Lynda Phillips for keeping this one within her sights. We are hoping to extend this idea to an initiative for baptism families. There will be a similar aim of inviting families to an anniversary-reminder/celebration service.

(3) We were delighted to be able to offer a Week of Accompanied Prayer at the Well again in 2010, which was open to 'seekers' from the whole of the Stantonbury Parish, as well as members of the Dayspring Groups that meet at the Priory. Two people from Willen joined in the group of around 15 'pilgrims' and 6 'accompaniers', who gathered daily for a 7-day event. It was very fulfilling for all concerned.

In the coming year, we are moving our outreach to Milton Keynes Prison, and your prayers would be much appreciated. However, we hope to become local again in Lent 2012.

d.iii. Building Report for 2010 - 2011

Now that the new roof is in place, the north vestry underpinned, the interior of the church repainted and the entrance door refurbished the principal maintenance items have been taken care of.

One long-standing desire has been to have a water supply connected to the church and a feasibility scheme has been developed to bring water from the mains in Milton Road via the east gate of the church to terminate with a tap outside the wall of the north vestry. Once the concept has been approved quotations will be sought. There is a designated 'tap fund' already set aside, which was begun in memory of Bet Morgan, late Churchwarden and dedicated helper for the church.

By the generosity of the Cross & Stable Charities money has been made available to replace the deteriorated notice board at the west end of the limetree avenue to the church and for the installation of a new notice board just inside the east wall of the churchyard near the gates (and pillar box). At present formal permission from Milton Keynes Council and granting of a Faculty by Oxford Diocese are in process.

There has been a difference of opinion about the function of the floodlights in the churchyard -- whether they were intended to illuminate the tower/outside of the church so that it can be seen at night across the lake from Portway or whether the lamps should be aimed at the pathways around the building to enable people to see their way to the church door. Now both objectives have been satisfied by installing an additional two lamps in such a way that two floodlights on the post are aimed at the tower and two floodlights are directed towards the paths. The lamps are not required very often and the electrical demand of 2 kW is only for a few hours per year.

The speech reinforcement system and hearing loop installation has been updated to a dual-frequency arrangement through the good offices of Richard Robinson of Sound Facilities Ltd. It is hoped that the upgraded system will improve audibility and reliability of the equipment and the cabling has now been tidied up and simplified.

The lightning conductor on the tower was inspected and tested by specialists, Messrs Stones Technical Services, and found to be electrically satisfactory, but to be in need of refixing to the tower brickwork. This work has now been commissioned.

During the cold weather this winter it was uncomfortably cool in church; particularly for early morning services and it transpired that the north side apse storage heater was not functioning. Paul Eveling, Domestic Electrical Services, has now remedied the situation and it is hoped that congregations will be more comfortable in future.

Most recently refurbishment of the internal woodwork of the church has commenced with volunteer helpers cleaning the apse panelling using fine steel wool and detergent to remove accumulated grime (smoke from candle and oil-lamp illumination and coal-fired heating) and then treating the cleaned wood with linseed oil/tung oil emulsion. This has greatly improved the appearance of the panelling at the east end of the church and enthused congregation members to tackle the Nave and Choir areas.

In the near future it is hoped to adjust the pew-ends and pew doors to enable the doors to be more easily opened and closed and to prevent scraping on the floor.

d.iv. Quorum Choir Report

Quorum continues to sing at a range of services at St Mary Magdalene. Over the past few years a pattern of services at which Quorum sings at has become established to include services on Palm Sunday, 1st Sunday of Advent and the annual Carol Service.

During the past year, Quorum provided music for Ascension, Pentecost and Trinity (May 2010), St Michaels and All Angels (end of September 2010), Willen's Patronal Festival in July

2010, Service for the licensing of Liz Baker in late September 2010, Carol Service Dec 2010 and Candlemas January 2011. For each of these services Quorum has provided music from its core repertoire of renaissance sacred music appropriate for the service. For the Carol Service Quorum sings Christmas music by contemporary composers in English. For the service in 2010 Quorum had prepared a set of music including newly published carols, which had been highly commended in the music press, but regrettably a heavy snow storm the previous day meant that many of the singers were unable to travel to the service.

For the words and music services, Quorum works closely with Rev Paul Smith on the shape of the service, trying out new approaches to convey the spiritual message of the service. For Palm Sunday, Quorum will be singing a selection of pieces from the Victoria Tenebrae Responsories, 2011 being the 400th anniversary of Victoria's death. For this service Quorum will be singing pieces for each of the three days (Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday) as a group to convey the words which Victoria set in a more coherent way.

Quorum continues to have an annual Cathedral visit. In 2010 Quorum sang at Hereford Cathedral in February and, at short notice, sang an Evensong at Worcester Cathedral in June. In 2011 two Cathedral visits are planned: Ely Cathedral on 9 & 10 April and Chichester on 29 & 30 October.

d.v. Vergers Report.

Last year we had an appeal for money for flowers for Easter we had a wonderful response from both the congregation and friends of the Church and raised £150 this gave us enough money to decorate the Church for Easter with money left over that we used for both Pentecost and Harvest the last £1.50 being put into that weeks collection. We will once again this year be asking the congregation to please help with Easter Flowers.

I placed a Rota for Church cleaning in the porch again in January and Paul asked those who could help to sign up for it, unfortunately only one person has come forward so far, Julie McClay and I do it between us alternate months but it would be a help if we had more people on the list, after all we all like a clean and tidy place to sit.

A big thank you to all of those people in our congregation who help with decorating the Church during the year, helping with the Summer fete and working in the gardens also a big thank you to everyone who helped with the wood renovation.

We not only say thank you to members of our congregation at St Mary Magdalene but also to the many supporters who help at different events who do not attend our Church but whose help is greatly appreciated and much valued.

d.vi. Report of social and fundraising group:

The members of the group during 2010 were: Mary Hartwell, Fr. Frank Green, Norma Bowden Clark, Rosemary LeCount and Hilda Kirkwood.

The following Events were held:

- Quiz evening with supper,
- Summer lunch in Pat's garden

- Afternoon tea at Lovat fields
- Trip to the stained-glass museum at Ely
- Harvest supper
- Concert in church given by Polymnia

The members of the group also assisted at the licensing of Rev Liz Baker in September and the stocking and manning up a store at Newport Pagnell Christmas light celebration.

Members of the group make preserve to sell throughout the year, sell our own Willen church details were ever there is demand and circulate the Traidcraft catalogue from which we recover commission. All these activities raised £547.

In addition the Newport Pagnell line store raised £223.

There is still a separate account held entitled 'under one roof', which enables us to purchase re-saleable items such as tea towels. It currently has about £420 in it.

At the November 2010 meeting of the church Council I presented a report seeking views on the future of this group, its value to the life and work of our church and what events members will support in the future these matters are still being debated.

One of the missing skills at the moment is someone to design publicity and help with its distribution. If you are able to help with either or both of these functions please don't hesitate to contact me!

d.vii. Associate Minister's report

Since my Licensing on 29th September, I was circulating in the Parish for the first 3 months and visiting the churches.

Highlights have been: The Carols by Candlelight - when unexpected numbers came and thanks to the amazing efforts of Quorum and the congregation it was truly a fantastic service.

The same is true of the Christingle Service when again through the frost and snow large numbers turned out to sing and celebrate the season. The service raised over £60 for the Children's Society, which is very encouraging.

It very nice to be back in the parish once again .

e. Membership list (revised this year)

The following comprises the current membership list of Willen Church:

Mr (John) Stuart Bowden
Mrs Norma Celia Bowden
Mrs Kathryn Buttel
Mrs Florence Dorothy Childs
Mrs Pat Margaret Clark
Mrs Betty Elizabeth Colley
Mrs Gail Constant
Miss Rosalind Crawley
Mrs Tanya Cushion
Mr Leo Dalkin
Mr Andrew William Davey
Mrs Marilyn Davey

Ms Janice Davis
Mrs Hazel Dent
Mr Neil Dent
Mrs Helen Eaton
Mr John Walter Figg
Mrs Roma Figg
Mrs Kirsten Gibbs
Mrs Ann Gosling
Mr Bill Green
Rev Frank Gilbert Green
Miss Mary Hartwell
Dr Toby Hill
Mrs Iris Florence Kearton
Mr Michael Kemp
Mrs Hilda Rosamund Kirkwood
Mrs Rosemary LeCount
Mrs Liz Macey
Mr Godfrey Magaya
Mrs Norah Magaya
Mrs Rosemary Mawson
Mrs Julie Ann McClay
Mr Tony McNulty
Mrs Jane Miles
Mr Sean Miles
Mrs Calliope Mingle-Osei
Mrs Margaret Moakes
Mr Harry Osei
Mrs Lynda Phillips
Mrs Olive Reynolds
Mr Brian Peter Rollings
Mrs Caroline Jane Rollings
Mrs Barbara Jean Saunders
Mr Geoff Charles Saunders
Mrs Edith Grace Taylor
Mrs Ann Valerie Topsom
Mr Barry Gavin Topsom
Mrs Karen Elizabeth Walker
Mrs Cindy Williams
Mrs Lilian Rosetta Wilson

f. Elections

The following offices are up for annual election

Church Warden - (Parish wide)
Church Warden - (Parish wide)
Deputy Warden - (for Willen)
Deputy Warden - (for Willen)
Church Council
Church Council
Church Council
Church Council
Church Council
Church Council
Church Council
Church Council
Stantonbury Ecumenical Council
Stantonbury Ecumenical Council
MK Mission Partnership Assembly
MK Mission Partnership Assembly

g. Any other business

g.i. Future fundraising events

g.ii. Church Fete, 11 June 2011

g.iii. Just-giving page set up for Church

h. Date of next Annual Member's meeting

Provisionally Sunday 25 March 2012

Treasurer's Report

Detail Financial Statements For The Year Ended

Prepared By: Harry Osei ACMA (Treasurer)

11th January 2011

i. Closing blessing

St Mary Magdalene Church, Willen
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2010

Income	Month 12		Designated		Restricted		2010 Total	2009 Total
	Unrestricted	Designated	Church Notice Board	Willen Church Appeal	WaterTap	Building Fund		
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Gift Aided	9,537.47						9,537.47	8,991.58
Income tax	2,715.21						2,715.21	2,143.56
Pledges	0.00						0.00	
Plate	3,030.80						3,030.80	2,880.76
Donations	4,036.59						4,036.59	4,135.67
Fees	2,404.00						2,404.00	3,104.49
Gift Day	405.00						405.00	510.00
Interest/grants	6.37						6.37	112.05
Fund raising	1,295.31						1,295.31	129.00
Insurance Claim	0.00						0.00	243.99
Donations+Interest+VAT Refund		7.59	1,107.90	0.00			3,307.35	37,128.36
Church Fete	851.24						851.24	674.61
Sundries-Electricity Refund	3,800.93						3,800.93	0.00
Total Income	28,082.92	7.59	1,107.90	0.00	3.76	2,188.10	31,390.27	60,054.07
Expenditure								
Maintenance	164.73						164.73	484.32
Parish share	13,750.00						13,750.00	13,750.00
Church Services	651.14						651.14	586.57
Youth	0.00						0.00	0.00
Heating	4,997.00						4,997.00	5,487.00
Charity giving (home)	58.86						58.86	308.72
Charity giving (o/seas)	58.86						58.86	319.43
Insurance	2,219.19						2,219.19	2,166.26
Printing/Stationery	253.88						253.88	748.04
Sundries/Subs	802.76				264.38		1,067.14	34.50
Fete Expenses	404.00						404.00	55.80
Church Redecoration						775.00	775.00	4,147.05
Roof							0.00	55,368.91
Denys Ruddy re Microphone		0.00	0.00	0.00			0.00	712.40
Total Expenditure	23,360.42	0.00	0.00	0.00	264.38	775.00	24,399.80	84,169.00
Surplus/(Deficit)	4,722.50	7.59	1,107.90	0.00	(260.62)	1,413.10	6,990.47	(24,114.93)
For news sheet:								
Income	28,082.92							
Expenses	23,360.42							

St. Mary Magdalene Church, Willen

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31ST DECEMBER 2010

		<u>2010</u>	<u>2009</u>
Fixed Assets		0.00	0.00
<u>Current Assets</u>			
Debtors & Prepayments	(Note 4)	1,087.67	1,735.67
SEP Prepayment	(Note 2A)	0.00	0.00
Investment-CCLA Deposit	(Note 5)	6,246.70	7,521.45
Cash at Bank	(Note 5)	8,366.58	1,687.92
		<u>15,700.95</u>	<u>10,945.04</u>
<u>Less:Creditors Less Than 1 Year</u>			
Trade Creditor- SEP	(Note 2A)	0.00	0.00
Advance Receipt-Jan 2011 Standing Order		80.00	80.00
SEP Overpayment Transfer		0.00	2,234.57
		<u>80.00</u>	<u>2,314.57</u>
Net Current Assets		15,620.95	8,630.47
<u>Less:Creditors More Than 1 Year</u>			
		0.00	0.00
		<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Net Assets		<u>15,620.95</u>	<u>8,630.47</u>
<u>FUNDS:</u>			
Restricted Funds	(Note 6)	2,123.02	970.53
Designated Funds	(Note 7)	4,342.38	3,226.89
Unrestricted Funds	(Note 8)	9,155.55	4,433.05
		<u>15,620.95</u>	<u>8,630.47</u>

St. Mary Magdalene Church, Willen

Notes To The Accounts For The Year Ended 31st December 2010

Note 1: Accounting Policy

These accounts have been prepared on "the Accrual Concept".

Note 2: Parish Share

	<u>2010</u>	<u>2009</u>
	£	£
Total amount paid to SEC to-date	13,750.00	13,750.00
Total amount agreed to be paid to SEC to-date (£1,250 per month for 11 months)	13,750.00	13,750.00
Note 2(A): Amount owed/(Pre-paid) to SEP	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>

Note 3: Insurance - (£2,219.19)

The main insurance policy for the Church is with Ecclesiastical Insurance covers the period 24th June 2010 to 23rd June 2011. The insurance cost recognised to-date is as follows.

	<u>2010</u>	<u>2009</u>
	Total	Total
	£	£
Insurance cost from January 2010 to June 2010 (£2,156.34 x 6months/12months)	1,078.17	1,035.59
Insurance cost for July 10 to December 2010 (£2,177.04 x 6months/12months)	1,088.52	1,078.17
Other Insurance cost from Jan 10 to June 2010 (£105.00 x 6months/12months)	52.50	52.50
	<u>2,219.19</u>	<u>2,166.26</u>

Note 4: Debtors & Prepayments - (£1,087.67)

	<u>2010</u>	<u>2009</u>
	£	£
SEC fees Accrual- 2008/09	0.00	605.00
Rounding	-0.85	0.00
Other Insurance pre-paid from January 2010 to June 2010 (£105.00 x 0months/12months)	0.00	52.50
Insurance pre-paid from January 2010 to June 2011 (£2,177.04 x 6months/12months)	1,088.52	1,078.17
	<u>1,087.67</u>	<u>1,735.67</u>

Note 5: Cash at Bank & CCLA Investment

				<u>2010</u>	<u>2009</u>
	<u>Restricted</u>	<u>Unrestricted</u>	<u>Designated</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Total</u>
	£	£	£	£	£
Cash at CAF Bank		8,147.88	218.70	8,366.58	1,687.92
Cash at CCLA Deposit Account	2,123.02		4,123.68	6,246.70	7,521.45
	<u>2,123.02</u>	<u>8,147.88</u>	<u>4,342.38</u>	<u>14,613.28</u>	<u>9,209.37</u>

Note 6: Restricted Funds - (£2,123.02)

			<u>2010</u>	<u>2009</u>
	<u>Water Tap</u>	<u>Building Fund</u>	<u>Total Restricted Funds</u>	<u>Total Restricted Funds</u>
	£	£	£	£
Balance Brought fwd- 01/01/2010	970.54	0.00	970.54	24,919.89
Surplus/(Deficit)	-260.62	1,413.10	1,152.48	-23,949.36
Balance Carried fwd- 31/12/2010	<u>709.92</u>	<u>1,413.10</u>	<u>2,123.02</u>	<u>970.53</u>

Note 7: Designated Funds - (£4,342.38)

	<u>2010</u>		<u>2009</u>	
	<u>Church Notice Board</u>	<u>Denys Ruddy Bequest</u>	<u>Designated Fund</u>	<u>Designated Fund</u>
	£	£	£	£
Balance Brought fwd- 01/01/2010	1,500.00	1,726.89	3,226.89	2,412.03
Surplus/(Deficit)	1,107.90	7.59	1,115.49	814.86
Balance Carried fwd- 31/12/2010	<u>2,607.90</u>	<u>1,734.48</u>	<u>4,342.38</u>	<u>3,226.89</u>

Note 8: Unrestricted Funds - (9,155.55)

	<u>2010</u>	<u>2009</u>
	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>General Fund</u>
	£	£
Balance Brought fwd- 01/01/2010	4,433.05	5,413.48
Add: Prior Years Adjustment	-	-
Balance Re-instated	4,433.05	5,413.48
Surplus/(Deficit)	4,722.50	-980.43
Balance Carried fwd- 31/12/2010	<u>9,155.55</u>	<u>4,433.05</u>

Note 9: Donations Received

The Well donated £1,000 to Willen Church during the 2010 financial year.