

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

2011 - 2012

SAFEGUARDING STATEMENT

Children, Young People and Vulnerable Adults to be used alongside the

CHILD PROTECTION GUIDE FOR CHURCH WORKERS WITH CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE

This statement is based on one agreed at the Stantonbury Ecumenical Council meeting held on 26th November 2009. The amendments made are the result of moving to the Churches' Agency for Safeguarding as our umbrella body and changes in government regulations. It is requested that this statement is read at the first church council meeting/congregational meeting of each church, where reports on compliance with the agreed procedures will be given. The church meeting/congregational meeting will also give an opportunity for the statement to be discussed and amendments suggested.

1. We have developed this policy to inform our care of children, young and vulnerable people in our church community. However, as members of the Stantonbury Ecumenical Partnership, we are committed to reflecting the love of God in the nurturing, protection and safekeeping of all.

2. We are committed to working within the guidelines and procedures of the Child Protection and Vulnerable People Policies of all four partners in the Ecumenical Partnership. These policies are based either on the Home Office Code of Practice *Every Child Matters* which can be seen on www.everychildmatters.gov.uk. and on the Department of Health Guidelines www.dh.gov.uk

3. We will use the Churches' Agency for Safeguarding and in particular the Methodist Church for the registration of disclosure checks.

4. Advice will be sort through the Methodist Church and the Oxford Diocese will be kept informed of any child protection incidences. All incidences of concern will be referred to the Local Authority Designated Officer, telephone 254306.

5. A child is defined as a person under the age of 18 years. Procedures of young people between the ages of 16 years and 18 years will be followed in accordance to the guidance given in the Child Protection Policies of the four partners of the Ecumenical Partnership.

6. The SEC will ensure that all people working with children and vulnerable adults, including lay and ordained ministers are carefully selected and the Criminal Records Bureau will be used to check the background of each person according to the latest government guidelines.

7. We will respond without delay to every complaint made, that a child, young person or vulnerable adult for whom we are responsible may have been harmed, according to guidelines issued in *Child Protection Guide for Church Workers with Children and Young People (Section 6 and 10)* and from the *Department of Health*.

8. We will fully co operate with statutory agencies during any investigation they make into allegations concerning a member of the church community.

9. We will seek to offer informed care to any child, young person or adult who has suffered abuse using guidance given in the Child Protection Policies of the four partners of the Ecumenical Partnership and where appropriate seeking guidance from the Methodist Church.

10. We will care for and supervise any member of our church community known to have offended against a child through the implementation of the **Stantonbury Ecumenical Partnership Written Agreement** agreed by Stantonbury Ecumenical Council in July 2007. We will continue to use the guidance given in the Child Protection Policies of the four partners in the Ecumenical Partnership and where appropriate seek guidance from the Methodist Safeguarding Advisor keeping the Diocesan Safeguarding Advisor informed.

ii. We will follow the policy for the Inclusion of Volunteers with Children's Work agreed by Stantonbury Ecumenical Council in September 2009.

12. Each congregation will appoint a Safeguarding Officer who will implement good practice and monitor compliance with these procedures. He/she will report locally to the church council/congregational meeting and will be a member of the parish Safeguarding Team under the oversight of the four Safeguarding Team Leaders.

13. The names and phone numbers of the Safeguarding Team Leaders and the local Safeguarding Officer will be publicly displayed in each church.

14. We will ensure that each Child Protection Officer and Team Leaders attend on-going training.

15. A register of all those who have been CRB checked will be kept and minuted annually by Stantonbury Ecumenical Council.

16. This Safe Guarding Statement and Child Protection Guidance will be reviewed annually.

May 2nd 2011

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From Mike Morris - Lay Chair

Another year has sped by. I touch on just a few of the issues that we have been responding to during the year.

There is of course the ongoing issue of sharing agreements particularly that with St James. We now seem to have found a way forward and hopefully the matter can be resolved over the next few months so that the funds available from the sale of the Methodist Church in New Bradwell can be used to provide toilets at St James. Thanks go to Andy for all his efforts in this direction and hopefully we now have the Anglican legal representative working with us to resolve this issue. Once we have managed to get agreements for St James we can then move to settle sharing agreements on other churches in the Partnership where either there is none at present or those that exist are not fully inclusive. Thanks too to the Mission Partnership Presidents who have taken a keen interest in this issue.

Work too has been ongoing with regard to our constitution. Again Andy has been a strong leader in sorting this issue out and we now feel that we are coming to a position where we can finally settle the issue. We hope to use a standard constitution which will be recognised not only by the Charities Commission but also by the communicant bodies. It is felt that by doing this we can settle the constitution issue quickly and without trying to re-invent the wheel. We may need to make some changes to our PCC and SEP membership but it should not materially affect how we work. It will be in the standing orders we write where the basis on how we work together and those standing orders will be seen. And the Standing Orders can be worded in such a way that it will not change significantly how we work together as a Partnership.

The future of the Community Centre in New Bradwell still needs to be resolved. The Management Group now have some funds that can be used to obtain legal advice towards setting up a new lease and we continue to work with them on this matter for by our working with the Management Group, the church will be seen to be actively involved in, supporting and working with the community.

Our other main issue during the last year has of course been the impending departure of Chris Collinge and the need to reorganise ourselves so that we can manage with one less full time minister. You are all aware of how we propose to reorganise ourselves and it will mean additional or different responsibilities for Paul and Andy in particular. We shall of course be mindful of the need to ensure that what we are proposing actually works in practice and that no-one is overloaded. It will also mean that we lay members will have to assume duties that previously have been done by our ministers. It has been good to meet with representatives of our churches and discuss our hopes and concerns and I would like to thank all those who have taken part in the process.

I have also been for the last year, an interim Trustee for the Mission Partnership as it works its way into new arrangements. Our new Director of Ecumenical Mission has been appointed and Rev John Roberson's welcome service will be on 28th April at 2pm at Christ the Cornerstone. I hope that we can as a Partnership be represented at that service. John starts work on 30th April, and he is to lead a special service within our Partnership to celebrate Ministry on 24th June. Again an opportunity to meet and get to know our new Director. My role as a Trustee to the Mission Partnership ends at the Annual Meeting on 16th July.

Another new face around Milton Keynes is our Venture FX man Rob Winn. I will repeat what I have written in other reports: Rob's brief is to build community among unchurched young adults in Central MK. Rob has been with us now for just over a month and is already meeting individuals, groups and organisations and finding out what's happening in MK ; what he can get involved in and where there are gaps for trying new things. You might find him sitting in one of the many coffee shops using their wifi to build up an online presence. If you are IT literate you will find him on Facebook (www.facebook.com/venturemk) or on Twitter (@Venture_MK). Please get in touch with Rob if you have ideas on how he might carry forward his work with young people. We shall endeavour to get Rob along to our churches to tell us something of the work he is doing. I understand that Rob is a Methodist Lay Preacher in training.

Turning back to appointments, it was my intention to stand down as Lay Chair at the April Annual Meeting but there appears to be no-one suitable or willing to take up this role. I have therefore offered to stay on for another year. But the Partnership then faces the situation in another year when both the Lay Chair and Secretary will be standing down (in April 2013). We need therefore to think seriously about succession planning so that we are not left without suitable officers in these posts.

Finally my thanks to Andy as he has now stood down as Team Leader. As I have said before, I am constantly surprised at what Andy manages to get through and where his energy comes from. I do not expect that now he has handed over the Team Leadership role, he will slow down. Other activities will doubtless fill the gap. But I would like to record my thanks to Andy for all that he has achieved during his tenure. I now look forward to working with Peter who was Team Leader as I took on the Lay Chair role.

Grace and Peace

Mike Morris

From Peter Ballantine **Ministerial Team Leader's Report**

I am writing this report even though the time covered was when Andy was doing the role and I want to thank him on behalf of us all for his hard work, determination and enthusiasm he has shown these past three years. Thanks Andy.

Many others have worked hard not least our main lay officers but we must note that John Figg will be standing down next year and even if Mike Morris stays as chair for this year, it will definitely be his last.

You can look at the work of the SEP under several headings.

Partnership Activities. We have sponsored and encouraged activities beyond our individual congregations. Earlier last year we finished off a course of Developing Leaders which was shared with Newport Pagnell Deanery which David Wilson and I helped to run. In holy Week we had the successful visit of the Riding Lights drama group to Stantonbury Theatre and thanks to Chris H for organising this. As usual Chris C inspired a team to provide a Christian alternative to Halloween in the Glow in the Dark party as well as the Noah's Ark party. We had our Accompanied Prayer course with Margaret Broadhurst and Margaret Moakes at the helm. The staff team with some other help did the second of our marriage events much enriched by Jeanette's cooking skills though we decided not to repeat it again this year. Bishop John gave us an exciting and thought provoking Advent series of talks

Our desire to have a Partnership magazine was fulfilled in two editions of NETWORK and we hope to produce another this year with the help of advertising and sponsorship. It is a fine and attractive product and hope we can continue to produce it. A booklet coordinating our Sunday evening services was produced. A new venture of cooperation started this last Christmas was a first run of Christmas Cracked using material produced by the Bridgebuilder Trust we were able to share with Year 6's from a number of local schools the Christmas message in an attractive manner. It was great to see the children spell bound by the story!

Administration We had to continue to face up to a number of what might be called legal or administrative issues during the year such as the new constitution for the SEP and also sharing agreements for St James and by implication for other churches which don't have any formal agreement or where they are slightly lacking. Andy in particular has got his teeth into these issues and we are hopeful that this is bearing fruit. The issue of the Hall at New Bradwell is also a matter of concern but we hope that again some progress is being made.

Ministerial Changes. We have been talking for a number

of years about what will happen if and when the number of stipendiary ministers is reduced. Well now it is upon us with the imminent retirement of Chris Collinge and her non-replacement. In the weeks to come we will be saying a lot more about Chris and her contributions to our life at St James' and the Partnership as a whole, but I would want to pay tribute on our behalf for her hard work, enthusiasm, joy in so many areas. We will miss you! During the last year the SEP set a lay group to look at how we might manage the changes and this group liaised with the ministerial team and produced some final recommendations which really are taking place almost as we speak!

We are aware that this will mean that the ministerial team will be stretched more and certain expectations will not be met and in years to come with more retirements and departures, there may well be even less of us. It is not simply a matter of money but also of availability; in the C of E alone the number of stipendiary ministers will reduce by 1,000 over the next five years! And it is a problem for the other denominations as well. I am glad to say that Judy Thorp from St Andrews will take over Chris' Safeguarding responsibilities but we will need to ask questions of what kind of church we feel God is calling us to be and what will be our priorities. We simply cannot exhaust ourselves doing the impossible.

Issues Ahead. I am sure that Maggie's financial report will highlight the tensions in that area. Again, like our ministerial cover, we may well be facing some crunch moments in the year or two to come.

I hope that the ministerial changes may encourage some vocations to more 'formal' or 'authorised' ministries such as preaching, service taking with appropriate training being on offer. This is not simply about filling the gaps but about being imaginative about our mission and ministry. We live in a very secular area with little residual understanding of the faith so a challenge lies before us. Nothing is more encouraging to a congregation or minister when we realise that we have people amongst us with a new found faith or who are searching for something and meaning in their lives. May we never lose that vision of what we are about in Jesus!

Peter Ballantine April 2012

Stantonbury Ecumenical Partnership

Ecumenical Parish of Stantonbury and Willen



Membership 2012

With breakdown into declared Denominations

Church	A	URC	B	M	E	Other	Total
Bradwell, <i>St Lawrence</i>	83 (76)	4 (1)	6 (7)	6 (4)	27 (27)	7 (8)	133 (123)
Great Linford, <i>St Andrew</i>	89 (85)	3 (4)	3 (4)	3 (3)	10 (11)	6 (13)	114 (120)
Stantonbury, <i>Christ Church</i>	11 (11)	0 (0)	12 (14)	4 (3)	6 (8)	8 (7)	41 (43)
New Bradwell, <i>St James</i>	45 (46)	0 (1)	1 (1)	5 (5)	12 (17)	6 (4)	69 (74)
Downs Barn, <i>Cross & Stable</i>	16 (15)	0 (0)	2 (2)	2 (3)	0 (0)	2 (2)	22 (22)
Willen, <i>St Mary Magdalene</i>	36 (39)	0 (0)	0 (0)	2 (2)	5 (5)	5 (5)	48 (51)
Total	279 (272)	9 (6)	27 (28)	22 (20)	68 (68)	38 (39)	427 (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, Syrian and some undeclared)

Numbers for 2011 are in brackets

Treasurer's Report

January – December 2011

The year ended with a deficit of £19,586 in the unrestricted funds. This was broadly in line with the predicted budget deficit of ~£20,000. We have managed to meet our budgeted share to the Mission Partnership this year in full.

The soup run funding has continued with only a small deficit over the year. Many individuals donate regularly to the fund and churches contribute through their mission and development giving.

2012 presented further budgeting challenges. Despite asking for £14,000 more in total from the congregations, we would have faced a further budget deficit of around £20,000. The Mission Partnership requested £146,000 an increase of £10,000 on 2011. The board of trustees decided to reduce the payments to Mission Partnership by 15% to £124,000 in 2012.

The SEP has supported the publishing of the Network Magazine, membership of Citizen's MK and the Venture-FX project.

We appreciate the generosity of the churches in helping with the SEP cash flow but as the balance sheet shows; reserves

have fallen with the deficits in the past two years and cannot be allowed to fall further without affecting the ability to pay our bills on time.

We are very sorry to be losing Chris Collinge after Easter. She has contributed so much to the life and growth of St James and to the wider partnership. She will be greatly missed. The financial situation makes further reductions in the number of stipendiary clergy certain to happen over the next five years and the Partnership has medium and long term plans to cope with and absorb these changes.

We hope that there will be a focus on Stewardship and Fund-Raising over the next twelve months to further focus our minds on the financial situation.

I am once again very thankful for the ongoing work of all the Partnership treasurers and especially for the help and hard work given by Adrian Prisk and Gary Farnes in pulling together the 2011 accounts. At the time of writing, we still await the final inspection of the 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 2012

SEP Balance Sheet as at 1 January 2012

	1 Jan 12	1 Jan 11	£ Change
ASSETS			
Current Assets			
Cash at bank and in hand			
CafCash Current			
CafCash General	21,146.82	37,485.61	-16,338.79
CafCash Soup Run	373.91	951.57	-577.66
Total CafCash Current	21,520.73	38,437.18	-16,916.45
CashCheque Receipts	300.00	0.00	300.00
Savings	9,328.61	9,263.66	64.95
Youth Account	967.14	1,260.89	-293.75
Total Cash at bank and in hand	32,116.48	48,961.73	-16,845.25
Total Current Assets	32,116.48	48,961.73	-16,845.25
NET CURRENT ASSETS	32,116.48	48,961.73	-16,845.25
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES	32,116.48	48,961.73	-16,845.25
NET ASSETS	32,116.48	48,961.73	-16,845.25
Capital and Reserves			
Cross and Stable Charities	9,061.94	5,749.71	3,312.23
General Fund	21,413.49	40,999.56	-19,586.07
Soup Run	673.91	951.57	-277.66
Youth Fund	967.14	1,260.89	-293.75
Shareholder funds	32,116.48	48,961.73	-16,845.25

Stantonbury Ecumenical Partnership - Income/Expenditure by Fund - January through December 2011										
	Clergy Fees	Cross & Stable Charities	Gift Aid	Soup Run	Youth	Unclassified	TOTAL	Budget 2011	Budget 2012	
Income										
Cross And Stable Charities Inc	0.00	10,312.23	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	10,312.23			
Fee Income										
A Jowitt	6,783.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	6,783.00			
C Collinge	8,780.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	8,780.00			
C Howden	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,700.00	0.00	1,700.00			
P Ballantine	8,470.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	8,470.00			
P Smith	5,918.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	5,918.00			
Total Fee Income	29,951.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,700.00	31,651.00	35,000.00	31,500.00	
Gift Received										
Magazine Donations	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	90.50	90.50			
Soup Run Donations	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,946.00	0.00	0.00	1,946.00			
Total Gift Received	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,946.00	0.00	90.50	2,036.50			
Inland Revenue Gift Aid	0.00	0.00	26,344.26	0.00	0.00	0.00	26,344.26	26,000.00	26,000.00	
Interest Inc										
Bank Interest	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	23.37	23.37			
Interest Inc - Other	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.08	64.95	66.03			
Total Interest Inc	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.08	88.32	89.40			
Other Income	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,968.76	1,968.76			
Parish Share										
Bradwell Church	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	43,000.00	43,000.00	43,000.00	45,000.00	
Christ Church	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	27,000.00	27,000.00	27,000.00	30,000.00	
Cross and Stable	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	8,000.00	8,000.00	8,000.00	10,000.00	
St. Andrew's	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	38,400.00	38,400.00	38,400.00	42,000.00	
St. James	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	30,000.00	30,000.00	30,000.00	32,000.00	
Willen	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	14,300.00	14,300.00	14,300.00	15,000.00	
Total Parish Share	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	160,700.00	160,700.00	160,700.00	174,000.00	
Youth Income	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	92.30	0.00	92.30			
Total Income	29,951.00	10,312.23	26,344.26	1,946.00	93.38	164,547.58	233,194.45	221,700.00	231,500.00	

STANTONBURY ECUMENICAL PARTNERSHIP, MILTON KEYNES - CONSOLIDATED ACCOUNTS											
Statement of Financial Activities For the year ended 31st December 2011											
	Bradwell	Christ Church	Downs Barn	Gt Linford	New Bradwell	SEP	Willen	Youth Fund - Restricted	New Bradwell Methodist	Totals 2011	Totals 2010
Total Income	55323	52180	16495	58130	47181	41845	25621	93	0	296867	298470
Total Expense	58314	52002	13011	45751	50056	58397	25794	387	0	303711	303228
Net Resources	-2990	178	3483	12379	-2875	-16552	-173	-294	0	-6844	-4758
Balance Brought forward 1st Jan 2011	24990	7994	4824	10669	14401	47701	15621	1261	4657	132116	136876
Prior Year adjustment	5									5	
Blc Crd Fwd 31st December 2011	22005	8172	8307	23048	11525	31149	15448	967	4657	125277	132116
Balance Sheet 31st December 2011											
Fixed Assets											
Tangible Fixed Assets											
Investment Assets	12825									12825	13611
Current Assets											
Debtors	113	2000			445		1194			3752	8357
Short Term Deposits	2098	4604	3026		5581	9329	6291			30929	29346
Cash at bank and in hand	6968	1567	5282	23047	5499	21821	8043	967	4657	77852	80941
Net Current Assets	9180	8172	8307	23047	11525	31149	15528	967	4657	112532	118644
Creditors							-80				-139
Net Assets	22005	8172	8307	23047	11525	31149	15448	967	4657	125277	132116
Funds											
Unrestricted	5841	7636	8190	7476	5499	21413	11559		4657	72271	81759
Restricted	3334	537	118	15571	6026	9736	3889	967		40177	36746
Endowment	12825									12825	13611
	5										
Total Funds	22005	8172	8307	23048	11525	31149	15448	967	4657	125278	132116

SEP Consolidated Unrestricted									
Ordinary Income/Expense	Bradwell	Christ Church	Downs Barn	Gt Linford	New Bradwell	SEP	Willen	TOTAL Unrestricted	
Income									
4000 · Planned Giving									
4010 · Planned - Gift Aided	26,921	21,249	9,482	18,938	22,166	0	9,995	108,752	
4020 · Planned - Not Gift Aided	0	0	516	5,989	0	0	0	6,505	
4200 · Gift Aid	7,722	5,332	3,247	7,032	5,588	22	2,733	31,676	
Total 4000 · Planned Giving	34,643	26,581	13,244	31,959	27,754	22	12,728	146,933	
4100 · Unplanned Giving									
4120 · Unplanned - Not Gift Aided	13,922	3,246	1,231	5,577	3,234	0	3,691	30,901	
Total 4100 · Unplanned Giving	13,922	3,246	1,231	5,577	3,234	0	3,691	30,901	
4130 · Gift days	105	0	0	1,402	0	0	620	2,127	
4140 · Small donations	83	531	960	1,095	3,448	91	0	6,207	
4300 · Other Voluntary inc resources									
4310 · Donations, appeals etc.	1,021	912	55	0	1,748	0	3,948	7,684	
4320 · Legacies and Memorials	445	1,133	500	2,000	0	0	0	4,078	
4330 · Refreshments and Flowers	350	0	0	824	1,216	0	0	2,390	
4340 · Fund raising events	0	0	0	2,243	1,270	0	658	4,171	
Total 4300 · Other Voluntary inc resources	1,815	2,045	555	5,067	4,234	0	4,606	18,322	
4400 · Income from trading									
4410 · Fees - Weddings/Funerals	2,805	0	294	3,754	3,242	2,920	1,917	14,930	
4420 · Church Letting	0	17,085	0	100	0	0	0	17,185	
4440 · Chapel letting	179	0	0	0	0	0	0	179	
4450 · Other trading	4	0	0	0	0	1,969	0	1,973	
4470 · Other fees	247	29	0	1,162	0	0	0	1,438	
Total 4400 · Income from trading	3,234	17,114	294	5,016	3,242	4,889	1,917	35,705	
4500 · Other incoming resources									
4520 · Sundry refunds	0	0	0	0	2,320	0	2,008	4,328	
Total 4500 · Other incoming resources	0	0	0	0	2,320	0	2,008	4,328	
4600 · Income from investments									
4610 · Dividends	597								
4620 · Interest on CBF accounts	0	0	15	0	0	0	0	15	
4630 · Interest from bank accounts	1	52	4	0	0	88	8	153	
Total 4600 · Income from investments	597	52	19	0	0	88	8	765	
9010 · Local Ministry Income	0	0	0	0	0	24,497	0	24,497	
Total Income	54,401	49,570	16,302	50,116	44,232	29,587	25,577	269,784	

SEP Consolidated Unrestricted		Bradwell	Christ Church	Downs Barn	Gt Linford	New Bradwell	SEP	Willen	TOTAL Unrestricted
Expense									
5100 · Mission/Charity giving									
5110 · Overseas Church Societies	1,400	1,980	0	0	0	1,040	0	0	4,420
5120 · Overseas relief & development	945	0	0	0	0	0	0	500	1,445
5130 · Home Church Societies	2,223	660	74	0	0	0	0	0	2,958
5140 · Home Relief & development	705	0	0	0	0	0	0	780	1,485
Total 5100 · Mission/Charity giving	5,273	2,640	74	0	0	1,040	0	1,280	10,307
5200 · Church work									
5210 · Parish share									
5211 · Parish Share - MP	36,445	22,884	6,780	32,546	25,427	0	0	12,120	136,203
5212 · Parish Share - Local	6,555	4,116	1,220	5,854	4,573	0	0	2,180	24,497
Total 5210 · Parish share	43,000	27,000	8,000	38,400	30,000	0	0	14,300	160,700
5220 · Insurance	2,038	997	0	2,617	3,785	0	0	2,283	11,720
5230 · Repairs & maintenance	258	2,250	0	1,224	519	0	0	1,298	5,549
5250 · Utilities	3,704	7,601	0	1,362	4,472	0	0	2,655	19,794
5260 · Churchyard upkeep	927	0	0	188	0	0	0	0	1,116
5265 · Other church running expenses	52	3,097	4,100	541	0	0	0	0	7,790
5270 · Worship	892	281	324	175	426	0	0	650	2,748
5272 · Equipment	0	3,217	0	0	0	0	0	0	3,217
5273 · Junior Church and Youth Club	469	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	469
5280 · Exp on church letting	0	1,133	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,133
5282 · Exp on other trading	73	0	0	0	0	0	3,682	0	3,755
5283 · Sundry Exp	80	679	0	569	2,888	200	260	260	4,676
Total 5200 · Church work	51,494	46,255	12,424	45,076	42,090	3,882	21,445	222,666	
5400 · Fund raising and publicity	0	71	0	0	0	0	0	0	71
5500 · Administration									
5510 · Printing & stationery	748	92	74	294	272	127	448	0	2,055
5520 · Subscriptions	0	334	0	0	0	700	0	0	1,034
5530 · Bank charges	40	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	40
Total 5500 · Administration	788	426	74	294	272	827	448	3,129	
9110 · Clergy Salary	0	0	0	0	0	32,699	0	0	32,699
9120 · Clergy Expenses	0	0	0	0	0	9,794	0	0	9,794
9130 · Clergy Housing	0	0	0	0	0	1,971	0	0	1,971
Total Expense	57,555	49,392	12,573	45,369	43,401	49,173	23,174	280,637	
Net Ordinary Income	-3,154	178	3,729	4,746	831	-19,586	2,403	-10,852	

SEP Consolidated Unrestricted									
	Bradwell	Christ Church	Downs Barn	Gt Linford	New Bradwell	SEP	Willen	TOTAL Unrestricted	
Other Income/Expense									
Other Income									
9015 · SEP Income Contras									
9020 · Parish Share Miss Par Inc Contr	0	0	0	0	0	136,203	0	136,203	
9030 · Clergy Fees Income Contra	0	0	0	0	0	28,731	0	28,731	
9040 · Gift Aid Income Contra	0	0	0	0	0	26,322	0	26,322	
Total 9015 · SEP Income Contras	0	0	0	0	0	191,256	0	191,256	
Total Other Income	0	0	0	0	0	191,256	0	191,256	
Other Expense									
9135 · SEP Expense Contras									
9140 · Parish Share Miss Par Exp Contr	0	0	0	0	0	136,203	0	136,203	
9150 · Gift Aid Expense Contra	0	0	0	0	0	26,322	0	26,322	
9160 · Church Fees Expense Contra	0	0	0	0	0	11,118	0	11,118	
9170 · Diocesan Fees Expense Contra	0	0	0	0	0	17,614	0	17,614	
Total 9135 · SEP Expense Contras	0	0	0	0	0	191,256	0	191,256	
Total Other Expense	0	0	0	0	0	191,256	0	191,256	
Net Other Income	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Surplus/Deficit for the Year	-3,154	178	3,729	4,746	831	-19,586	2,403	-10,852	

SEP Consolidated Restricted										
Ordinary Income/Expense	Bradwell Endowment	Bradwell	Christ Church	Downs Barn	Gt Linford	New Bradwell	SEP	Willen	Youth Fund	TOTAL Restricted
Income										
4130 · Gift days	0	0	510	0	0	0	0	0	0	510
4140 · Small donations	0	0	0	0	0	0	1946	0	92	2038
4300 · Other Voluntary inc resources										
4310 · Donations, appeals etc.	0	1708	0	193	5506	401	0	0	0	7808
4320 · Legacies and Memorials	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
4330 · Refreshments and Flowers	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	5
4340 · Fund raising events	0	0	0	0	2503	1922	0	0	0	4425
4350 · Grants	0	0	2000	0	0	445	10312	0	0	12757
4300 · Other Voluntary inc resources - Other	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total 4300 · Other Voluntary inc resources	0	1708	2000	193	8014	2768	10312	0	0	24995
4400 · Income from trading										
4400 · Income from trading - Other	0	0	100	0	0	0	0	0	0	100
Total 4400 · Income from trading	0	0	100	0	0	0	0	0	0	100
4500 · Other incoming resources										
4510 · Insurance Claims	0	0	0	0	0	172	0	0	0	172
4520 · Sundry refunds	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
4500 · Other incoming resources - Other	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total 4500 · Other incoming resources	0	0	0	0	0	172	0	0	0	172
4600 · Income from investments										
4610 · Dividends	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
4620 · Interest on CBF accounts	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	44	0	44
4630 · Interest from bank accounts	0	1	0	0	0	8	0	0	1	10
4640 · Income from sale of capital	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
4600 · Income from investments - Other	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total 4600 · Income from investments	0	1	0	0	0	8	0	44	1	54
9010 · Local Ministry Income	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Income	0	1709	2610	193	8014	2949	12258	44	93	27869

SEP Consolidated Restricted										
Expense	Bradwell Endowment	Bradwell	Christ Church	Downs Barn	Gt Linford	New Bradwell	SEP	Willen	Youth Fund	TOTAL Restricted
5100 · Mission/Charity giving										
5110 · Overseas Church Societies	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
5120 · Overseas relief & development	0	0	0	364	0	0	0	0	0	364
5130 · Home Church Societies	0	0	0	75	0	0	0	0	0	75
5140 · Home Relief & development	0	0	510	0	0	0	2224	0	0	2734
5100 · Mission/Charity giving - Other	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total 5100 · Mission/Charity giving	0	0	510	439	0	0	2224	0	0	3172
5200 · Church work										
5210 · Parish share										
5211 · Parish Share - MP	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
5212 · Parish Share - Local	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
5210 · Parish share - Other	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total 5210 · Parish share	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
5220 · Insurance	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
5230 · Repairs & maintenance	0	0	2000	0	0	6012	7000	0	0	15012
5240 · Quinquennial work	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
5250 · Utilities	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
5260 · Churchyard upkeep	0	0	0	0	14	0	0	0	0	14
5265 · Other church running expenses	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
5270 · Worship	0	0	0	0	128	96	0	0	0	224
5272 · Equipment	0	758	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	758
5273 · Junior Church and Youth Club	0	0	100	0	0	547	0	0	387	1034
5280 · Exp on church letting	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
5281 · Exp on church hall letting	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
5282 · Exp on other trading	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
5283 · Sundry Exp	0	0	0	0	199	0	0	2620	0	2819
5200 · Church work - Other	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total 5200 · Church work	0	758	2100	439	341	6655	7000	2620	387	19862
5300 · Ministry costs	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
5400 · Fund raising and publicity	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
5500 · Administration										
5510 · Printing & stationery	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
5520 · Subscriptions	0	0	0	0	40	0	0	0	0	40
5530 · Bank charges	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
5540 · Loan interest	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
5500 · Administration - Other	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total 5500 · Administration	0	0	0	0	40	0	0	0	0	40
6600 · Payroll Expenses	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
6980 · Uncategorized Expenses	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
9110 · Clergy Salary	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
9120 · Clergy Expenses	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
9130 · Clergy Housing	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Expense	0	758	2610	439	381	6655	9224	2620	387	23075
Net Ordinary Income	0	950	0	-246	7632	-3706	3035	-2577	-294	4794

SEP Consolidated Restricted	Bradwell Endowment	Bradwell	Christ Church	Downs Barn	Gt Linford	New Bradwell	SEP	Willen	Youth Fund	TOTAL Restricted
Other Income/Expense										
Other Income										
9015 · SEP Income Contras										
9020 · Parish Share Miss Par Inc Contr	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
9030 · Clergy Fees Income Contra	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
9040 · Gift Aid Income Contra	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
9015 · SEP Income Contras - Other	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total 9015 · SEP Income Contras	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
9200 · Increased Investment value	-786	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-786
Total Other Income	-786	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-786
Net Other Income	-786	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-786
Surplus for the Year	-786	950	0	-246	7632	-3706	3035	-2577	-294	4008

Notes to SEP consolidated accounts Jan – Dec 2011.

- 1) Accounts have been prepared using information sent by individual church treasurers
- 2) Clergy church and diocesan fees and payments of Gift Aid and to the Mission Partnership have been treated as ‘Contras’ in the consolidation to avoid ‘double counting’.
- 3) At the time of presentation the accounts have not been through the inspection process.
- 4) In the diocesan return, I have only included that part of the ‘Mission Partnership’ payment which has been forwarded to the diocese.

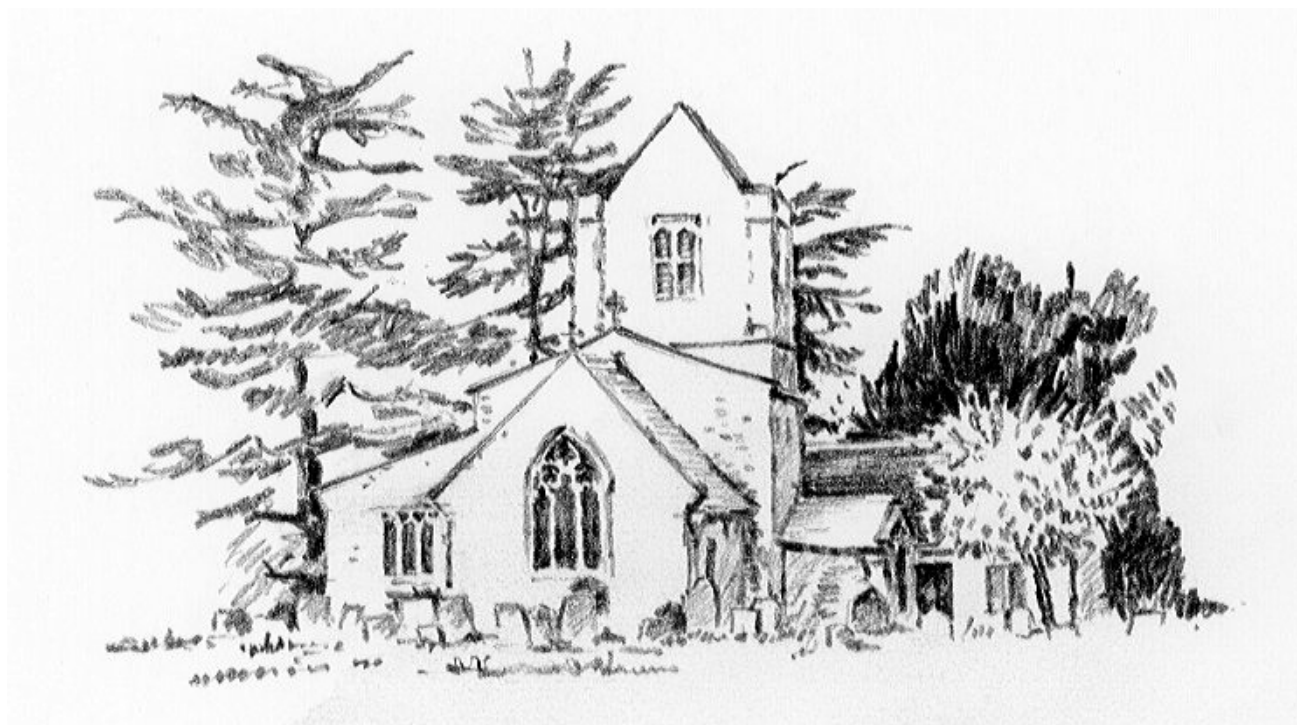
I am grateful to all the partnership treasurers and the SEP treasurer for their prompt submission of data and for replying to requests for clarification and for the support and advice of Gary Farnes in inspecting the SEP and individual church accounts.

Adrian Prisk, April 2012

STANTONBURY ECUMENICAL PARTNERSHIP, MILTON KEYNES - Annual Accounts at 31st December 2011											
CONSOLIDATED ACCOUNTS											
Statement of Financial Activities For the year ended 31st December 2011											
	Bradwell	Christ Church	Downs Barn	Gt Linford	New Bradwell	SEP	Willen	Youth Fund - Restricted	New Bradwell Methodist	Totals 2011	Totals 2010
Income											
Total 4000 - Planned Giving	34843	26597	13244	31959	27754	22	12728	0		146948	153546
Total 4100 - Unplanned Giving	13922	3231	1231	5577	3234	0	3691	0		30886	19433
4130 - Gift days	105	510	0	1402	0	0	620	0		2637	4079
4140 - Small donations	83	531	960	1095	3448	2037	0	92		8246	7466
Total 4300 - Other Voluntary inc resources	3523	4045	748	13081	7002	10312	4606	0		43317	31715
Total 4400 - Income from trading	3234	17214	294	5016	3242	4889	1917	0		35805	35134
Total 4500 - Other incoming resources	0	0	0	0	2492	0	2008	0		4500	12121
Total 4600 - Income from investments	598	52	19	0	8	88	52	1		818	768
9010 - Local Ministry Income	0	0	0	0	0	24497	0	0		24497	33294
Total Income	56109	52180	16495	58130	47181	41845	25621	93	0	297653	297557
Expense											
Total 5100 - Mission/Charity giving	5273	3150	513	0	1040	2224	1280	0		13480	11806
5200 - Church work	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0	0
5210 - Parish share	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0	0
5211 - Parish Share - MP	36445	22884	6780	32546	25427	0	12120	0		136203	
5212 - Parish Share - Local	6555	4116	1220	5854	4573	0	2180	0		24497	
Total 5210 - Parish share	43000	27000	8000	38400	30000	0	14300	0		160700	161650
Total 5200 - Church work	9252	21355	4424	7017	18745	10882	9766	387		81828	82901
5400 - Fund raising and publicity	0	71	0	0	0	0	0	0		71	494
Total 5500 - Administration	788	426	74	334	272	827	448	0		3169	2684
9110 - Clergy Salary	0	0	0	0	0	32699	0	0		32699	32426
9120 - Clergy Expenses	0	0	0	0	0	9794	0	0		9794	9011
9130 - Clergy Housing	0	0	0	0	0	1971	0	0		1971	2257
Total Expense	58314	52002	13011	45751	50056	58397	25794	387	0	303711	303228
Net Ordinary Income	-2204	178	3483	12379	-2875	-16552	-173	-294	0	-6058	-5671
Other Income/Expense	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0	0
Other Income	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0	0
Total 9015 - SEP Income Contras	0	0	0	0	0	191256	0	0		191256	184335
9200 - Increased Investment value	-786	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		-786	913
Total Other Income	-786	0	0	0	0	191256	0	0		190470	185248
Other Expense	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0	0
Total 9135 - SEP Expense Contras	0	0	0	0	0	191256	0	0		191256	184335
Total Other Expense	0	0	0	0	0	191256	0	0		191256	184335
Net Other Income	-786	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		-786	913
Net Movements in funds	-2990	178	3483	12379	-2875	-16552	-173	-294	0	-6844	-4758
Balance Brought forward 1st Jan 2011	24990	7994	4824	10669	14401	47701	15621	1261	4657	132118	136876
Balance Carried Forward 31st December 2011	22000	8172	8307	23048	11525	31149	15448	967	4657	125274	132118

Stantonbury Ecumenical Partnership

Bradwell Church



Annual Reports 2011 – 2012

“Following Jesus, Sharing His Love”

MINISTER'S REPORT

At the end of February I finished my three-year term as Ministerial Team Leader for the Ecumenical Partnership and handed on the baton to Peter Ballantine. Over the last year I've had to give time to some complex issues, including Governing Documents for registration with the Charity Commissioners, Sharing Agreements for churches in the Partnership which do not yet have them, and the establishment of a lease for the management of the New Bradwell Community Centre. Progress has sometimes been frustratingly slow and none of these issues is yet completely resolved, but I believe they are moving towards a point where we can see the way forward and a resolution.

Another major issue over this past year has been the development of a strategy for the Partnership as we work out ministerial deployment with decreasing numbers in the near future. I'm grateful for Mike Morris' work in chairing a group of lay representatives to do some groundwork on this. There were no easy answers, but there has been some good thinking and a willingness to make it work for the future.

Writing this part of the report, I've had the opportunity to read many of the other reports already written. They give a vivid picture of the life and variety and fellowship and service within Bradwell Church and flowing out from Bradwell Church. There's no way we can say we've arrived where we want to be, but we are working to get there as we seek to live out our 'strapline' "Following Jesus, Sharing His Love".

Thank you to all those who have written the reports and thank you to all the people who help make the things they describe happen. Not every part of our life or area of service has a report attached and so once again I'd like to say a brief thank you for the invaluable and faithful service given by Douglas Stewart in producing our quality weekly noticesheet and by John Trippett in the complex task of producing the Sunday rota.

St Paul describes the church as the body of Christ and develops the idea to show how we need each other and, though different, we all have our value and our roles to play. That sense of teamwork is very important as we look now to the future and the changes ahead. As I take on the additional responsibility of being minister for the Cross & Stable congregation in May, there are many unanswered questions for us about the way forward, but I'm actually very heartened and encouraged by a number of things, among them a sense of teamwork, building to help us not just to continue but to develop our worship, pastoral care and outreach, and also a commitment to make the new arrangement work and to offer fellowship and encouragement to the congregation we will be more closely linked with in the future.

Sunday morning worship is at the heart of our life together. Our Bible teaching has included series on the first half of Acts and on 1 Peter as well as themes from the Gospels and readings from the Old Testament. We've also welcomed Mike Baldwin speaking (and singing) about the Soup Run; Steve Barnes, Chaplain of Willen Hospice; Malcolm & Anne Bagnall speaking about Food Cupboard Ministries; Tony Paton, our CMS link mission partner, and Dr Sam Muthuveloe speaking about the work of Hope Outreach.

Many people are involved in different roles on a Sunday morning. Recently we held a session on 'Making People Welcome'. It was a good morning and we thought through and even practised in role plays a culture of welcome. I love it when I see church members actively looking after and befriending newcomers.

We had very many newcomers and occasional visitors at Christmas, with record numbers at some of our special services. We sometimes had a challenge to fit people in. Our regular Sunday attendance has been quite steady, though we've rarely been choc-a-bloc, and noticed that (with relatively good numbers sometimes at 9.00 am, and not as many as sometimes in the past at 10.45 am) there were in fact on one or two occasions more adults at the earlier service. So the positive is that we've got room for more people, and I'm eager that we are ready for them when they come. We are coming towards the second anniversary of beginning our monthly evening service. As I look at what has happened and what is scheduled for the year ahead, I'm actually thrilled to see the willingness of different people to form mini-teams to organise and lead these events. They bless others through what they do and I hope are blessed themselves through their service.

Soon the pastoral area I have responsibility for will double, and the Cross & Stable area includes several schools, sheltered housing complexes, a nursing home and a Sure Start centre. I feel blessed in the good relations and welcome I'm able to enjoy at the schools and at the Sure Start centre in our pastoral area. (I serve on the Advisory Board of the Robins Centre in Heelands and as a governor at Summerfield School in Bradwell Common, and also regularly visit Priory Common and Heelands First Schools and Bradwell Village School). I hope I will be able to maintain these links, while looking at how I spread my time. I take a monthly home communion at each of the three larger sheltered housing complexes near to us. Numbers can be small and it's not always been straightforward. To me it's important that the frail and elderly are not forgotten. I've been grateful for church members who've joined in and prayed for this ministry.

I'll end by mentioning one exciting new venture. Before Christmas, a team of church members joined with me in presenting 'Christmas Cracked' for children from Bradwell Village School and Summerfield School. It's a magazine-style programme including games, crafts, quizzes, story and drama to unfold the 'reason for the season'. I thought our team were brilliant. Please pray for them as we prepare to offer 'Easter Cracked' in just a few weeks' time.

Andy Jowitt

Treasurer's Report

The main report on church finances for 2011 is to be found in the accompanying document. This represents a high level summary of the main points and should be read in conjunction with, but not as a substitute for, the main report.

A major innovation for 2011 was the introduction of a church accounting software package, to replace the previous Excel spreadsheet based system. This allows for more detailed clas-

sification of income and expenditure, improved tracking of General and Restricted funds and a comprehensive range of reports in compliance with charity legislation.

2011 was a difficult year for our finances in which our outgoings have exceeded our income, resulting in a deficit of £2204.27. Some of the main points to note are:

- Income from offerings showed a small rise to £40813 (from £40101 in 2010), however the amount of Gift Aided offerings reduced whilst the Non Gift Aided offerings increased in comparison to 2010.
- The effect of a reduction of Gift Aided offerings will be to decrease potential income for 2012.
- The Parish Share rose from £40,000 in 2010 to 43,000 in 2011.
- Church fees were significantly reduced in 2011.
- The value of the Wylie and Farmborough endowment policies reduced by £786.43, contributing to a reduction in our reserves from £24995 to £22005.
- A total of £4468 was paid out to charitable organisations as our tithed giving.
- There was an excellent response to donations to the Kneeler project and for special collections such as Tear Fund and Toybox.

The deficit should not be regarded as sustainable, or as a “blip” as it is likely to have a negative cumulative effect if these trends continue and needs to be an item for continuous prayerful consideration throughout the year.

Please refer to the main report for more details.

Michael Squire

Bradwell Church Fabric Report 2011/2012

St. Lawrence Church

Quinquennial

Our long awaited roof repairs were carried out in January by Stephen Todd, stonemason. The work involved repairs to the lead over the church nave roof and replacing broken and missing tiles on the roof over the chancel and the annexe.

We have acquired Smartwater and had intended that Stephen Todd apply this when doing the repairs. (Smartwater needs to be applied to roof by a professional and is now required by our insurance company). Unfortunately, this part of the work was overlooked and we are arranging for the contractors to return as soon as possible.

Damage and repairs:

Our architect paid a visit in May to inspect the cracks that have appeared especially under and above the SE window in the south aisle. He is happy that although there has been movement there is no cause for alarm, nor is any corrective action required.

Minor repairs were made to the large cupboard in the vestry to secure the shelving which had collapsed.

Electrics:

The church lighting review has concluded that because technology is still developing, now is not the best time to consider a major investment in replacing the existing system. We are considering an interim solution which would involve replacing the troublesome high level flood lights, but this would still mean a considerable outlay. We have prepared a ‘Statement of Need’ for the diocese and have sought their advice re. suitable contractors and consultants.

New additional speakers have been installed in the south aisle. The new speakers have been attached to the beams and are rather well hidden, as is the wiring back to the amp. The speakers were supplied and installed by DM Installations in May and they fill what was an acoustically ‘dead’ area in the aisle.

Fire Extinguishers:

The fire extinguishers were checked by ‘Nu-Swift’ at the end of September and they were found to meet required standards. We were advised to install fluorescent ‘Exit’ signs and this has been done in the Chapel, however there are still some signs we need to replace in the church.

Changes and Additions:

New bookends have been placed on the bookcase in the Tower. The bookends were made by Peter Lazard and they feature the ‘St. Lawrence’ cross with the initials S L. This form reflects the use of the same initials carved into the panelling behind the Communion table in the chancel. The wood is iroko with some pine, some of which has been stained.

Church Cleaning:

The small team of regular volunteers has been augmented this year, but we do still need more people to come forward for this essential task. The team work hard to keep the church clean and presentable all year round and our thanks go to them and the occasional helpers who have also made a big difference. If you think you would be able to spend an hour or so every couple of months please let me know and I will add your name to the rota.

Working days:

There were two working party days during the year.

In April a number of ‘spring cleaning’ and maintenance tasks were completed by a small team of volunteers: -

- > Cleaning of gutters and gullies
- > Clearing of weeds from the Baily grave enclosure
- > Clearing of weeds from around box tombs
- > Treatment with weed killer
- > Edging of all footpaths
- > Treatment of annex door with Sadolin
- > Deep cleaning of church, including kitchen and toilet
- > Cleaning of brass and wood
- > Wax polishing most of the wooden furniture

We had another small band of volunteers in September and managed to complete all the autumn tasks, including: -

- > Cleaning of gutters and gulleys
- > Clearing of weeds from the Baily grave enclosure
- > Clearing of weeds from around box tombs
- > Trimming of overhanging Holm oaks
- > Deep cleaning of church, including kitchen and toilet
- > High level cleaning of all church walls up to clerestory level
- > Vacuuming of curtains
- > Vacuuming of all windows
- > Cleaning of brass and wood
- > Wax polishing the wooden furniture
- > Cleaning of ringing floor
- > Cleaning of porch
- > Replacing broken lightbulbs

Churchyard:

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

Bradwell Chapel

Two panes of glass in front windows were broken in January 2012 and after we were quoted a very large price for replacing them, Alan Howarth took on the task and they were replaced early in February.

We have had electrical problems, due to the water heater for the toilet hand-basin. We have had it looked at by a local electrical firm, and are awaiting a quote for the replacement of this and also the non-functioning hot water heater in the kitchenette sink. However, given our current state of finances it was agreed at Council that to continue using the kettle might be more cost effective than paying for a costly and inefficient replacement.

The Chapel is the home of TWIG (our young people's house-group) and J2O, the older 'Young Church' 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.

For all its other uses the Chapel remains a 'place of worship' and its use, especially by outside groups, needs to be respectful of this. We still need to think about how we could make better use of the building for our own prayer and worship.

Thanks and Appreciation

In so many ways the church depends upon the voluntary support of many people, not least with the practical matters of building maintenance, cleaning and gardening. Their good work can be seen every day in the appearance of the church and the church grounds and I am sure it is appreciated by members of the church and residents of the village alike. The Fabric Sub-Committee and the Church Council would like to express their gratitude to everyone involved and 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 March 2012*

Mission Giving

We have continued throughout this year to support several mission causes both through prayer and giving, focussing our prayer on a different mission link each month.

Our CMS link changed this year. Previously we have supported Kathy Pinsent in India but when she finished her work there, we transferred our support to Tony and Katherine Paton and their family in South East Asia. We were able to put a face to the name when Tony visited us in January. The Monday Nursery Gardens housegroup has acted as champions for this support, taking responsibility for contact with the Patons. We hope this may be a model for other areas of our support, with housegroups choosing to champion one of our mission links.

The money we give to our links comes through our 'tithes' (whereby we give 10% of our regular income to mission causes) and through special activities or collections. We have not quite allocated a full tithe of our income; we keep the remaining small amount of funds available to respond to any sudden disasters or emergencies that may occur around the world.

Outlined below are our mission links, months when we focus prayer on each, and details of how and what amount we give. The Church Council agreed to the same allocations in 2012 as were made in 2011.

Lesley Blight (for Church Council)

Month	Organisation	Purpose	Money allocated from	Annual amount allocated
Jan	Scripture Union	Helping people engage with the Bible, providing activities for children and young people, with resources and training	tithe	£500
Feb	MK Bridgebuilder Trust	Local Christian charity associated with Scripture Union, with team of schools workers and volunteers offering assemblies, classes and programmes.	tithe	£750
Mar	Hope Outreach UK	Milton Keynes based charity providing medical teams, care for orphans, training pastors etc in Sri Lanka	tithe	£350
April	Open Door Project	Day Centre at Salvation Army, Conniburrow and Queensway Methodist Church for homeless and vulnerable people	tithe	£500
May	Christian Aid	Development, aid and emergency aid worldwide	house to house collection	
June	World Vision	Supporting Shamil (a school girl in Malawi) and her community	Young Church collection (plus tithe as necessary)	£275
July	CPAS (Church Pastoral Aid Society) including Falcon Camps	Anglican-based charity providing resources and training, with children's and youth camps	tithe to CPAS of BBQ to	£400 plus net proceeds Falcon Camps
Aug	Christian Solidarity Worldwide	Supporting Christians under pressure and persecution around the world	tithe	£250
Sept	Soup Run	Delivery of soup and sandwiches to the homeless, organised by local churches	tithe	£300
Oct	Tear Fund	The Evangelical Alliance Relief Fund, serving the world's poor through targeted aid and development	Harvest Collection	
Nov	Church Mission Society (CMS)	Support link with Tony and Katherine Paton and family in South East Asia	tithe	£750
Dec	Toybox	Helping street children in Central and South America	Collections from Christingle service and carol singing	

Church Council

This year elected serving Council members have been Anne Taylor, Claire Meakins, Diana Stammers, Henry Dougherty, Lee Michalke, Peter Lazard, Ruby Trippett, Sue Bertrand and myself, with Andy as minister and Church Officer Alan Howarth and Treasurer Michael Squire attending ex officio.

We have met four times this year. As is required, at our first meeting of the year we confirmed appointments of postholders in various areas of service and fulfilled our requirement to look annually at the Safeguarding Children policy. Then, as at all our meetings, we were brought up to speed with how the groups that make up our church life are developing. Annual reports from each of them are in this booklet.

During the regular reports from Andy, he highlights matters he considers significant and shares ideas, concerns and plans. We hope we are useful to him by way of support and to help shape his thinking. We also hear each time from our Treasurer to help in monitoring the financial position of the church. We approved the recipients of our tithe giving for 2011 and 2012,

which included agreeing to support CMS workers Tony and Katherine Paton and family in South East Asia.

We took forward the decision from the last AGM to have new kneelers for the chancel. We have enjoyed seeing the work done by Peter Lazard at its various stages and now look forward to seeing the kneelers become a reality. Thank you, Peter.

We are grateful to Henry Dougherty for being the church's representative on the SEP Ministry Deployment working group. He has kept us well informed and we gave opportunity for anyone interested to come along one Sunday evening to discuss the proposal that, following Chris Collinge's retirement after Easter, Andy will take responsibility for Cross & Stable (Downs Barn) as well as Bradwell. At our last Council meeting we spent some time giving consideration to the implications of the proposal. We know there are significant challenges ahead, not least with overlapping times of services at the two churches; nonetheless, we asked Henry to respond to SEP that we accept the proposal and will do everything we can to make it work well.

The Standing Committee (which exists to move agenda items along by dealing with detail for which there is not time at Council meetings) has not needed to meet this year.

According to our terms of reference, a third of our elected members will be standing down at the AGM: Claire Meakins, Diana Stammers and myself.

Thanks to all Council members for giving their service in this way.

Lesley Blight, Lay Chair

Occasional Offices

As expected this time last year, 2011 was a quieter year than the previous year for weddings. Seven couples were married in church, one came for a Service of Blessing after a marriage abroad, and one came for a re-affirmation of vows. Each of these occasions is unique, and I pray a significant event not just as those getting married begin their journeys together as husband and wife, but as they include God in that journey. The last wedding of the year unusually took place on Boxing Day, and brought Ted & Angela together from the opposite sides of 'the pond'. Many have begun to get to know Ted & Angela as they have joined in our worship.

Janet Edsall continues as our regular wedding organist (- I'm sure she could repeat some of my wedding jokes now -) and Wendy Hanson has served both as verger and clerk to the registers.

We decided to give the Marriage Celebration Dinner (which we did in 2010 and 2011) a pause this February. Numbers of weddings were generally fewer across the Partnership in 2011, so we will re-visit the idea for 2013 with the intention of inviting couples who have had weddings over two years (2011/2012).

I continue to run Marriage Preparation courses for couples being married during the year. These sessions are not much about 'the big day', rather about being married and building strong marriages. They're a mixture of bits of video, questionnaires which the couples look at together as couples, and group discussion. Couples often come feeling a bit apprehensive, but go away having found it stimulating, even fun. These courses are used and supported by some of the other churches in the Partnership.

The number of enquiries about services for children (often to "have a christening") has been fewer, and even fewer have followed up their enquiries. Three couples chose to have a Service of Thanksgiving and Blessing, and we had two services of Baptism as part of our Sunday morning worship, the most recent being for Faith Kleinsmith. At the previous Baptism service, Lyndsey Brannen was baptised along with her little boy Kelden. Lyndsey went on to join Chris Hawkins in being confirmed at the Ecumenical Confirmation at the Church of the Servant King, Furzton in November.

I conducted 30 funerals during the year, 10 of which took place in church. Quite a high proportion of those were families with whom there was some pastoral connection. Where there is no pastoral connection, it may be less likely now than

was once the case that the local minister will be approached. Where we are approached, the ministry offered by the church can be very important, and appreciated. Once again, a good number of people responded to our invitation to the Service of Remembrance and Thanksgiving in November. Thank you to all who contributed to that service, and to Pam Watson who has continued to write cards to families on the anniversary of bereavement. Janet has done her best to be available to play for the services in church, and Mavis to serve as verger.

Andy Jowitt

Music

"I will sing of steadfast love and justice; to you, o Lord, I will make music." Psalm 101:1

The last year has seen some changes to personnel involved in supporting the musical side of our worship. It has been a joy to have Beryl Spikings join those playing keyboard and organ on the music rota and to have both Chris Spikings on bass as well as Beryl join the group playing for all age services. At the same time, we have had to say goodbye to Joanna and Kate Hollins who have now settled into church families closer to home. We have continued to be helped from time to time by others from outside the church – and particular thanks go to Adrian Prisk – but we are now more self-sufficient than we have been for a while.

On the technical side, the addition of speakers to the south aisle has made hearing amplified music easier for congregation members sitting in that area. With changes to our group of musicians and amplification, we now have to do some more work on balance and sound levels. We hope this year to change to small instrument microphones which we shall aim to use to best effect.

Diana Stammers

Bellringers

We are still struggling to find new ringers to join our band, but have managed to train one new recruit – Emily, who is now ringing on Sundays. This will hopefully reduce the number of occasions when we have to cancel service ringing because we don't have enough ringers available. There were very few weddings wanting bells in 2011 - we rang for all of these, but we needed help from neighbouring towers for most of them.

We could not get enough ringers from our band to hold an open tower in association with church events in 2011. Hopefully we will be able to support some of the national ringing associated with the Queen's Diamond Jubilee and the Olympics in 2012.

At our AGM Dean Meakins was elected tower captain for 2012.

Jill Joyce (Tower Captain 2011)

Church Flowers

I hope you have enjoyed the varied flower arrangements over the year. Easter will all the spring flowers, through the summer with all the rich bright colours. Harvest was lovely to walk

in and see the different arrangements you had all done. It certainly was a lovely welcome back from holiday. Christmas with all the greens, reds, golds, with the twinkling Christmas trees and the beautiful arrangement Tracey did at the main altar. None of this is possible without others helping. This year I am trying to manage the flowers with only donations from the congregation, if possible. The Flower Fund total at present is £24.38.

There will be a list in the annexe of the weekend dates, so if you would like flowers for a special occasion, please let me know. Perhaps you have a garden overflowing with flowers and greenery which would look lovely in church, or would like to add to the funds. A donation box is always on the bookcase in the annexe.

A big thank you to all who have helped throughout the year, either through donations or helping.

Wendy Hanson

Wednesday Coffee Morning

We are pleased that Wednesday Coffee Morning is still very popular and our helpers are appreciated. Our visitors continue to include visits by several PCSO's.

The Christmas Meal this year proved a problem at the Talbot Inn due to their over-booking and we had to delay a week in December, although we had a better choice of food.

Contributions since Christmas have donated £110 towards the new kneelers.

Ray Bradshaw

Lighthouse Prayer Team

First of all, we must praise and thank our Lord for his leading and his blessings on our meetings. They have been very spiritual as well as fruitful.

Most of us have come through some stormy times this year, but there we are standing on the rock, what more do we need. No matter how rocky it gets, we stand strong and firm, our light still shining. As our Lord lights up the way, we seek his will and try to follow it to the best of our ability.

Once again we have received thanks from people and we would like to encourage more people to do so, it would be encouraging for the church and even more so if we could share from time to time in a service.

We are in the process of putting a little booklet together. Something people can have in their hands. It will contain something from each of us and other information. We hope it will be helpful.

To me our church is a very blessed church for prayer - all the prayers offered within each service and in the house groups and of course Lighthouse. Praise the Lord.

We now want to pray for guidance as to how Lighthouse can move out to the people. We await our Lord's leading.

Gill Carey

Half- hour for prayer

Every Sunday evening there is the opportunity to meet for a 'half- hour of prayer'. Throughout the year the church has been opened for a 7pm start and a (usually small) number have met informally to pray.

Prayer can be aloud or silent and is usually focussed (by whoever co-ordinates the time) on topical issues reflecting the needs of the church, the locality, the country or the world!

While we know that 'where two or three come together' God is with us, we would also welcome others to join us to pray. If you would like to be on the rota to open the building and help ensure prayer happens each week, please let me or Andy know.

Lesley Blight

Retreat 2011

This was the second year that Bradwell Church joined St Luke's C of E Church, Duston, Northampton at Ely Retreat Centre, Cambridgeshire for a weekend retreat.

Our conductor for the weekend was Revd Chris Collinge from St James, New Bradwell, whose chosen theme was a Celtic one. We explored traditional prayers, hymns and songs plus practical work of Celtic design and Celtic knots. It was a semi-silent weekend, giving everyone a chance to be quiet and find God in their own space – and time to exchange views and chat about what we had learnt during the weekend. New and old friendships blossomed. Everyone decided they wanted to come back in 2012 and the places were all booked before we set off for home!

Anne Taylor

CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE

Chatterbox

We continue to welcome Mums, Dads, grandparents and other carers with pre-school children to the Memorial Hall on Wednesday afternoons in term-time for 1½ hours of play, chat, refreshments and, every other week, a Bible story and song time led by Andy (always eagerly awaited and enthusiastically entered into!) A Teddy Bears' Picnic at the end of the summer term and our Nativity service and Christmas party in December stand out as annual highlights. In a smaller way we also celebrate the milestones in each child's development as we see them learn to walk, talk, and grow in confidence both in their physical abilities and in their ability to relate to other children and adults. This year we have noticed a reduced number of children attending at the older end of this age-group. We think this may be a knock-on effect of the rising 4's having longer sessions at Pre-School in the mornings (making it hard for them to go home, have lunch and have enough energy left to come back to Chatterbox in the afternoon).

My thanks as always to Mary Shouler, who comes faithfully every week to make refreshments, and to Andy for his dedicated support, not to mention his entertainment value!

Jane Jowitt

Young Church

In September 2011, I took over getting the plan ready for the youth of St. Lawrence's in Bradwell Village, after a meeting at Andy's house.

During the last months of 2011, we continued to use the Scripture Union books (Extreme, Splash etc) and tried to tie up with Andy so there was a theme running on these days. Unfortunately most of these readings and booklets were not being utilised. Just before Christmas we made cookies and brought the children together for an hour of reflection whilst making cookies for all. Over Christmas, and reviewing the age groups of the children attending youth groups, God's Gang and J2O, I decided to start using the Children's Bible, and start going through the Old Testament, to give them a full understanding of the Bible. We have started with the Creation, and moved on to Adam and Eve, and have even looked at Noah and the Ark.

God's Gang now seems to be aged from 3 to 9, and we have moved the older children into J2O. We will be producing posters, leaflets, CD's and mini movies to show what we have learnt and to share with the main church family.

We have a great team at the moment, but more people are always welcome to join us if they want to. I am producing the sessions for the next few months and will be e-mailing this to all the team to help them prepare for the weeks when they are helping, although I do need to collect some more e-mail addresses.

Nancy Grisley

X:site MK

Over the last few months there have been some changes at X:site MK.

Some of the team who had been with us since the start in 2009 have had to say fare well; a few moved out of the area or had changing commitments which meant they needed to withdraw, and some of our junior team went off to University. We now seem to have a regular, highly committed team of 30 (including junior team) from churches all over the city. They have various roles, including forming a live band, running games, leading group activities, puppets, presentation, preparing refreshments etc, etc!

Four of the team are from Bradwell Church and six children attend regularly because of their link with us.

At the end of 2011 we had 117 7-11s on register. (Another 60 have passed through since X:site began, 25 of them only stopping when they became too old to continue - though 3 have since returned as helpers!) The current 117 attend 55 different schools and 31 different churches between them! 30 declare no church allegiance at all. They come from 42 different areas of Milton Keynes, with a few from Buckingham and Luton.

However, our numbers at any one event are usually in the late 40s and when we once slumped into the 20's, we decided it was time for a re-think. Our first event at the new time of 3.00 - 5.00 pm seemed to suggest this may suit better than an evening

event (at least in winter, and when Strictly and X-Factor are on TV!!) so we're staying with this for the time being.

We'd be glad of your prayers!

Lesley Blight

TWIG

TWIG is enjoyed by all the youth who attend both for common Christian fellowship and encouragement but also the sugar cola and crisps.

The group is normally about 6 - 8, sometimes approaching 10. The group continues to be a mix of different maturity levels in relation to their own discovery of faith at work in their young lives.

We look forward to some of the youth "leading" some TWIG sessions throughout the year as a continued encouragement for TWIG to be even more "their night" but also to give the youth a chance to further grow in their confidence of their faith.

We also look forward to some cross working with Cross Purposes (pun intended) youth group as we have together taken the challenge of leading the November Synergy event at Newport Pagnell URC.

Jan Newman-Bracey & Scott Edsall

HOUSEGROUPS

Sunday night

The Sunday night housegroup has continued to meet every fortnight during the year.

In addition the nine members also organise regular social events such as meals out and in each other's homes.

Having previously completed walking the Ridgeway we are now well on our way in walking the Chiltern Way - we're nearly halfway round the 133 mile circuit.

We again organised an annual three day weekend away, returning to Glenthorne House Quaker Centre at Grasmere in the Lake District. The house is overlooked by Helm Crag and the walkers among us tackled the summit - it's not particularly high at only about 405m.

We already have this year's weekend away organised - to Lee Abbey Christian Centre in Devon - and next year's trip is also booked.

The group has no one leader as we all share in leading sessions.

During the year we have studied Peter, Hebrews and other books as well completing a study course based on food by A Rocha, the worldwide Christian environmental organisation. This questioned the environmental impact of importing food from around the world - among other topics. It was certainly food for thought.

Paul Brookman

Monday evening (Nursery Gardens)

The group has been pleased to welcome new members this year which has brought new insight and fresh perspectives to our Monday evenings. As well as continuing with studies based on books and DVDs by Philip Yancey and by John Ortberg, the group has taken quite a fast journey through Paul's letter to the Romans and enjoyed some DVD studies from this side of the Atlantic, developed by Jeff Lucas (one series on Elijah and another entitled "Stopped looking for the will of God"). Fitting in nicely with these last studies, a number of group members were able to see Jeff Lucas team up with Adrian Plass for an event in Wolverton late in 2011.

As well as studying the Bible and supporting each other, over this year, we have benefitted from a developing external focus. We have enjoyed getting to know our CMS mission partners, the Paton family, at a distance and praying for them before meeting Tony Paton in person when he visited in January 2012. Anne Roberts has encouraged the group to learn more about the work of Christian Solidarity Worldwide (CSW), bringing particular issues for prayer to our attention and taking a small group to a CSW event in London. We hope to build on these connections and continue to offer support in this way in future.

Diana Stammers

Monday evening (Hilliard Drive) (formerly held in the Church)

As you can see from the heading, the venue of our group has changed during this year. This came about due to a glitch with the church's DVD player: due to this technical difficulty Karl graciously offered to act as host for that course of study and the rest, as they say, is history as we have met at Hilliard Drive ever since.

Although there were benefits to meeting in church due to the fact that we were meeting in a special place conducive to worship, the more intimate space of Hilliard Drive has been more conducive to sharing fellowship in a more natural and relaxed atmosphere. It goes without saying that we have also been a lot more comfortable and we give thanks for Karl's continuing hospitality.

Our study time has included looking at major characters in the Bible including Solomon and David and we have also looked at the big questions Christians and non-Christians wrestle with such as 'Why does God allow suffering?'. We each looked at different books that dealt with these questions and were able to learn why so many find these issues stumbling blocks and were able to look at some of the theological explanations, which gave us plenty of food for thought.

Future plans include a group trip to see 'Godspell' at the Wolverton Theatre as well as further study and worship together.

Karen Ho

Tuesday afternoon

(First Tuesday of each month)

The group continues to meet once a month for two hours in Bancroft. After tea, we start with a prayer session which finishes with us listening to John Rutter's 'The Lord Bless You and Keep You'. We are finding lots to interest us in Luke's Gospel; for example looking in more detail at the disciples, other religions that were about at the time, the defence of miracles versus science and the treatment of women. During the sessions everybody uses the commentaries we have for help, joins in discussions and relates personal experiences which highlight modern equivalents. We still express different opinions and rely on each other to sort out any queries.

Margaret Brown

Tuesday evening

(2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month)

Our house group which commenced on 13th December 2011 meets every second and fourth Tuesday of each month from 7.30 to 9.30pm.

We are a small group: Steve Price, Henry Dougherty, Chris Hawkins, Elaine Gore and myself. Coffee and cake are provided. In the first half hour we initially talk about general events in our lives and any world news of interest. We then follow in our Bibles the readings and talk/sermon from the last Sunday's service. With this we try and make sense and understand the Scripture. Although we are a small group I believe we are relaxed and feel confident in asking a question, however obscure it might be.

There have been three others who wanted to be part of our group but because of other commitments they felt unable to attend.

We have not yet decided if we wish to break during school holidays.

Liz Nunn

Women on Wednesdays - WOW!!

Another great year of sharing our Christian walk! What a lot we've learned this past year from each other.

The great advantage is to understand and support each other in an enlightened way as with all the housegroups within the church. We have really valued the wisdom imparted and the instances in people's lives which have strengthened their faith and given us insights to further our own spiritual growth.

On behalf of all who have come to WOW we would like to thank those who have come to speak to us including our beloved leader! For those 'discovering' WOW reading this we extend a warm invitation to come and enjoy an evening including drinks and nibbles at Rachel and Wayne's lovely inviting home on the last Wednesday of each month. Contact numbers are on the notice sheet. We would also like to thank Wayne and Rachel, Matthew, Sam, Brady and Ben [not forgetting Faith] for their hospitality - they are stars!

Jill Scoins

Thursday morning

This group meets at 1A Atterbrook on Thursdays in term-time from 10.00 am – 12 noon. We are a friendly, supportive group of ladies, plus one or two canine members! We always start with coffee and a catch-up chat before moving on to a time of prayer and Bible study.

We tend to use one of the Scripture Union 'Lifebuilder' series as a basis for our reflections. In recent months we've looked more closely at Proverbs, which we found a stimulating study, and we are currently using a study called 'Meeting God', looking at God's nature and character through a variety of Old and New Testament passages.

Jane Jowitt

Thursday evening

It has been another mixed year for the group. One of our original members, Bill Webb, sadly passed away on 29th December. At the end of January we warmly welcomed Pauline (Bill's wife) to our fold.

To support Bill in his illness, the group decided to meet weekly instead of fortnightly. We have now decided to meet weekly permanently. Through the year we have studied Women of the Old Testament and The Lord's Prayer and are currently studying Angels, all using Scripture Union Life Builder Bible Study books.

We have used the £1 'subs' we give each week to finance:

- Donation to Willen via 'Sponsor a Haircut'.
- Donation to Cream Teas as the housegroup ran the kitchen!
- Donation to Willen in memory of Bill Webb.
- Donation to Water Eaton Care Home (where Beryl Webb, Bill's mum, is a resident) to buy toiletries etc for each resident.
- A gift from each of us to the Food Bank Appeal at Christmas.

We are currently supporting Jasmine and Lee who attend Soup Run. Though they have a roof over their heads, they do not have enough for 7 days' food and need to supplement their food with sandwiches and soup from the Soup Run. The housegroup is collecting baby clothes, toiletries and we are even knitting - Jasmine's baby is due on 10th June. We would be very grateful for further donations! I am praying that Lee and Jasmine will attend church with me one Sunday very soon as they have shown an interest in doing so.

We pray that Thursday Evening Housegroup will continue to flourish and that God will be present at our meetings, that he will teach us to understand the Bible more clearly and to remember those in need.

Anne Taylor

Saturday morning

With the thought of exploring the Bible, the group followed its established wide-ranging programme looking at: Matthew, Pride, Stewardship, Christian love, Book of Ruth, Women who spoke the word of God.

As winter followed autumn, the numbers declined and at the end of the year it was decided to close the group. We had been meeting monthly for about seven years and it was felt that the time had come to take a rest. Some members said that they might join other housegroups and I believe that two of them have done so.

Douglas Stewart

Alpha

Alpha is an excellent opportunity for people to explore the Christian faith. People can come without 'believing' but open to ask the questions and willing to listen to what others say, and people can come believing but wanting to think more deeply and be refreshed in their believing. A third group is people willing to help others in their exploring. Curiously, this often happens best by not weighing in with all the answers we may think we know, but by listening and praying and helping make people welcome.

Since the last AGM we have run two evening courses. One ran over the summer (May-July) and one started in October, and after a slightly delayed beginning, ran into January. Our evenings start with a two-course meal. (Thanks to Jane and others for their delicious cooking). This gives people time to relax and get to know one another. Then we watch a talk on DVD and follow this with an open time of discussion.

Both courses were quite small in numbers, but were important for those who came. The depth of sharing that developed over the courses was very striking, with people talking about their different experiences and struggles and questions and encouragements.

I am incredibly grateful to the teams who help make Alpha possible: helping cook, set up, serve, befriend, encourage, and, as I said above, listen and pray. I'm always pleased to hear from those who are interested in coming as helpers. One very important role can be to come along to help and encourage someone else to come. I heard some striking statistics that showed how, of those who think about coming to an Alpha course, far more will come if they have someone to come with.

Our next course is planned to start on Friday, 20th April. A couple of people have contacted me already to book a place and leaflets are now available. Personal invitations often work best.

Andy Jowitt

Challenging Lifestyle

This is a DVD-based course on Jesus' teaching in the Sermon on the Mount. It's in 3 series and each series has 6 talks.

This time last year we were completing Series One. People found it very helpful. True to the title, the talks are challenging, but always relevant both to the Bible and to our lives and life issues.

After completing the first series, people were eager to do Series Two, so we ran this over six Wednesday evenings in the summer. Then at the beginning of February we started

Series Three. Some people have done all three courses, others have joined as we've gone along. Starting Series Three I was uncertain how many we'd be. The challenge turned out to be fitting everyone into my living room. The last two evenings as I write we numbered 19. People have been very tolerant of the squeeze!

Each series can stand alone. Indeed, each talk can stand alone, though clearly there's much to be gained from doing the whole course. It's material which could be a good challenge for house groups to take on too.

Andy Jowitt

PASTORAL CARE

A lot of wonderful pastoral care takes place in all sorts of ways: caring through friendship, prayer and practical help, for people who are part of the church family and for people in the community. It happens through housegroups, through friendships and through people just being a good neighbour.

All this is good, but we've long been aware that people who have been part of the church family can slip through gaps in the net, and that there's more that could be done to reach out into our community in Christian love, to help people who are isolated, or struggling with bereavement, for instance.

I'm delighted that we are now making a start to develop our pastoral care. With the support of the Church Council, a small group met to think through: How does this happen already? What is the need? What skills might we need training for? ... and 'Some ideas for the way forward'.

We decided to start with two things:

1. Housegroup members "at home" – people who can't make it to a housegroup, but who the housegroup will look out for, visit, pray for and keep in touch with.
2. "Bad Weather Friends" – volunteers who are willing to be BWFs to a handful of people (or just one or two) who they can visit to make sure they're OK (and just be a good neighbour to). It may be that BWFs can become "Good Weather Friends" as well!

Beryl Spikings has agreed to become the co-ordinator for these projects. We've only just begun, and we're hoping that people will respond with offers to help. We can sometimes feel that our resources to help are stretched, but I'm encouraged that God is beginning to show us that we have gifts and resources that we can use in his service.

Andy Jowitt

SOCIAL EVENTS

We had a little run of social events over the summer.

Sunday, 26th June: Picnic at Emberton Country Park

A number of cars set off after church towards Olney. It was a very hot day with shade at a premium, and the park was quite busy. The first challenge was to find each other when we got there! We did succeed and had a relaxed time enjoying a picnic together. Some people played energetic games with

the youngsters and some kept still and cool. There are good facilities in the park, including loos and play equipment, and we felt the experiment was worth repeating.

Saturday, 2nd July: Cream Teas afternoon

There were games and stalls, and lots of cream teas were served to people enjoying relaxing and chatting. The weather was kind; teas were served outside by Anne Taylor and her hard-working team, and the church was open for quiet visits. The afternoon raised a little over £350, which was a great boost to our kneeler fund. We tried hard to get the invitation out to the local community and were delighted that a good number responded and came.

Sunday, 17th July: Church BBQ

In many ways this was our traditional annual BBQ in its usual format, though this year, unfortunately, the Friends of Chernobyl's Children Charity, while appreciative of our invitation, were unable to fit our BBQ into their programme. So we were a little less busy, but not by much, and it was a very good afternoon again. Thanks to all the people who mucked in and helped, and, to quote ABBA, "Thank you for the music" provided by Michael and Janet and friends, with one or two guest turns this year too.

Again, it was great to see people bringing family and friends. The only thing we didn't do so well on was raising money for Falcon Camps. Food costs were up and BBQ donations down, so the donation to Falcon Camps was quite small this year.

Looking ahead to Summer 2012

One event (not specifically a church event) but well supported by church members was the 'Party for Will'n'Kate' sponsored by the Memorial Hall. This year there will, we hope, be some great local events to celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee: a BYO picnic party on the Saturday (similar to last year's Royal Wedding picnic) and a Beacon party on the Monday evening (with BBQ and live music). Look out for more info. and do support them if you can. Use the chance maybe to get to know your neighbours better and have fun!

Andy Jowitt

PROJECTS SUPPORTED BY THE PARISH

Christian Aid

The result of our 2011 house to house collection was £1,850, amazingly a few pounds more than the previous year. Congratulations to all involved, it was a great result in the face of the economic situation. On behalf of Christian Aid, thank you.

The annual total in Milton Keynes was £20,252 (£20,029 during the week) and for the country £10,938,460 for the week.

The May Mission Focus gave information about work in Egypt, Niger, Afghanistan, natural disasters and the Big Tax Return Campaign.

Margaret Brown

Milton Keynes Soup Run

Bradwell Church's involvement in the Soup Run has continued to go from strength to strength this year. Originally the initiative of the Sunday Housegroup nearly two years ago, we now have a good team of church members from Bradwell and other churches involved as well as some members who do not attend any church.

We are responsible for the Tuesday evening distribution of soup, drinks, sandwiches and food to the city's homeless and vulnerable people. For the most part the clients are very grateful for the service we offer.

There are also Soup Run teams from New Bradwell and Woughton operating on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

We have had two changes of distribution points in the past six months.

The team now distributes outside the side of Argos instead of Milton Keynes railway station because of the refurbishment work going on there.

In addition our stops no longer include Milton Keynes Theatre – instead gathering outside the old Sainsbury's in the Food Centre.

Client numbers vary greatly – sometimes there are just 10 in all, while on other nights there can be up to 30.

The Night Shelter project for the homeless which ran from December to February in seven city churches did not seem to impact on client numbers attending the soup run points.

We are extremely grateful to those who make donations of money to help fund the Soup Run. As always we would be grateful for more.

Paul Brookman

Room'n'ate

Room'n'ate is the partnership-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:

- An evening walk from Great Linford to a pub at Giffard Park for a meal.
- An informal meeting/meal at the Wolverton House for a chat. The meal there was very good value and tasty.
- A pre-Christmas quiz in Stony Stratford at our regular venue at the Cock Hotel. A team from Bradwell Church won the quiz!

All men are welcome.

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

Henry Dougherty

Stantonbury.net and NETWORK

The Stantonbury Ecumenical Partnership website – Stantonbury.net – continues to grow with regular updates each week.

Most churches now have their noticesheets updated each week although there is still a problem trying to get the notice compilers to remember to email them to the website editor on a regular basis.

In addition the submission of other news from our churches for inclusion on the site is sometimes spasmodic – there is still a problem getting people to think 'web' despite the fact that this is fast becoming the major place where the public go for their news.

There have been two issues of NETWORK, the Partnership magazine, which were both well received by most church members as well those non church goers to whose homes they were distributed.

Stantonbury Ecumenical Council has decided it can no longer fully fund the production of the magazine so we have been seeking advertisements and sponsorship. At the time of writing we are awaiting a decision from SEP on whether our efforts to generate revenue are sufficient to allow another issue.

Paul Brookman

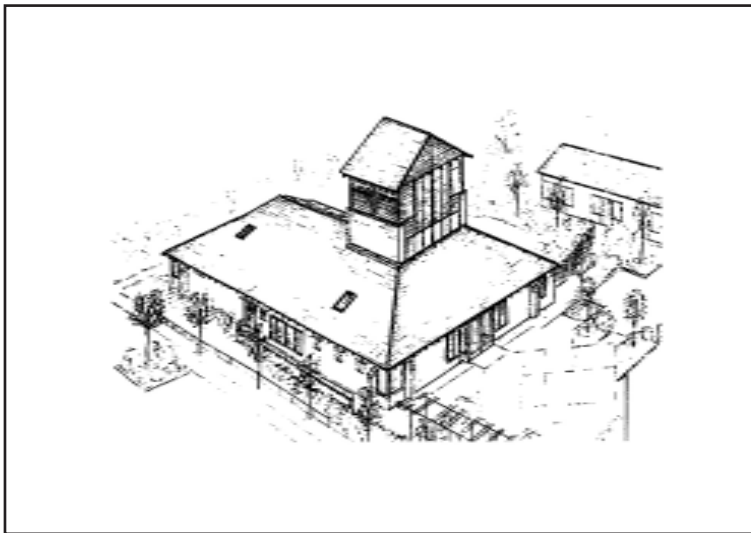
**The Stantonbury Ecumenical Partnership's website is:
www.stantonbury.net**

Bradwell Financial Statement For the year ending 31 December 2011							
	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	TOTAL FUNDS	TOTAL FUNDS	
	Funds	Funds	Funds	Funds	2011	2010	
	£		£	£	£	£	
INCOMING RESOURCES							
<i>Incoming resources from donors</i>							
Planned giving:							
Gift Aided	24628	2294		0	26921	29161	
Income tax recoverable on Gift Aid	6951	771		0	7722	5952	
Not Gift Aided	12825	1098		0	13922	10943	
Collections (open plate) at all services				0	0	0	
Gift Days	105			0	105	0	
Small Donations	83			0	83	944	
	44592	4162	0	0	48754	47000	
<i>Other voluntary incoming resources</i>							
Donations, appeals etc.	1006	15	1708	0	2729	838	
Legacies and Memorials	445			0	445	0	
Refreshments and Flowers	350			0	350	137	
Fetes, bazaars, other fund-raising events				0	0	2515	
Grants	0		0	0	0	0	
	1801	15	1708	0	3523	3490	
<i>Income from charitable and ancillary trading</i>							
Fees - Weddings/Funerals	2805		0	0	2805	6794	
Church letting			0	0	0	0	
Church hall letting			0	0	0	0	
Chapel letting	179		0	0	179	155	
Other trading	4		0	0	4	0	
Other lettings			0	0	0	0	
Other Fees	247		0	0	247	205	
	3234		0	0	3234	7154	
<i>Other ordinary incoming resources</i>							
Insurance claims	0			0	0	4639	
Sundry refunds	0		0	0	0	0	
	0		0	0	0	4639	
<i>Income from investments</i>							
Dividends	597				597	594	
Interest on CBF Accounts				0	0	0	
Interest from bank accounts	1		1	0	2	1	
Income from sale of invested capital	0		0	0	0	0	
	597		1	0	598	595	
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES	50224	4177	1709	0	56109	62878	

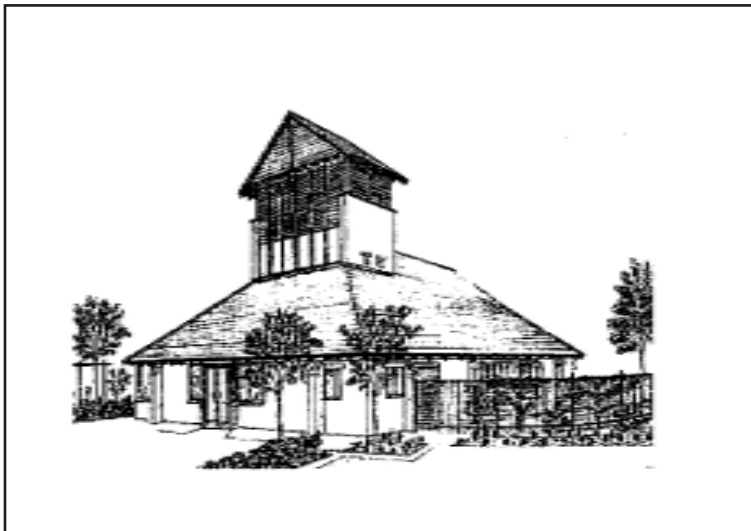
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			Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	TOTAL FUNDS	TOTAL FUNDS
			Funds	Funds	Funds	Funds	2011	2010
			£		£	£	£	£
RESOURCES USED								
Missionary and charitable giving:								
			0			0		
Overseas Mission	Church Societies			1400		0	0	1100
	Relief & development agencies			945		0	0	216
Home Missions	Church Societies			2223		0	0	1522
	Relief & development agencies		105	600		0	705	901
			105	5168	0	0	5273	3739
<i>Activities directly related to the work of the church</i>								
	Parish Share		43000				43000	40500
	Insurance		2038				2038	1961
	Repairs and Maintenance		258				258	6578
	Quinquennial Work						0	0
	Utilities		3704				3704	5275
	Churchyard upkeep		927				927	965
	Other Church running expenses		52				52	0
	Worship		892				892	736
	Equipment				758		758	0
	Expenditure on church letting						0	0
	Expenditure on church hall letting						0	0
	Expenditure on other trading		73				73	0
	Junior Church and Youth Club		469				469	547
	Sundry		80				80	128
			51494		758	0	52252	56690
<i>Fund-raising and publicity</i>								
	Costs of fetes, bazaars, other fund raising events		0		0	0	0	
			0		0	0	0	0
<i>Church management and administration</i>								
Administration:								
	Printing and stationery		748			0	748	609
	Subscriptions					0	0	0
	Bank charges		40			0	40	40
	Loan interest					0	0	0
			788		0	0	788	649
TOTAL RESOURCES USED			52387	5168	758	0	58314	61078

Bradwell Financial Statement For the year ending 31 December 2011							
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES							
	Notes	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	TOTAL FUNDS 2011	TOTAL FUNDS 2010
		£		£	£	£	£
INCOMING RESOURCES							
Incoming Resources from Donors		44592	4162	0	0	48754	47000
Other voluntary incoming resources		1801	15	1708	0	3523	3490
Income from charitable and ancillary trading		3234	0	0	0	3234	7154
Other ordinary incoming resources		0	0	0	0	0	4639
Income from investments		597	0	1	0	598	595
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES		50224	4177	1709	0	56109	62878
RESOURCES USED							
Grants		105	5168	0	0	5273	3739
Activities directly relating to the work of the church		51494	0	758	0	52252	56690
Fund-raising and publicity		0	0	0	0	0	0
Church management and administration		788	0	0	0	788	649
TOTAL RESOURCES USED		52387	5168	758	0	58314	61078
NET INCOMING (OUTGOING) RESOURCES		-2163	-991	950	0	-2204	1800
GAINS AND LOSSES ON INVESTMENTS							
- realised		0		0	-786	-786	0
- unrealised		0		0		0	913
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		-2163	-991	950	-786	-2991	2713
BALANCE BROUGHT FORWARD AT 1 JANUARY 2011		5461	1767	4151	13611	24990	22277
Prior Year reclassification				0	0	0	
BALANCE CARRIED FORWARD AT 31 DECEMBER 2011		3298	776	5101	12825	22000	24990

BALANCE SHEET AT 31 DECEMBER 2010				
	Notes	2011		2010
		£		£
FIXED ASSETS				
Tangible fixed assets		0		0
Investment assets		12825		13611
CURRENT ASSETS				
Stock				0
Debtors		113		550
Short term deposits - eg CBF Deposit Fund		2098		2396
Cash at bank and in hand		6968		8433
			✓	
		22005		24990
LIABILITIES				
Creditors				
NET CURRENT ASSETS				
			✓	
		22005		24990
FUNDS				
Unrestricted		5065		7228
Designated		776		
Restricted		3334		4151
Endowment		12825		13611
			✓	
		0		24990
		22000		24990
Balances on Individual Funds				
General Fund	Unrestricted	5065		7228
Quinn Appeal	Restricted			
Tithed Giving	Designated	776		1767
Interest	Restricted	1		1
Cycle Racks	Restricted	1000		1000
Building Fund	Restricted	456		
Sound System	Restricted	292		1000
External Causes	Restricted	-63		-63
Kneeler Fund	Restricted	1202		
Unallocated	Restricted	447		446
			✓	
		22000		24990
			✓	
		22000		24990
Approved by the Church Council on _____ and signed on its behalf by:				
	(The Chairman)		(Member)	
	Date:		Date:	

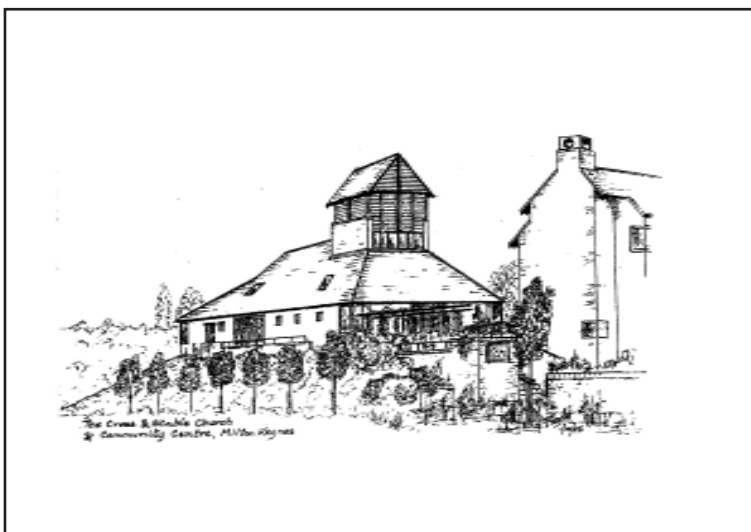


The Stantonbury Ecumenical Partnership



Annual Report 2011

11th March 2012



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 11 MARCH 2012

1. Apologies for Absence
2. Minutes of the last AGM held on 13 March 2011
3. Matters arising from those minutes
4. Annual Reports for 2012, attached
5. Acceptance of the Financial Statement
6. Acceptance of the Membership List
7. Appointment of Church Officers
 - a) Wardens: Currently Bob Cross
 - b) Secretary Currently Gwen Green
 - c) Treasurer Currently Gill Grant
 - d) Minutes Secretary Currently Gwen Green
 - e) Team Leaders:
 - e1) Senior Steward Currently Ken Brine
 - e2) Worship Currently Bob Cross
 - e3) Junior Church Currently Gill Grant
 - e4) Pastoral Group Vacancy
 - e5) Furnishings & Flowers Vacancy
 - e6) Christian Aid Rep Currently Gill Grant
 - e7) Social Events Currently Jeanette Smith
 - e8) 2 Reps without portfolio
Beverley Zialor, Amy Head
8. Representatives -

to be elected or nominated where appropriate

 - a) SEP Currently Bob Cross, Gill Grant
 - b) Mission Partnership Currently Gwen Green
 - c) Management Committee
Two representatives of Mission Partnership
Paul Smith, Mary Cotes
Four nominated representatives of the
Stantonbury Ecumenical Partnership
Bob Cross, Amy Bright, Peter Green, Ken Brine
9. For information only:
 - a) Management Committee (Charity No 1017685)
Two User Group Representatives vacancies
Two Residents Representatives vacancies
One rep. of the Milton Keynes Council
Rick Brackenbury
One rep. of the Linford Parish Council
Beverley Labbett
 - b) Cross and Stable Church & Community Centre
Trustees. Charity No 1017685
The Centre Trustees
David Labbett nominated by MK Council
John Wheaver nominated by MK 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
 - c) Directors of Cross & Stable Charity. (Charity No 800370)
Vicar, Ken Brine, John Wheaver,
Paul Brookman, Peter Green

10. Any Other Business:
11. Date of next AGM

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

Held on Sunday 13th March 2011

Present: The Reverend Paul Smith (in the chair) together with 19 members and friends.

1. Apologies for Absence

None

2. Previous Minutes

The Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on the 7th March 2010 were agreed and signed by Rev Paul Smith, following a few amendments. There were no matters arising.

4. Annual Reports

All the reports for 2010 had been circulated beforehand. Thanks to Peter and Gwen Green for assembling, photocopying and stapling them. They were agreed. Amy Bright requested greater outreach viz that the 4 Evening Services at Cross and Stable should be advertised in advance; that the Mothering Sunday Worship on April 3rd should incorporate the wider Deaf group; that monies in unrestricted funds should be used to promote outreach. She recommended an Oxford promotion Mending the Gap (between young and old) according to the Door advert. Paul Smith questioned that four services being used for outreach as they were intended to help Cross and Stable regroup with help from the Stantonbury Partnership. Note the following dates: 27 March 2011 at 7.30pm with Rev Peter Ballantine: Prayer and Puddings; 26 June at 7.30pm and October 16 at 6.00pm - as a Methodist Circuit Service.

5. Financial statements 2010

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. Amy Bright declared that we need to remember we paid £12,000 for Quota in 2010. For 2011 this has been reduced at our request to £8,000, yet continuing the same (if not more) ministerial input. The treasurer wished to say that if we have more funds we could pay a little more. The Youth and Holiday Clubs Fund called Restricted should be labelled Designated but could be reviewed at the next Officers meeting on 12 April. Paul also thanked those who count the collections week by week after Sunday services and make sure they are banked. Also all those who support us by their generous giving.

6. Membership list

The adoption of the present membership list (dated 31 December 2010) was agreed subject to a few amendments. Because of Data Protection Act this list is for members only. There will be no addresses, telephone nos or e-mails on the list for the greater Partnership.

7. Appointment of Church Officers

The list of Church Officers was proposed en bloc by John Weaver and seconded by Bob Cross, with the amendment that Amy Head be added to 7e:8 and the names of Richard Crawshay and Olukemi Aderemi be omitted from those Officers without portfolio - to be ratified by the Stantonbury Parish AGM on May 5th when 2 Parish wide Church Wardens will also be elected. [At present Bob Cross is one of them].

8. Election of Representatives

- a) SEP : Bob Cross and Gill Grant - SEP AGM on 5 May.
- b) Mission Partnership : Gwen Green. Next Meeting of Mission Partnership Assembly on 6 June when new regulations will come into being, and present representatives may be voted off.
- 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.

This list was proposed by Ken Brine and seconded by Paul Bright, and agreed by all.

9. For information:

- a) Cross and Stable Management Committee have Beverley Labbett (Linford Parish Council), Richard Brackenbury (MK council) members. There are vacancies for area and user representatives.
- b) Cross and Stable Community Centre Trustees: David Labbett, John Weaver, Joan Wilson, Amy Head, Mary Cotes and Paul Smith to serve.
- c) Cross and Stable Charities Directors (No 800370) Paul Smith, Ken Brine, John Weaver, Peter Green and Paul Brookman to serve.

9. Any Other Business

- a) Paul Bright asked if members would like to have coffee and hot cross buns after the Good Friday 10am service at Cross and Stable. All said 'Yes please'. Paul and Amy to do the refreshments.
- b) Nick Read on behalf of the North Bucks Branch of Bell Ringers within the Oxford Diocesan Guild of Bell Ringers spoke of a project called 'The Big Ring Pull' to take place in the Middleton Hall, CMK, in the Autumn - hopefully attracting new recruits to campanology. If there are a substantial number of recruits [36?] he asked if the venue for the following training programme could be Cross and Stable. It could entail 3 consecutive Saturdays and some weekly sessions. The intention would be to instal a silencer (£600) to stop the noise of bell ringing annoying the neighbourhood. He, Nick Read, is hopeful of becoming the Tower Captain/Leader for this Church - which has already been agreed by Alan Marchbank, present tower captain, who heads up the ringers on 1&3 Sundays before worship and on Tuesday evenings. There was a very sympathetic response to this possibility provided the practicalities could be agreed. It was felt to be a great positive use of resources which we have here.

10. Date of the next AGM -

18 March 2012, [Passion Sunday]
N.B. Later of date of the next AGM changed to - 11 March 2012 (3rd Sunday of Lent) - owing to clash with Mothering Sunday.

The meeting closed with the Blessing at 12.45pm

Signed: Chairman

Date

Downs Barn Minister's Report 2011 - 2012

INTRODUCTION

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. As from the beginning of May this year I will be exchanging my pastoral responsibility at Cross and Stable for that of St James, New Bradwell. I will be handing over pastoral responsibility for Cross and Stable to my colleague, Rev Andy Jowitt. This is as a result of some internal reorganisation in the Partnership due to the retirement and expected non-replacement of Rev Chris Collinge. This will represent a considerable change after 9 ½ years of the current structures. Cross & Stable congregation will be much more affected than Willen.

PASTORAL RE-ORGANISATION

The changes to pastoral responsibility have come about as a result of a period of consultation by a small lay-led working party, and then, involvement of the Ministers Team in the final stages. The whole scheme was agreed at the November 2011 meeting of the SEP and ratified once all the 6 congregations in the Partnership had met to consider the proposed changes. All 6 were positive about the proposals, which were felt to be pragmatic and workable. There were some special considerations and pleas arising from the particular needs of each congregation, but the acceptance of the congregations was an important part of the process.

We will miss the presence and ministry of Chris Collinge who has been with us for the last seven and a half years. We wish her well as she enters her retirement, but we are sure that she will continue to offer valuable and lively ministry in Slough where she is going to live.

REVIEW

The continuing decline in membership at Cross & Stable church has meant, amongst other things, increasing pressure on fewer individuals helping to run the building (strictly the responsibility of the Management Committee). We have also possibly dropped below what is known as "critical mass" - the number of members needed in order to attract new membership that stays.

We have tried some initiatives including raising our profile and running an experiment with the arrangement of our seating and holding four quarterly evening services in Cross & Stable for the whole partnership. This had variable impact

and success. We had a very positive start with our church anniversary service in January well attended and positive. The March occasion was focussed on prayer for the congregations in our team, but less well attended. In June we had to cancel in favour of the Ecumenical Moderator's farewell service. In October the Circuit service celebrating the new Methodist hymn book saw a packed church and a very positive and worshipful occasion. Whilst these occasions have been good in themselves, I'm not sure that they have necessarily contributed to the better shape of our congregation. After experimenting with a different shape of seating, we have more or less gone back to where we were.

Ministry to the deaf has been one area in which we have actually grown a little. As a result of holding a third annual signed carol service our monthly first Sunday service has increased a little in membership. One of the concerns arising from the new pastoral arrangements is that the deaf service and its special handling should continue to be a success story.

As I hand over to Andy Jowitt I hope that a change of Minister might help breathe some freshness into the life of the congregation. There may be new insights or initiatives that someone else can bring and I hope and pray, a positive future for the congregation whose home is here at Downs Barn.

I would like to thank the congregation for their faithfulness in worship and maintaining a presence here in this part of Milton Keynes. The area has changed a great deal over the last 20 years with much short-term residence and far fewer people who would be the natural church-going type. We are having to cope with a challenging setting. My personal thanks to you all for your friendship and support over the last 9 ½ years for Jeanette, Rob and myself. God bless you all!

Revd Paul Smith

Churchwarden's Report

It's been a busy year and our first concern is always that worship takes place Sunday by Sunday throughout the year.

This is enabled through our congregation and those who assist as well as they may week by week so that the Church is ready for the Vicar to take the service. We are all grateful for those Stewards, Readers, Servers at Communion and the coffee makers who ensure that our services take place. We are truly blessed for all their efforts

We must still be concerned with our numbers and the Officers have started to look at another form of church currently referred to as "Café Church". In the new year we will be looking at examples of this elsewhere in the Partnership [Christ Church] and the considering the place it may have in our worship. This will not necessarily replace our usual Sunday services but could be presented at a different time and/or day to widen our search in spreading the Gospel

The Stantonbury Partnership are still listening to our concerns and, in their Budget for 2012 have maintained a reasonable demand upon our resources. We are grateful for this and for the Ministerial support received through the wider Partnership.

We benefit from not having to maintain the Building which responsibility is carried by the Management Committee and we are grateful to them for that maintenance and the improvements that have been instituted especially those installed towards the end of the year, the audio/visual system and the solar panels which should benefit all the users with whom we share this building.

We are planning for change in the coming year and, although Paul is with us until April, I must express my personal and all our appreciation of his service with us. The re-organisation of the Partnership Ministerial responsibilities means that ministerial responsibility for the Cross and Stable will fall upon Andy Jowitt with whom I am sure we will enjoy working.

Sad to see Paul go but we are reassured in that he remains our Rector and will appear from time to time to lead our worship

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

REC 25th February 2012

It was noted that 9 members use various Bible Reading notes and Amy Bright was thanked for organising this.

Report from the Worship Team for 2011

In the past year, as always, the Cross and Stable has held Services of worship in different styles. We use orders of service from the Anglican, Methodist, Baptist, and United Reform Churches, also from the Church of Southern India, a Lima Liturgy, or sometimes a service written by the Preacher.

The Service on the first Sunday of each month is signed for people with hearing difficulties. Our Vicar, Rev. Paul Smith, generally leads these Services.

Regularly we have varied the pattern slightly by having an Iona based Service alternating with the Lima style service on the third Sunday of each month.

We regularly partake in a Lay-led service which is generally well received and adds a new dimension to our sharing. The team is involved in the planning and preparation of these services which, now, figure in our plans for each three monthly cycle

The Worship Team meet most months to review past services and to plan for the future. Many other issues are also discussed including types of service, preachers and hymns.

On behalf of the whole congregation, we would like to thank all the willing volunteers who have played the organ or provided other musical accompaniment at our services and thank Paul for the effort he puts in to this particular aspect of our Worship as well as our gratitude for his choosing the hymns.

If you have any ideas, please tell a member of the team, a Warden or the Vicar.

REC 25th February 2012

Ruminare

Ruminare is a Partnership 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.

The year's programme ended with a well attended Dinner and Quiz and the first meeting for 2012 is on the 5th. March

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 25 February 2012

Report from the SEP Representatives for 2011

"Going Forward Together" was the theme for a Partnership meeting held on 15th January at Cross and Stable to consider recommendations from the Partnership Review Report. We discussed the balance between the local church and the Partnership. It was agreed that the job of the Partnership is to support the churches within it and that "The point of togetherness is mission outside the church". No new actions were decided on.

There have been joint Partnership evening services at 6pm almost every Sunday during 2011. The Service held at C&S on 23rd January celebrated our Church's birthday and was well attended. It is not possible to hold regular Services at 6pm at Cross and Stable because the building is used by another Christian Church. In October we hosted a Methodist evening service to mark the launch of a new Methodist hymn book. This was led by Choirs and music groups from other churches in Milton Keynes. The building was full of people, praise and worship.

The Rev. Chris Collinge has given notice of her decision to retire at the end of April 2012. A group was formed to look at the future deployment of a Ministerial Team with one less person. After much discussion, both between the Clergy and Lay representatives from the Churches, it was decided to link Cross and Stable with Bradwell Church (minister Rev Andy Jowitt) and Rev Paul Smith would care for Willen and New Bradwell Churches.

At the end of the financial year SEP Accounts showed a deficit of nearly £17000. Current Assets are £32116. (figures are subject to the Accountants examination.)

A second edition of our NETWORK magazine was published last summer. It is an interesting and very professional looking magazine and was distributed to as many residents as possible. Unfortunately it is expensive to produce, so the Partnership has made an appeal for personal sponsors and business advertisements to support the production of the next issue in spring 2012.

The Partnership Website is kept up to date by a few volunteers. The approved minutes of SEP Trustees' Meetings will be published on the website.

In 2011 SEP supported a Week of Accompanied Prayer in Woodhill Prison. Twelve prisoners took part.

During Holy Week, Rev Chris Howden and members of Christchurch organised a performance of "The Narrow Road" in Stantonbury Theatre, by the Riding Lights Theatre Group. Nearly all seats were sold and all costs of production and publicity were met from ticket sales.

The SEP in conjunction with Bridgebuilder ran a "Christmas Cracked" presentation in Southwood School. (There will be 2 presentations of Easter Cracked" in C&S in March 2012) These presentations bring the Gospel story to young people in an interesting and lively way.

Bishop John Pritchard delivered three Advent Talks in Churches in our Partnership.

The inter-denominational sharing agreement at St James is still not resolved!

The Rev. Peter Ballantine has been made an Honorary Canon of Christchurch Cathedral, Oxford. (His induction actually took place on 14th January 2012.)

Gill Grant & Bob Cross

Junior Church Report 2011

During 2011, the Junior Church held sessions once a month on the same day as the signed morning Service. The average attendance was 5 children and 2 helpers.

Topics covered included the Lord's Prayer and harvest. We read the stories of Noah and Abraham and Sarah. We saw on video the stories of Jesus stilling the storm and turning water into wine at a wedding, and we heard the stories of Mary and Martha and the prodigal son.

We ask for your prayers that we can continue these sessions in 2012...

Gill Grant & Bob Cross

Mission Partnership Report

The Mission Partnership of the Milton Keynes Churches Council is our wider ecumenical link as a Local Ecumenical Partnership. Mary Cotes the Ecumenical Moderator since 2003 said farewell at a special Sunday evening Service on 26 June 2011. A new successor to be called the Director of Ecumenical Mission, Rev Canon John Robertson, has been appointed and will be welcomed on 28 April 2012.

The Assembly on 6 June 2011 held at St Augustine's Roman Catholic Church, and acting as the Methodist Circuit Meeting, 'affirmed the creation of a Milton Keynes United Area - an As-

sociation drawing together the MK Methodist Circuit and the United Reformed Churches within its vicinity, to consolidate and develop ecumenical life.'

The Assembly of 8 November 2011 at Christ the King, received reports from a number of chaplains - all ecumenical in nature: Alan Hodgetts from HM Prison Woodhill, Daphne Preece, Hospital Chaplain, Andrew Gale, Oakhill Young People's Training Centre and Nick Adlem the Chaplain of the Ecumenical School of Christ the Sower. Captain Jenny Dibsdel, S.A., spoke about her work as Chaplain to the Waterways, especially the Grand Union Canal area bordering Milton Keynes.

There are various projects linked to the Mission Partnership. The Leipzig-MK Link went to the Kirchentag held at Dresden in 2011 and were involved in a colourful stall advertising MK. This link is some 25 years old in October; and hopefully a group from Leipzig will visit from the 4-9th and will include a special service at Christ the Cornerstone on 7th October at 6pm. The Christian Environment Group had a recent meeting discussion 'Nuclear: Disaster or Saviour'. The Theology Forum hosted a discussion on 5th March 'Living and Believing in Later Life' introduced by Professor Malcolm Johnson.

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 £100 has been spend on maintenance and £100 has been 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. 50,000 copies have been made during the year at an average charge of about 2p a copy. A balance of £1700 has built up against the time when a replacement copier is required.

The high cost of tinted A4 paper (currently £9 for 500 sheets compared with as little at £3.00 per 500 for white) means we are charging 3p for copies onto tinted paper and the 2p price for copies on to white paper.

The present machine performs well and there is no immediate need to change. It has done just over a million copies from new. At only 50,000 copies a year it will be hard to justify a new machine or a colour copier. At the moment good quality laser colour copies can be ordered at 15p a copy. They would be 10p if we changed from black and white to a colour copier.

We do hope that for users and individuals 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 2012

Treasurer's Report

The financial records for 2011 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 £3,246.96 was received as Tax returned on gift-aided donations.

There was no Gift Day in 2011.

The Church received a gift of £500 from the Estate of Mrs Elsie Wilson

The final account at the end of December shows that there was a surplus of receipts against payments of £3483.47

£74.93 was collected at the signed carol service and forwarded to the Oxford Council for the Deaf. The loose collection money of £117.66 from the Christmas Services was collected for Open Door. This will be sent to Shelter-Open Door in January 2012

The amount collected for Christian Aid Week was £280 which was paid directly into Christian Aid's Account.

Sill Grant

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

	31st December 2011	31st December 2010
ASSETS		
Investments		
Deposit Fund CBF	3,025.87	1,010.77
	3,025.87	1,010.77
Current Assets		
HSBC Account	207.52	107.52
CAF Bank Account	4,890.32	3,574.04
Debtors	0.00	0.00
Unpresented banking	183.66	131.57
Unpresented cheques	0.00	0.00
Cash in hand	0.00	0.00
	5,281.50	3,813.13
Accounts Total	8,307.37	4,823.90
FUNDS		
Unrestricted Funds	7,115.76	3,441.38
Restricted: Church Bell Fund	1000.70	970.70
Designated Fund (for organ repair)	73.25	48.25
Designated for Open Door (2010 Hope Outreach UK)	117.66	363.57
Funds Total	8,307.37	4,823.90
Funds January 1st 2011	4,823.90	3,290.59
Excess of receipts against payments	3,483.47	1,533.31
Total funds December 31st 2011	8,307.37	4,823.90
Other Assets:		
Gift Aid Tax Claim (2011)	1,768.00	1,640.89

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNTS FOR 2011**GENERAL FUND**

	2011	2010	
Receipts			
Congregational			
Covenants & Gift Aid	3,801.15	3,690.40	
Standing Orders	5,700.40	5,485.80	
Tax Recovered	3,246.96	3,458.39	
Uncovenanted Planned Giving	515.76	566.67	
Collections & coffee	1,120.26	818.70	
Other Services (Lovat Fields)	282.87	424.58	
C&S Gift Day	0.00	2,255.00	
		14,667.40	15,819.54
Other Income			
Social events - coffee morning	0.00	20.50	
Donations and CAF Vouchers	1,460.00	1,506.45	
Bank Interest (current account)	3.50	1.77	
CBF Interest (deposit account)	15.10	5.68	
Baptisms Weddings Funerals fees	293.50	166.00	
Designated Funds for Church Bells	30.00	101.62 for MAF	
Designated Funds for Church Organ	25.00	363.57 for HOPE	
	1,827.10		2,165.59
Total Income	16,494.50		17,985.13
	2011	2010	
Payments			
Ministry			
Quota	8,000.00	12,000.00	
	8,000.00		12,000.00
Church rent to management committee	4,100.00	4,140.00	
Church Services (see note)	324.27	173.71	
Junior Church	-	-	
Photocopies	73.86	-	
Sundry	74.40	36.49	
	4,572.53		4,350.20
Grants:			
Mission Aviation Fellowship	-	101.62	
Hope Outreach UK	363.57	-	
Oxford Council for the Deaf	74.93		
	438.50		101.62
Total Payments	13,011.03		16,451.82
Excess of Receipts against Payments	3,483.47		1,533.31
Note a:			
Christmas Banner	77.99	14.90	
Christmas Leaflet	168.64	158.81	
Lent Books	45.99		
Flowers for Mothers' Day	15.95		
Palm crosses	15.70		
	324.27		

Cross and Stable Members and Friends

Members

Surname	First Name	Denom
Aderami	Olukemi	A
Argue	Allen	A
Baines	Susan	A
Bright	Amy	A
Bright	Paul	A
Brine	Joan	A
Brine	Ken	A
Casey	Katie	A
Crawshay	Richard	B
Cross	Bob	A
Davis	Charles	M
Grant	Gill	B
Green	Gwen	A
Green	Peter	A
Head	Amy	M
Maynard	Alice	A
Payne	Elizabeth	RC
Saunders	Irene	Other
Smith	Jeanette	A
Wheaver	John	A
Wilson	Joan	A
Zialor	Beverley	A

Denominations

Anglican	16
Methodist	2
Baptist	2
URC	0
Other	2
Total	22

Friends

Surname	First Name
Buchan	Ann
Glen	Mollie
Joseph	Suresh
Joseph	Damayanthi
Lubbock	Lyndsey
Wells	Billy
Leslie	Payne
Christopher	Payne
Joanne	Payne
Leslie	Payne
Wood	Billy
Sheil	Chris
Harvey	Jenny
West	Phyllis
Gldney	Hilda

Organists

Prisk	Adrian
Rouse	Helen

Deaths in 2011

Wilson	Elsie
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**Stantonbury Ecumenical Partnership
Great Linford St Andrew
Annual Report 2011 - 2012**

Annual General Meeting 25th 2012

1. Opening Prayer - the AGM meeting began with prayers from Peter Ballantine.

2. Apologies - David Kent, Mike Carter, Mary O'Neale, Olivia Clarke.

In attendance were approximately 36 people.

3. Minutes of last Meeting.

The meeting was asked if the previous minutes of the last meeting were an accurate account of the record of events.

A vote was taken and was agreed by Sandy, and seconded by Julian Pedley.

The meeting voting Nem com.

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

Reports.

5. Building Report

The meeting gave a big thank for SH's efforts. Including doing the the legal paperwork requirements. SH made the comment that he has been doing this work for the past five years. SH also took the opportunity to thank PB/DW/DK for the help he receives to enable him to carry out the work he does.

SH informed everybody that the next Quinquennial report is due on the 18th of May.

Copy of SH's report is attached.

6. Children's Work

PB began by giving AB a big thank you for her excellent contribution to the young children of St. Andrew's. One point PB distinctly mentioned were her skills and direction in organizing last year's Children's week.

The meeting commented also that we have a wider range of children, therefore we need to address the cover/action for the different range of young people. Maybe we have to explore a safer area inside the the Church?

PB mentioned of the recent appointment of a Youth officer (Methodists). His task is to engage young people in the Centre MK. We might see him occasionally, however the appointment is only for two months.

Copy of AB's report is attached.

7. Quiet Garden.

This report has been provided by David Kent. PB said that the whole idea of having a quiet garden came from him. In addition there have also been several quiet mornings, for which Margaret Broadhurst provides support.

Church working parties were quite a feature over the last year with more volunteers coming forward. This provides very good work for St. Andrew's.

During this topic an issue came up about the graves in the churchyard, where we have allowed certain things to happen. These are in contradiction with the Diocesan rules and

regulations. A meeting with Diocesan Chancellor resulted in a reprimand for St. Andrew's.

One of the problems is down to stone chippings, which does have an impact in the churchyard, this has prompted, the need to cut back on the use of stone chippings.

Judy Rose commented that theoretically St. Andrew's could be held liable under these regulations.

DK's report is attached.

8. Bell Ringer's.

The meeting was informed that over the past year the bell ringers had added fresh new members, Jamie Bolam, Viv Hollins and Lauren Hollins, who regularly ring for the Sunday services. In addition the group were able to ring two peels for the Jubilee and for PB's Canonization. In the local area there has been a major recruitment for bell ringers, and special thanks given to Trudi Hutchings for her tireless work in fund raising, allowing events to happen.

9. Finance Report.

The report was delivered to the meeting by Graham Clarke, saying the report at present is only tentative.

The auditors still have to return the books, which should be straightforward.

Last year as a result of strong fundraising the stonework project was completed successfully.

However this year is not looking terribly positive. Because of the commitment to additional Parish Share contributions, we find that we have to increase monthly payments the equivalent of £500 each month.

At the moment we are not in too much difficulty, however we will have to have a big re-think on how we approach fundraising.

In the near future we may well have to look at the heating and refurbishment of the inside the church.

PB responded by saying that income from weddings had decreased and for example this year we only have bookings for 8/9, compared to previous years.

Derek Clarke raised the question on the control when people ask the treasurer for monies, and if there was in fact any control on this. The reply came that the Treasurer does in fact take this into account.

Julian Pedley informed the meeting that when we receive the tax rebate this Spring, it should help to offset some of the balance.

Having said all this comments were made that, even allowing for cash flow issues, there is still a concern about the future running costs at St. Andrew's.

For example PB informed the meeting that we are responsible for paying Baptist Minister Chris Howden's costs.

MC suggested that we think about ideas, on how we can raise extra money.

OC's report is attached.

10. S.E.P. Report.

Submitted by Mike Carter.

In view of MC's absence, mentioned was made re item 3 of his report endorsing the financial plight of the Partnership.

Also in his report Item 4 being equally important regarding a tax form which could be included in one's will. 'Giving for Life' is very important to consider.

The meeting also reconfirmed that from May onwards Chris Collinge will no longer be on the 'Team'. There is no replacement, therefore this will result in the double up by the remaining clergy.

PB asked the meeting that a gift was being arranged for CC and anybody who wished to contribute, to please see him.

Mission Partnership:

Mary Coates replacement is now called the Director of Ecumenical Mission who will focus more on church mission. Not about structures.

The new person John Robertson is down to come to St. Andrew's to celebrate and preach on the 28th of June

Copy of MC's report is attached.

11. DW Wilson's report

The report notes that DW has seen increases in his involvement with the Quiet Garden and Lent Groups.

In view of the eventual and recent cut backs in Ministry this has made more time to be involved. However this is a concern, with an anticipation on his future role.

PB commented on MW's pastoral work, which is much appreciated.

copy of DW's report is attached.

12. Choir Report.

This report was compiled by Glenys Bloomfield.

In this report GB acknowledges the skills and contribution made by Helen Miles.

copy of GB's report is attached.

13. Secretary's Report.

Firstly the Membership role remains comparatively identical to the previous year members.

2010/2011.

Total members 120. - 93 Anglicans - 6 United Reform - 10 Ecumenical - 3 Methodist - 4 Baptists - others 4.

2011/2012.

Total members 119. - 89 Anglican - 3 United Reform - 10 Ecumenical - 3 Methodist - 3 Baptists - others 6.

As far as the role as Church Secretary, JWB represents St. Andrew's on the Stantonbury Ecumenical Partnership and also Mission Partnership.

JWB is also a representative for St. Andrew's on the Deanery Synod.

Copy of the report is attached.

14. Election of Officers.

There was one representative wishing to join the Church Council. Meeting welcomed Simon Dwight.

Nick Bloomfield - quite happy to continue as Lay Chair for St. Andrew's.

Olivia Clarke - is happy also to continue the role as Treasurer at St. Andrew's.

Jim Billenness - quite happy to continue as Secretary at St. Andrew's.

Stantonbury Ecumenical Partnership - members Mike Carter, David Wilson, Jim Billenness.

Mission Partnership - Paul Carlo - Jim Billenness.

Two candidates required for shared responsibility for district committee - no nominations, however PB acknowledged we would have to talk later on this subject.

15. Lay Chair Report.

NB's report handed to members.

Report shows that since the last meeting we had achieved two key objectives, namely the finances remained in good condition and the completed stonework repairs.

However NB sated that we need to think seriously about the future and what we can do to meet our requirements for St. Andrew's.

Positively the attendance figures for services had gone up this year. Social events held at the Rectory were successful. NB stated that part of his role is to acknowledge the contribution that Peter Ballantine gives to St. Andrew's.

One of the highlights were the trip to Oxford for PB's canonization, plus the deep respect and affection he has.

NB confirmed that he is happy to continue to be the Lay Chair and thanked everyone for their continued support.

NB's report is attached.

16. Vicar's Report.

PB's report was handed out.

The essence of the report primarily wanted everyone to think about the future of St. Andrew's. But at the same time we have to be realistic about what we can expect to achieve. Also acknowledges the fact that we cannot do everything.

Questions.

JP informed the meeting that he had heard from Louie and Wander, who had joined a Baptist Church and that it was doing well financially.

A copy of PB's report is attached.

17. A.O.B.

Derrick Clark said he would like the speaker system to be updated/improved. It seems that the loop system only works on one side.

SH wondered if we need maybe another microphone.

JR asked about an individual personal mike on one's clothing.

It was agreed that there be an investigation on the possibility for making improvements.

NB asked the meeting for any feedback on the preparation for the meeting.

Response was some margins was an issue but generally we do the same next year by 'e' mailing to most parishioners.

PB gave details for the 19th of April being the AGM for the SEP at Christchurch.

John Robertson is coming to St. Andrew's on the 24th of June. 6 p.m. to celebrate and preach.

There were no more questions.

The meeting closed with the saying of the Grace.

J.W. Billenness. Secretary. 3.04.12.

Vicar's Report for Great Linford AGM 2012

St Andrew's AGM 2012 Vicar's Report

Any annual report will have its encouragements and disappointments and this year is no exception.

A big sadness was the death of our beloved Queenie at the age of 94 (how many 94 year olds get a full church for their funeral?) though our sadness is tempered by our encouragement in her resurrection hope in our lord Jesus Christ. We also said 'goodbye' to Louis and Wanda as they left for their new life down under and some of us heard from them at Christmas.

On the other hand we welcomed some new faces – some staying, some just passing through. What can we do to help those who do not stay? Christmas very well attended and this was possibly part of a national trend? Easter also was the biggest since I have been here but it has been good to see us topping the 100 mark on a few occasions at what might be called 'ordinary' services..

The children's week in August was particularly well attended and as ever there is the concern for more children's leaders to share with the indomitable Anita. We need to think about how we help young families – babies do not bounce very well on stone floors.

Stephen Hutchings continues to be a wizard around our building work and we are particularly grateful for his careful nurturing of the heating system and all the preparation for the work on the exterior stonework which in fact only happened this year a few months late.

My summer school around a glass of wine at the Rectory in August seems to go down well and this last year we had a go at Hebrew!

Some other high spots included the November Confirmation where we provided several candidates; Bishop John's lectures

in Advent; the use of the Quiet Garden. On the other hand weddings and baptisms are well down though we have had several Thanksgivings.

The Church school is still flourishing and we completed the confederation with Sherrington school in February. One of our hopes or concerns is to have a feeder church junior school in the area which would help us to keep some of our pupils. I am grateful to Trudy Hutchings for her work as our other foundation governor but sadly she is standing down this summer.

Other skills are emerging not least musically and the church council has spent quite some time thinking over the issue of Christian healing and how we might implement this as part of some of our services and the intention is to start after Easter.

Many folk work hard – bell ringing, cleaning, coffee. Well done all of you. I am privileged to work here and thankful for colleagues in particular like David Wilson who is so good at getting alongside people. Judy Rose and Peter Dudeney play their part in leading worship (and even Chad on Christmas Day!) and I particularly thank Nick Bloomfield (abetted by the chief executive!) for his support and fellowship over many a curry.

I am conscious also of being part of a wider ministerial team and swapping with them from time to time as I meet the other congregations in the Partnership. We will miss Chris Collinge from St James' and it will put more pressure on our time with her non replacement.

Areas of challenge ahead

- Money – paying our way
- Overseas – do we take enough interest in the church overseas
- Young children – is our building friendly enough?
- Leadership -already seeing less of me.

Above all, does our life together reflect our fellowship with Jesus and the power of the Holy Spirit?

Peter Ballantine March 2012

Membership Role - St Andrews Church 2011

Total number of people on the electoral role 114

Anglicans	89
United Reformed	3
Ecumenical	10
Methodist	3
Baptists	3
Others	6

March 2012

The Repair of Saint Andrew's Church

2011 was something of a frustrating year. My memory is of filling in forms whilst being unable to actually do anything.

We have painted all the rainwater goods.

Unfortunately, a plan to replace the Lamp post at the South Gate was abandoned due to the excessive bureaucracy and subsequent rising costs.

After some negotiation, the new Cremation Area along the South Wall was completed late in the year, and is filling up steadily.

The Stonework Repair was delayed until this year, but is now finished and I am very pleased with the result. It was also cheaper than the original estimate, as the stonemasons did not need to use the contingency sum that was set aside for unexpected extra work. Total cost of the project is £15,795.71.

In late autumn, with the onset of the cold weather, the heating decided to play up and it has taken until now to restore it to reasonable health. The upside of all the work is that we know the heater is in basically good condition. As it is 13 years old, some parts will wear out and the cost of maintenance will rise but, having delved into its internals, it is to me, no longer the mystical dragon that sleeps under the vestry.

2012 will see the project to redecorate the interior develop. We also have a Quinquennial Inspection in May, which will give us some more challenges for the future.

Steve Hutchings

St Andrew's Music Group report 2011/12

EASTER DAY 2011. For the first time in many years a mixed voice choir sang on Easter morning. This was very well received by the congregation and we made a great sound. Many thanks to Glynis Dudeny for her hard work, encouragement and patience, especially with the men! Also thanks to Penny Miller who is always happy to play the organ at our big festivals.

THE MUSICIANS' ROTA continues to run smoothly with a good variety of musical styles, in keeping with the ecumenical worship at St Andrew's. Thank you to our regular musicians Valerie Kirby-Ashmore, Helen Miles, Susan Close, and Glynis Dudeny on organ and clavichord, and Olivia Clarke leading us with her Gospel-style singing with Julie Lloyd on flute, a lovely combination, with the Orchestra at the open door services. Thank you also to Ben Choi who has often played at the 6pm communion services at which the attendance has risen over the last year. Please see Glenys if you would like to join the Rota.

HYMNS. We have enjoyed learning some new hymns recently, especially when Helen has been there to lead us. If anyone would like to suggest a new hymn, please see Glenys.

THE ORGAN seems to experience problems in the very cold weather. Also it is just not being played as regularly as it used

to be. (There is a vacancy for the organ bursary, available to a young person already at grade 5 on piano.) It is important that we repair and maintain the organ, as it is central to our worship and also to the many weddings at St Andrew's.

MK BRASS gave a fantastic concert on 7th May. It was a huge success, thanks to months of hard work by Mike and Suzanne Carter. £700 was raised for our buildings restoration fund.

CHRISTIAN AID CONCERT. On 21st May Helen Miles, David Farr, Julie Lloyd and Mary O'Neale provided a sparkling evening's entertainment featuring "Songs of the Victorian Nightingales". The retiring collection for Christian Aid contributed much to our final total of £563.45. A big thank you to the performers, especially Helen who organised it, giving so much of her time and also providing the costumes and props. Plans are already underway for the 2012 concert on May 12th which will feature our own "home grown" talent of all ages.

WATERSIDE FESTIVAL 2011. This was a great success and £1,200 was raised over the weekend. The music is central to attracting folk into the church, where they spend money on the stalls and refreshments. We had a varied musical programme of local choirs, The Big Fiddle Band, chamber music, piano duets and our own Orchestra. The same format of music on the half hour for a 30 minute slot will be used again in 2012, and most slots are already filled!

HARVEST SUPPER. This was a fun event and such a success we would like to repeat it! After the fish and chips, we enjoyed a wealth of talent, some hitherto well-hidden, from our own congregation!

THE NEWPORT SINGERS gave a concert on 15th October. They asked to use the church and organised their own tickets/publicity etc, but the concert was poorly attended. However, they sent us a cheque for £135 towards our buildings restoration fund.

CHRISTMAS 2011. The mixed choir once again sounded great at our Carol Service under the direction of Glynis. Helen Miles, Julie Lloyd, Penny, Carys and Jemima Miller also provided beautiful music at the Midnight Service.

St Andrew's is living up to its reputation for a high standard of music at Christmas and Easter. Choir rehearsals have already begun for Easter 2012.

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

Lay Chair Report AGM 2012

Ladies & Gentlemen,

As you may know, and as you will hear from other officers today, we have achieved two key objectives since our last AGM:-

1. Our finances have remained in good condition and we met, in full, our commitments to the SEP.

2. We completed the repairs to the stone-work, in line with our commitments to meet the contents of our Quinquennial Report.

All this despite the very difficult economic conditions! This I feel is a reflection of the excellent co-operative spirit which Peter and the team have fostered through their hard work and dedication. Well done to all concerned. Having said that, it is already clear that 2012-3 will be another very tough year financially, and we must continue to work hard at our fund-raising.

The Congregational Council has also continued to spend a great deal of time and energy thinking about the future for our congregation – starting to look at how we ‘do’ church, how we can improve what we do currently, and what new and different things we might try – this requirement has been accelerated due to retirements of various clergy during the last 12 – 18 months. Please consider how you can support these efforts – we want to preserve the ‘best’ of St Andrew’s whilst recognising that change is inevitable.

One very encouraging aspect of the past year has been the increase in service attendance, and the high number of new faces. We must be doing something right! We have held a number of social events for our newcomers – which I’m pleased to say were very well received. To our new members I’d like to say a special ‘welcome’ – I hope you continue to find what you are looking for at St Andrew’s.

You will hear from the other reports at the AGM, the details of the principal groups and officers – all I would like to add is my thanks for all their help whenever I have asked for it, and to record my admiration for the hard work that they have all contributed.

It would be remiss of me not to mention the well deserved recognition Peter received from Bishop John in being nominated to the status of Canon of Oxford Cathedral. It was for me one of the highlights of the year - and I think the number of folks who made the trip to the service demonstrates a mark of our deep respect and affection for our Vicar.

In closing, I would like to say 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 I get, and, of course, the excellent leadership we benefit from in the shape of Peter and David.

My Very Best Wishes, as always,

Nick Bloomfield, Lay Chair 2011-12

Children’s Work Report AGM 2012

We continue to be growing which is always wonderful if not a bit noisy and chaotic! St. Andrews is really good at welcoming new faces and new parents always say how they love our relaxed, open and welcoming children’s area.

Our Good Friday session - “The Corners of Easter” - was enjoyed by only a few adults and children last year because many were away on holiday. So we will be running the same event

for this year’s Good Friday session, again which falls in the middle of the half term holiday. We had a brilliant children’s week in August – our theme was ‘Children of the Bible’. It was really well attended and the highlight was probably our Goliath/slingshot competition and our barbequed fish-finger picnic compliments of chef Jim.

One tricky aspect we need to think on, is how to fill the needs of our teenagers on Sundays who out-grow the children’s area but are not yet keen to join the main congregation. No offence meant there!

I’d like to say a special thank you to all our volunteers that help us through the year and at our key events as well as to Archie and Eileen for their wonderful support.

We always appreciate your continued prayers and generous support. So...

thank you everyone!

Stantonbury Ecumenical Partnership Report

1 Revised SEP Constitution- this matter is on-going and quite complex legally so as to be written in such a way that SEP would have the same charitable status as other (secular) charities when applying for tax relief; Rev Andy Jowitt of St Laurences’ and Mike Morris (former Lay Chair of SEP) have put in a lot of good work on this and hope to conclude soon.

2 St James New Bradwell Sharing Agreement: as above this matter is on-going, and the ‘St James model’ is something of a first as drafted, and the other five churches in the SEP may have to follow suit in due course; this includes joint responsibility for the SEP finances and other critical matters such as maintaining the buildings and must comply with church and state laws .

3 Finances- in the current financial year the SEP will out-turn with a deficit of around £20k; in the new year 2011/12 with an agreed reduction of about 15% in giving to MK Mission Partnership (saving about £18k) the SEP should break even if member churches can up their contributions in line with their targets (the St A’s target is set at £42k an increase over this year of about £500 per month); updated consolidated accounts would be put to the SEP AGM by Maggie and Adrian Prisk in April.

4 ‘Giving for Life’: this is a form of tax- efficient giving written into one’s will, based on specialist advice from the Oxford Diocese and its Solicitors; call 08445 870875 or visit their web site ‘WWW.churchlegacy.org.uk’ for further information; this is a relatively painless (!) way of donating money after death, just as a former member of our congregation, Arthur Lee, did generously during the last year.

5 ‘Network’ Magazine: two editions have been issued and distributed to date but financial viability has always been a problem; the earlier resistance to any form of advertising has now been relaxed and money has been promised from selective sources which should assist greatly, however more individual donors are still required (if you would like to support

this cause, please send a £10 donation per copy to Maggie Prisk on behalf of the SEP, at 15 Parklands MK14 5DZ) any contributions would be greatly appreciated as the SEP is trying hard to spread the Christian message to the new estates (Oakhill, Redhouse etc) to the north of Stantonbury and Gt Linford; in terms of content for the major future articles, the intention is to move around the partnership and St Andrews should feature prominently soon (eg re the recent stonework restoration).

6 Easter Cracked: this project involves local schools and the Clergy including St Andrews Primary; it is based on Christian role play and is held in the various local churches, particularly aimed at those who would not normally attend church; there was a good turnout for 'Christmas Cracked 2011' and further success is anticipated.

7 Citizens MK: following representations to the Tesco main board, it is understood that there was progress in respect of securing a 'living wage' to the lowest paid such as cleaners; in MK, local community work is on-going with disaffected young people in CMK, initially in Fishermead.

8 St Peter's Church at Stanton Low- these are the ancient church ruins located near the Linford Lakes on the public 'right of way' route to Old Haversham - a Friend's Group is being set up to preserve the remaining structure and improve the surrounds; anyone interested should contact the SEP group through Rev Canon Peter, David W or Mike C in the first instance.

9 The SEP AGM is due to be held at Christ's Church, Stantonbury, on Thursday 19 April 2012, starting at 7.30pm and all are welcome to attend.

Mike Carter, 21/03/12

Secretary's Report

2011 has been quite a year for St. Andrew's with events during the year being quite spectacular.

For example the Choir being formed performing both at Easter and Christmas.

There have been other events which are being reported separately, and equally being very successful.

As far as my role as Church Secretary, I represent St. Andrew's on the Stantonbury Ecumenical Partnership and also Mission Partnership.

Please see below the list of current Church committee members.

Peter Ballantine.
Nick Bloomfield.
Paul Carlo.
Mary O'Neale.
Judy Rose.

David Wilson.
Julian Pedley.
Mike Carter.
Steve Hutchings.
Oliva Clarke.
Jim Billenness.

Jim Billenness, March 2012

Treasurer's Report 2011 and YTD February 2012

On a positive note 2011 saw us achieve quite a strong surplus on the year for the General Fund of £4,700. The Other Funds (Social, Preservation Fund, etc) also saw the benefit of strong fund raising last year especially for items such as the stone repairs, with those funds collectively increasing by about £5,000 on the year. All really quite positive news.

I am afraid there is a "However". Already since the beginning of this current year Church funds have been hit very hard. Our main liability is the additional £500 per month increase in our parish share contribution. This means we now need to pay £3,500 per month every month to meet our obligation to the Mission Partnership.

So far the total church income to the end of February was £5,528 against a total expenditure of £10,401. £7,000 of the expenditure being for payment of our parish share for January and February. While there may be some income from the parish council, church fees from events such as weddings are forecast to be significantly down on last year and this has already taken a toll on our income.

It has also been necessary to repair the heating system and replace the lead that was stolen from the church roof. I am very grateful to Stephen Hutchings, who has managed to get a handle on the heating system but he has advised that we should expect to spend approximately £1,000 per annum to maintain and repair it. He also organised replacement of the lead.

All of this has also presented us with a cashflow problem. Total monies in the general fund at the end of February stood at £2,709, clearly not enough to cover payment of our parish share, let alone our running costs.

I cannot reiterate enough how grateful we are for your generous donations to the church. They are a vital lifeline to us, especially at a time when we're all being squeezed financially. I would urge, however that we continue to pull together to find solutions to our current financial problems.

The church accounts are still with the auditors, however the cheque book has been returned, so I am now able to raise cheques.

I would like to say a huge thank you to Adrian, Caroline, Trudy, Mary, Eileen and Archie for all their help and support.

Livvy Clarke

Great Linford Financial Statement For the year ending 31 December 2011							
			Unrestricted	Restricted	Endowment	TOTAL FUNDS	Total Funds
			Funds	Funds	Funds	2011	2010
			£	£	£	£	£
INCOMING RESOURCES							
<i>Incoming resources from donors</i>							
Planned giving:							
	Gift Aided		18938			18938	15754
	Income tax recoverable on Gift Aid		7032			7032	4729
	Not Gift Aided		5989			5989	2033
	Collections (open plate) at all services		5577			5577	10328
	Gift Days		1402			1402	0
	Small Donations		1095			1095	1477
			40033	0	0	40033	34320
<i>Other voluntary incoming resources</i>							
	Donations, appeals etc.			5506		5506	622
	Legacies and Memorials		2000			2000	0
	Refreshments and Flowers		824	5		829	870
	Fetes, bazaars, other fund-raising events		2243	2503		4746	2360
	Grants						0
			5067	8014	0	13081	3853
<i>Income from charitable and ancillary trading</i>							
	Fees - Weddings/Funerals		3754			3754	6150
	Church letting		100			100	0
	Church hall letting					0	0
	Chapel letting					0	0
	Other trading					0	50
	Other lettings					0	0
	Other Fees		1162			1162	0
			5016	0	0	5016	6200
<i>Other ordinary incoming resources</i>							
	Insurance claims		0	0	0	0	0
	Sundry refunds		0	0	0	0	0
			0	0	0	0	0
<i>Income from investments</i>							
	Dividends		0	0	0	0	0
	Interest on CBF Accounts		0	0	0	0	0
	Interest from bank accounts		0	0	0	0	1
	Income from sale of invested capital		0	0	0	0	0
			0	0	0	0	1
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES			50116	8014	0	58130	44374

Great Linford Financial Statement For the year ending 31 December 2011								
			Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	TOTAL FUNDS 2011 £	Total Funds 2010 £	
RESOURCES USED								
<i>Missionary and charitable giving:</i>								
Overseas Mission	Church Societies		0	0		0	0	
	Relief & development a		0	0	✓	0	300	
Home Missions	Church Societies		0	0	✓	0	0	
	Relief & development a		0	0	✓	0	0	
			0	0	✓	0	300	
<i>Activities directly related to the work of the church</i>								
Parish Share			38400	0	✓	38400	38400	
Insurance			2617	0	✓	2617	2540	
Repairs and Maintenance			1224	0	✓	1224	2435	
Quinquennial Work			0	0	✓	0	0	
Utilities			1362	0	✓	1362	2179	
Churchyard upkeep			188	14	✓	203	43	
Other Church running expenses			541	0	✓	541	585	
Worship			175	128	✓	303	489	
Equipment			0	0	✓	0	0	
Expenditure on church letting			0	0	✓	0	0	
Expenditure on church hall letting			0	0	✓	0	0	
Expenditure on other trading			0	0	✓	0	0	
Junior Church and Youth Club			0	199	✓	199	125	
Sundry			569	0	✓	569	626	
			45076	341	✓	45417	47422	
<i>Fund-raising and publicity</i>								
Costs of fetes, bazaars, other fund raising ever			0	0	0	0	0	
			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
			0	0	0	0	0	
<i>Church management and administration</i>								
<i>Administration:</i>								
	Printing and stationery		294	0	✓	294	331	
	Subscriptions		0	40	✓	40	0	
Bank charges			0	0	✓	0	0	
Loan interest			0	0	✓	0	0	
			294	40	✓	334	331	
TOTAL RESOURCES USED			45369	381	0	45751	48053	

Great Linford Financial Statement For the year ending 31 December 2011						
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES						
	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	TOTAL FUNDS 2011	Total Funds 2010	
	£	£	£	£	£	
INCOMING RESOURCES						
Incoming Resources from Donors	40033	0	0	40033	34320	
Other voluntary incoming resources	5067	8014	0	13081	3853	
Income from charitable and ancillary trading	5016	0	0	5016	6200	
Other ordinary incoming resources	0	0	0	0	0	
Income from investments	0	0	0	0	1	
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES	50116	8014	0	58130	44374	
RESOURCES USED						
Grants	0	0	0	0	300	
Activities directly relating to the work of the church	45076	341	0	45417	47422	
Fund-raising and publicity	0	0	0	0	0	
Church management and administration	294	40	0	334	331	
TOTAL RESOURCES USED	45369	381	0	45751	48053	
NET INCOMING (OUTGOING) RESOURCES	4746	7632	0	12379	-3679	
GAINS AND LOSSES ON INVESTMENTS						
- realised	0	0	0	0	0	
- unrealised	0	0	0	0	0	
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS	4746	7632	0	12379	-3679	
BALANCE BROUGHT FORWARD AT 1 JANUARY 2011	2730	7939	0	10669	14348	
Prior Year reclassification				0		
BALANCE CARRIED FORWARD AT 31 DECEMBER 2011	7476	15571	0	23048	10669	

Great Linford Financial Statement For the year ending 31 December 2011						
BALANCE SHEET AT 31 DECEMBER 2010						
			Notes	2011 £		2010 £
FIXED ASSETS						
Tangible fixed assets				0		0
Investment assets				0		0
CURRENT ASSETS						
Stock						0
Debtors						0
Short term deposits - eg CBF Deposit Fund				62		0
Cash at bank and in hand				22985		10669
				23047		10669
LIABILITIES						
Creditors				0		0
NET CURRENT ASSETS				23047		10669
FUNDS						
Unrestricted				7476		2730
Restricted				15571		7939
Endowment						0
				23048		10669
Balances on Individual Funds						
General Fund		Unrestricted		7476		2730
Childrens Fund		Restricted		142		81
Flower Fund		Restricted		-1		25
Heating Fund		Restricted		152		152
Music Development Fund		Restricted		585		585
Preservation Fund		Restricted		11682		5891
Quiet Garden Fund		Restricted		251		275
Social Fund		Restricted		2760		928
				23047		10669
Approved by the Church Council on			and signed on its behalf by:			
		(The Chairman)		(Member)		
		Date:		Date:		

Ecumenical Partnership of Stantonbury St James Church Annual Review 2012



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 Graham Crisp Mary Borrett
Secretary	Irene Farr
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 Kennedy	
Jean Preedy	
Graham Crisp	
Jo Roberts	
John Porter	
Mary Borrett	
Irene Farr	
Jennifer Cooper	
Ron Lewis-Coker	
Sandra Kettleboro	
Prue Errington	

Stantonbury Ecumenical Council (SEC) Members

Prue Errington
Mary Kennedy

Mission Partnership Representatives

Jo Roberts
Irene Farr

Vicar's Report April 2011 to March 2012

This year has been a year of preparation. Together we have been getting ready for a different stage in the ministry of St James, when we will no longer have a minister assigned singly to the church but rather a minister caring for St James alongside another church. Change was not just the concern of St James as the whole of the Stantonbury Ecumenical Partnership was moving into a new phase of ministry. A careful process was undertaken whereby hopes and aspirations throughout the partnership were shared and several possible scenarios were considered. Finally, the decision was made that Reverend Paul Smith should take on pastoral responsibility for St James alongside the responsibility he already holds for St Mary Magdalene, Willen. Reverend Mindy Bell will be totally centred at St James rather than spreading herself thinly throughout the partnership. This arrangement also involves Reverend Andy Jowitt taking on responsibility for Downs Barn Church alongside the responsibility he holds for Bradwell Church. Reverend Chris Howden will also be involved in Andy's work at Downs Barn. There is a real feeling of confidence and looking forward to the new arrangements throughout the partnership.

Within St James there has been a recognition that the church family also have a task to do; a shared minister inevitably leads to more responsibilities being taken on by the congregation. It has been truly heart warming to see, over the year, how we have gradually been able to establish groups of people who will look after, for instance, Baptismal families, the Bereavement Service, Worship Plans as well as groups already established to run Tiddlers, the Fabric group and Healing services. The foundation for such growth is confidence; confidence in faith and confidence in the community of faith. One of the most visible ways this is shown is the Open Door service which is now mostly lay led and lay inspired with a vibrant music group adding variety to the much valued music already offered so graciously in the church. Fresh voices are being heard as we seek to explore and express God's love for everyone.

Saturday mornings are something else in St James. They are entirely unpredictable, with sometimes quietness and at sometimes a buzz of activity as old and young mingle, fresh faces are welcomed and plans are made for future events. It is one of the times I see the outworking of our vision statement where we state our intention of being a welcoming and inclusive community. I love to see the children wandering round the church building, playing with their friends, unafraid to explore the chancel area alongside their own play areas, sometimes laughing with delight and spilling out into the church yard in pursuit of fun. To me it is a glimpse of heaven. We have a small group of very regular children and it has been so special to see how their love for one another has blossomed.

The figures of January to December 2011 are as follows. There were 7 Baptisms. There were 12 couples married in church, 18 funerals conducted in the church, 18 funerals conducted on behalf of the church at the crematorium and 1 graveside funeral. The average weekly attendance, counting each Sunday of the year, was 51 adults and 8 children.

My thanks must go to the whole of the Church Council for their help and support. I thank Graham Crisp and Mary Borrett

for their humour and unstinting loyalty and commitment to the mission of St James. My thanks also to John Porter who never fails to produce the pew leaflet and has now taken on many other responsibilities requiring computer skills. Special thanks also to Mary Kennedy for the work she does as Treasurer, helping us to face challenges with both humour and a sense of hope. I remember last year we challenged you to raise your contributions by just £1 a week. Some did but most did not – Mary quietly absorbs such disappointments and somehow still enables bills to be paid and the books to balance. Thanks to you all for your faithfulness and inspiration.

This is my final Annual Report. Serving at St James and in the Stantonbury Ecumenical Partnership has been such a privilege. The warmth of your welcome to me was stunning and will stay with me always. As I move towards retirement I am so buoyed by your generosity in service and by your energetic hope for the future that leaving feels just a part of God's will as coming here did. I wish you God's blessing for a future as you live out the Vision Statement formed by this beautiful church community.

Chris

Church Officers' Report

It was during the spring of 2011 that Chris announced that she would retire at the end of April. Whilst we all knew that the time would eventually come for Chris to retire, the actual announcement nevertheless came as a bit of a shock to us all.

We have spent much of the past twelve months planning and preparing for life at St. James when Chris has retired. It was made aware to us from the outset that we would no longer have our own full time vicar at St. James and that the whole of Stantonbury Partnership would need to make changes to compensate for one less member of the clergy team.

To make plans for the future working of the partnership, two teams were set up, one comprising of members of the clergy and the other comprising laity representatives from the member churches of Stantonbury partnership. Both teams met at regular intervals during 2011, coming together at the end of the year to formalise the plans.

The meetings were at times challenging but always fruitful. We would like to thank Prue Errington for joining us on our team and for her invaluable contribution to the meetings. Thanks also go to Mike Morris for his work in organising and chairing the meetings and for guiding us through them.

We are now at the beginning of 2012 and with the new partnership organisation confirmed, we look forward to welcoming Rev. Paul Smith to St. James. There will inevitably be some changes to the way we do things at St. James and these have already been talked about in our Church council and congregational meetings.

With Chris's departure, if we want to maintain St. James church with its traditions that we know and love, it is now more important than ever that as many church members as are able get involved with the running of the church.

Already, some members of the church council and congregation have taken on new duties and responsibilities formerly carried out by Chris. We thank these people for taking on these duties and Chris for her work in handing over and explaining to us what will need to be done.

There are others we would like to thank too.

Thank you to Prue, for her advice and wisdom, for keeping us on our toes and for standing in for us when we aren't at church, for taking on the Sacristan job and a host of other domestic duties.

Thanks also to John Porter for deputising for us, for running the 100 club and for preparing the weekly Pew leaflets, Mary Kennedy for her work as Treasurer and to Irene Farr for taking and producing our church council minutes.

The Open Door services are proving to be as popular as ever, thanks go to Duncan Barnes and his team for these services.

Music plays an important part in the life of St. James. Thank you to Helen and to Duncan for skilfully providing such a variety of musical styles in our worship.

Young church and Tiddlers are flourishing, thanks to all those who help, in particular Irene, Jo and Zena.

St. James church was in attendance at most of the community events such as Mill on May Day, and the school carnival.

We also hosted several concerts in church, including performances by Bradwell Band and Marcus Armstong. Who can forget that very special 90th birthday party for twins Betty and Phyllis back in November!

Thank you to all those who helped organise these and the other events that took place in 2011.

When she joined St. James, Chris told us that she wanted to join us on our journey in faith. This and more she has achieved. We send a heartfelt thanks to Chris for the caring and loving way in which she has prepared us for the future as the Christian family of St. James continues on its' journey.

Mary Borrett, Graham Crisp

St. James Church Fabric report 2011

The year 2011 has been a busy one for the Fabric committee of the church.

Although the stone chimney of the boiler house is now redundant and has been replaced by the new stainless steel flue, the chimney was in a very poor condition. It was re-pointed and made safe earlier in the year.

Metal thieves stole the lower part of the copper-lightning conductor to the Bell Tower during the summer. The conductor was replaced but at the insistence of our insurance company, was also treated with "Smartwater" anti criminal identification system. All the artefacts of any value in the church itself have also been treated with Smartwater.

Our latest Quinquennial report highlighted the amount of ivy covering the churchyard walls. It recommended the ivy be removed before it caused damage to the mortar of the walls.

Our 2011 working parties have concentrated on its removal and it's pleasing to report that most of the ivy has now been removed.

At the end of 2011 we were awarded a grant for work to remove the lime trees next to the Church Street churchyard wall and to thin out the tops of the large Scots Pine trees. This work is due to be completed by early 2012.

Although strictly not covered in this 2011 report, the hot water central heating feed pipes from the boiler house have been replaced following the leak at the end of January 2012 which caused the church to be without heat for several days.

Looking forward to 2012, the Vestry will need tidying and will need to be kept tidy.

We will have to use the Vestry to store items that up until now have been kept in Chris's house and garage.

Both petrol mowers have been serviced and are ready for the start on the new mowing season.

We will soon be issuing dates for 2012 churchyard working parties and placing lists on the volunteer table at the back of the church. We would like to thank all those who helped out at last year's working parties and look forward to seeing you all again, joined hopefully by some new faces in 2012.

Thanks go also to those who clean the inside of the church, the "flower ladies" and those who man the Saturday morning Café. It would be very nice to see some new faces on these duties too.

Finally, we would like to thank Prue and Ken in particular for all the work they do around the church; opening the church for workmen, emptying the bins, checking the meters, keeping the churchyard free of litter and all those other behind the scenes jobs that are essential to the smooth running of the church.

Mary Borrett, Graham Crisp

Stantonbury Ecumenical Council

The SEP met four times during the year and as far as St James was concerned the Sharing Agreement and the Community centre continue to be discussed at each meeting. Unfortunately despite the hard work of the SEP these issues remain unresolved, we continue to pray for these to be sorted out this year

In addition other matters covered during the year for the wider SEP included:

A visit by Riding Lights Theatre Company to perform 'The Narrow Road' at Stantonbury Theatre. This moving and powerful production was enjoyed by a full house.

Rev'd Brian Howden was elected as a trustee from the Partnership to CitizensMK. Volunteers from SEP joined CitizensMK in an approach to Tesco to raise the issue of a living wage

The NETwork magazine was issued but funding this project is a concern. Church councils were asked to seek sponsorship for advertising in future copies

Christmas Cracked an outreach project directed at Year 6 school children with materials provided by Bridgebuilder Trust was discussed and given the go ahead

The Deployment Plan envisaged by the Deployment Group was raised for approval. SEP asked that the plan be taken to each of the congregations and then brought back to the February meeting for ratification if there was general approval.

Prue Errington, SEP rep for St James

Young Church Report

Zena and I have been delighted to welcome Jean, Jemma, Mette, Grace and Amal into the Children's Church activities. With their support for us and their commitment to the children, we have been able to offer a children's activity every Sunday. Which is a fantastic achievement. A special thank you goes to Jean for leading a regular session and for her careful planning of a craft activity. When the children drew pictures of their Grandparents, Jean turned them into bookmarks that the children were proud to present to each member of the congregation during an Open Door service. The children's confidence continues to grow, they are always ready to take part in the Open Door service adding their own special sense of humour and fun.

We have had quite a few outreach activities throughout the year. The Good Friday workshop continues to attract an interested crowd of families. Giving local people a taste of the real meaning of Easter. The Noah's Ark party was great fun. Everyone had the chance to get hands on with lots of different animals including a snake that shed it's skin and taking a Guide Dog for a walk (or was it, being taken for a walk by a Guide dog!). For the summer holiday club this year Chris had the inspired theme of super heroes. This idea engaged and thrilled the children as they made their own super hero costumes and learned that maybe Jesus is the ultimate super hero!

Autumn brought us the 'glow-in-the-dark' party and a packed Church that was buzzing with life. The candle-making and lantern carving activities remind us that our own light can shine throughout the winter months and that the dark is nothing to be afraid of.

Over the Advent and Christmas period we opened our doors to many visitors. A warm welcome was offered to all who came to discover the Christmas Story at St James. The family focused Crib Service on Christmas Eve attracted a huge gathering of excited people. Teddy the shetland pony joined us to really bring the Nativity to life.

I would like to extend a big thank you to Reverend Chris who is a true leader and an inspiration to us all. Her energy, enthusiasm and hard work with families in our community is amazing. I hope that we can learn from her example, and find our own strength and courage to continue to reach out to all children and parents in our area and show them what the power of God's love can do.

Jo Roberts 2012

Tiddlers 2011 - 2012

St James young church group Tiddlers, has this year celebrated its 5th birthday! We continue to provide a range of activities based around a theme for children under 5 years. Themes have included Seasons such as Harvest festival, Textures, Family and our annual Teddy Bears picnic. This year we have made use of the PreSchool Learning Alliance Toy Library, hiring equipment and some wonderful story sacks which have engaged the children to embrace the themes covered. In addition we have now invested in two sensory baskets which are located in the children's area of church and a safety gate has been installed in the kitchen area.

Tiddlers sessions continue to run fortnightly on a Wednesday morning from 10am – 11.30am, each session includes art and craft activities, a cosy but stimulating baby/toddler corner, A story and songtime with our own Tiddlers prayer and lighting of the candle, spreading the gospel and building friendships whilst having fun.

We currently see a range of ages of children from Newborns and small babies to Toddlers and Nursery/Foundation children, regularly welcoming up to around 25 children and their carers/parents. This year we have reintroduced the Tiddlers leaflet at storytime, the leaflet includes information on the session theme, the Tiddlers prayer and an additional prayer that is linked to the theme is printed on the front. We have a notices section on the back advising of church services and upcoming events at St James.

Tiddlers has established a firm affection within the community and this has created a good base to welcome families into Church. We build rapport with families coming to Church for Baptisms as Irene and Sarah support Chris with the Baptism rehearsals, in addition families coming to Tiddlers make links with other parents in the community and find out more about local facilities for families.

A Special thanks to all those involved helping Tiddlers to continue to grow and provide a friendly welcome to families coming to St James Church.

Sarah Gates

Financial Report 2011

As you are all aware St James is part of the wider Stantonbury Ecumenical Partnership (SEP) and we have benefited over the years from the support both financially and spiritually from our sister churches. Since I have been a member of St James (25 years this year) it has always struggled to meet its Parish Share and the other churches have bailed us out when they could. Since Chris came we have blossomed and our giving has stabilised and we have been able to make increases in our payments to the Share. However we have never reached our full share. The SEP is part of the Milton Keynes Deanery and we are all being asked to cover the full costs of our Anglican Ministers by 2018. This means that just as we are being asked each year to try to increase our giving the SEP is being asked by the MK Deanery to increase its overall giving in order that we comply with terms that we must pay the full cost all of our ministers without subsidies from Oxford .

In 2010 the SEP struggled to cover its payment to MK Deanery and in 2011 we have had to say that we cannot afford our share as we enter 2012 with an overall £17k deficit. St James did manage to pay the £30k promised to the SEP but I had hoped that we could increase this to £33k. I did suggest that everyone reviewed their giving and tried to increase it by £1 per week but presumably due to the current financial difficulties that everyone is experiencing we did not do this and our planned giving was actually slightly less than in 2010.

We can expect a drop in our giving once Chris has left us, but I do want to highlight that we will still need to find our full Parish Share if we are to keep the Anglican Priests that we have got left. We have been fortunate to get Rev. Paul Smith

and even if we have to share him with Willen his input is more than other churches in our situation would receive and this is thanks to our being part of the SEP.

In 2012 we actually brought forward a figure of £5499 which was partly due to a large rebate from E On for overpayment of VAT. This has given us the ability to get the year off to a good start. I can only pray that you will all examine what you feel you can give in 2011 and to act upon it. It would be easy to go into a depression at the loss of Chris but Chris is leaving us as a church with a lovely fellowship of people, lets fight to keep it going as a fitting tribute to her.

Mary Kennedy, Treasurer

St James Financial Statement For the year ending 31 December 2011						
	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	TOTAL FUNDS 2011	TOTAL FUNDS 2010	
	£	£	£	£	£	
INCOMING RESOURCES						
<i>Incoming resources from donors</i>						
Planned giving:						
Gift Aided	22,166			22,166	22,886	
Income tax recoverable on Gift Aid	5,588			5,588	6,483	
Not Gift Aided						
Collections (open plate) at all services	3,234			3,234	2,430	
Gift Days						
Small Donations	3,448			3,448	2,036	
	34,436			34,436	33,834	
<i>Other voluntary incoming resources</i>						
Donations, appeals etc.	1,748	401		2,149	3,949	
Legacies and Memorials						
Refreshments and Flowers	1,216			1,216	1,278	
Fetes, bazaars, other fund-raising events	1,270	1,922		3,192	3,429	
Grants		432		432	419	
	4,234	2,755		6,989	9,075	
<i>Income from charitable and ancillary trading</i>						
Fees - Weddings/Funerals	3,242			3,242	1,909	
Church letting						
Church hall letting					5	
Chapel letting						
Other trading						
Other lettings						
Other Fees						
	3,242			3,242	1,914	
<i>Other ordinary incoming resources</i>						
Insurance claims		172		172		
Sundry refunds	2,320			2,320	220	
	2,320	172		2,492	220	
<i>Income from investments</i>						
Dividends						
Interest on CBF Accounts						
Interest from bank accounts		8		8	9	
Income from sale of invested capital						
		8		8	9	
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES	44,232	2,936		47,168	45,052	

100 Club Report 2010

Club run by John Porter

1129 shares @ £1 per share	£1,129.00
Prizes paid out	£564.50
Payments made into church funds	
April	£191.50
August	£188.00
December	£185.00
Total	£564.50

St James Financial Statement For the year ending 31 December 2011					
	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	TOTAL FUNDS 2011	TOTAL FUNDS 2010
	£	£	£	£	£
RESOURCES USED					
Missionary and charitable giving:	1,040				
Overseas Mission Church Societies					
Relief & development agencies					328
Home Missions Church Societies					274
Relief & development agencies					
	1,040			1,040	602
<i>Activities directly related to the work of the church</i>					
Parish Share	30,000			30,000	30,000
Insurance	3,785			3,785	3,660
Repairs and Maintenance	519	6,012		6,531	1,896
Quinquennial Work					
Utilities	4,472			4,472	3,885
Churchyard upkeep					
Other Church running expenses					
Worship	426	96		522	1,254
Equipment					
Expenditure on church letting					
Expenditure on church hall letting					
Expenditure on other trading					
Junior Church and Youth Club		547		547	513
Sundry	2,888			2,888	4,819
	42,090	6,655		48,745	46,027
<i>Fund-raising and publicity</i>					
Costs of fetes, bazaars, other fund raising events					
<i>Church management and administration</i>					
Administration:					
Printing and stationery	272			272	337
Subscriptions					
Bank charges					
Loan interest					
	272			272	337
TOTAL RESOURCES USED	43,401	6,655		50,056	46,966

St James							
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES							
For the year ending 31 December 2011							
			Unrestricted	Restricted	Endowment	TOTAL FUNDS	
			Funds	Funds	Funds	TOTAL FUNDS	
	Notes		£	£	£	2011	
						2010	
						£	
INCOMING RESOURCES							
Incoming Resources from Donors			34,436			34,436	33,834
Other voluntary incoming resources			4,234	2,755		6,989	9,075
Income from charitable and ancillary trading			3,242			3,242	1,914
Other ordinary incoming resources			2,320	172		2,492	220
Income from investments				8		8	9
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES			44,232	2,936		47,168	45,052
RESOURCES USED							
Grants			1,040			1,040	602
Activities directly relating to the work of the church			42,090	6,655		48,745	46,027
Fund-raising and publicity							
Church management and administration			272			272	337
TOTAL RESOURCES USED			43,401	6,655		50,056	46,966
NET INCOMING (OUTGOING) RESOURCES			831	(3,719)		(2,888)	(1,913)
GAINS AND LOSSES ON INVESTMENTS							
		- realised					
		- unrealised					
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS			831	(3,719)		(2,888)	(1,913)
BALANCE BROUGHT FORWARD							
AT 1 JANUARY 2011			4,668	9,300		13,969	15,882
Prior Year reclassification							
BALANCE CARRIED FORWARD							
AT 31 DECEMBER 2011			5,499	5,581		11,080	13,969

St James						
BALANCE SHEET AT 31 DECEMBER 2010						
			Notes		2011	2010
					£	£
FIXED ASSETS						
Tangible fixed assets						
Investment assets						
CURRENT ASSETS						
Stock						
Debtors						
			Fees			301
			Short term deposits - eg CBF Deposit Fund		2,150	5,877
			Cash at bank and in hand	inc p/cash	5,499	4,367
			CAF Deposit Account		3,431	3,424
					11,080	13,969
LIABILITIES						
Creditors						
NET CURRENT ASSETS						
					11,080	13,969
FUNDS						
Unrestricted						
					5,499	5,322
Restricted						
					5,581	10,560
Endowment						
					11,080	15,882
Balances on Individual Funds						
General Fund		Unrestricted			5499	4,668
Music		Restricted			215	56
Junior Church		Restricted			330	445
Fabric		Restricted			1604	5,260
Interest		Restricted			1	116
Annex CAF A/C		Restricted			3431	3,424
					11,080	13,969
Approved by the Church Council on _____ and signed on its behalf by:						
		(The Chairman)			(Member)	
		Date:			Date:	

Christ Church Stantonbury Annual Report 2011



Ministers Report for 2011

As I look through my diary and the activities of the church during 2011 I can see that we have had a busy year. We have been engaged in activities in the community and held events here in the church building, for worship, for the building up of our faith and in service of others.

We began the year engaging with Tim Norwood in a survey of our church relationships which we reviewed together later in the year at our church weekend. We also had the results of the Partnership review which showed how we worked together as a Partnership in our 6 church congregations. We met for an @ Home Day in early February to work further on a Mission Statement and celebrated our 35th Church Anniversary that month.

In March, we were invited into conversations with Sainsbury's regarding the development on the Campus and the impact that their plans might have on us. We also hosted an event run by the Baptist Union where we looked at 'issues of homosexuality in the church' and had a chance to think through this issue for ourselves. In our Lent series the services included the opportunity to express ourselves through the arts and discovered hidden talent, in particular the writing of poetry – we have a collection of poems which we can use in our services this year. The early part of the year included preparations for The Riding Lights performance of a Passion Play which we organised in Holy week. This was fully booked and drew people from all around MK and was much appreciated.

I have been pleased to be involved with the Campus in various ways. I have been counselling students regularly on a Tuesday morning and with lengthening lists. Chris Solly now also helps on a Wednesday. It is a great opportunity to engage with students at troubled times in their lives and seek to show the love of God. The Campus students also use the building from time to time and come and look round the church as part of their course during year 8. This year 14 classes came during one week in April and with the help of Maggie and Adrian we were able to offer to be present and tell them about the church, our services, core beliefs and how we operate as an ecumenical and community building. This is a chance to make the students familiar with the inside of our building and make a link with the whole of a year group -It opened up some interesting conversations. My other link with the school is as a Governor and I have taken on the role of Special Educational Needs Governor which I have found very interesting and rewarding.

During the year we have extended our parish boundary taking responsibility for the new development in Oakridge Park. We joined with the Parish Council in a series of Road shows over the summer, introducing the new residents to the area and delivered leaflets and copies of the Network magazine on evenings in the autumn.

In July we had an enjoyable church weekend away in Reinhold, some of us staying overnight and others travelling daily. Andy Jowitt led us in a helpful study and Tim Norwood joined us so we were able to discuss the results of his research.

We held a children's holiday club on August 23/24th as usual our numbers were not huge but those who came enjoyed

themselves and we have seen some new faces at kids club on a Wednesday as a result.

Some of us were able to attend a Citizens MK training day held in the church in October and take our part in the MK wide events that followed. We also had another @ Home day when we finally decided on a strap line for our mission statement. Meeting God – Following Jesus – Serving People. We have since developed this further for our website and to focus our future vision.

As the year went on, Sainsbury's began working on some new plans which change the site of our car park and limit access to our main entrance and so we have drawn the diocesan architect into the discussion. Sainsbury's came up with some rather limited suggestions to build us a new entrance and reconfigure our building; however at the end of the year they were still no nearer agreement with the Campus and things seem to be on hold at the moment.

We held our usual Christmas fair on the first Saturday of December and joined with the local community to put on an Angel Exhibition. We had a display of a myriad of angels designed by Wood End and Stanton schools and other organisations in the locality joined in a competition. It was a good event and meant we were surrounded by angels during the Christmas season.

We have held monthly café services throughout the year and explored a variety of themes. These services offer a more open style and have been welcomed by some of our newer attenders.

I have continued to hold monthly Communion services at Hanover Court, occasional communion services at Heron Lodge and take assemblies in our local schools. I take a share in the funerals at the crematorium, and visit families in the area. This year I have become the Baptist representative on the Ecumenical Oversight group which now supports the ecumenical life of Milton Keynes and I am looking forward to meeting the new director of the Mission Partnership.

We have seen some new faces throughout the year and we have had some fun events and hopefully we have grown in faith and in our confidence in God. As we move through 2012 we pray that we will be Meeting God - Following Jesus – and Serving People and learning what this will mean for each one of us.

Chris Howden

Secretary's report

During 2011 Church Council has met regularly at approximately two monthly intervals. We had an extra meeting at Bradwell Chapel on a Saturday in May with the twin aims of getting to know each other better and looking at the progress of the mission statement so far.

Three members of Council come to the end of their terms at the AGM. These are Claire Vogeli, Nancy Warner and Richard Solly. 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 please do consider prayerfully whether this might be something God is calling you to do.

Our membership stands at forty one, two less than last year. We welcomed John Davenport into membership but lost three people who we have not seen in church for several years. The good news is that we have recently received three new requests for membership but because of the timing these will not appear on this year's list. But it is good to note that our church is growing, slowly but surely!

Sandra Kennedy

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 and people who have been bereaved. This group is led by our minister, Chris Howden. Chris and other members of the group also visit those of our fellowship who are unable to get to church and Chris takes communion to people unable to get to church. She also leads worship on a regular basis 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.

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.

We have had the opportunity during the year, at the away weekend in June and the christchurch@home mornings, to reflect on who we are as a church community and ways in which we would like to develop our lives and worship together. We have an awareness of our need to make our time together on Sundays relevant to our weekday lives.

During the year we have continued to develop our café style services on the second Sunday of the month. These have given us the opportunity to experiment with a different style of worship and to interact with one another more freely.

If you would like to share in the development of our worship we would welcome new members to this group.

We are grateful to our musicians who contribute a wide variety of music to our worship. They meet to practise together on Sunday evenings.

Susan Gander

Junior Church

Children are a valued part of our congregation. Although numbers are currently low, and patterns of attendance are variable, we ensure they are included in our worship.

When the service is cafe style, activities are provided for the children within the service. On other weeks we usually spend some time as a small group in the coffee lounge.

The children enjoy the opportunity to be creative and most weeks our activities have reflected the themes that are being used in the services.

The unpredictability of the composition of the group, with regard to numbers and ages, continues to present challenges when planning activities.

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

Susan Gander

Senior Citizens

I think it is fair to say that the Senior Citizens Club is nearing closure. During the past year we have lost several members. Both the Bancroft ladies have died and we have a couple of others who are not well at present.

We currently have six members but usually only have three or four each week who are able to come. Sometimes there are

more helpers than senior Citizens! Saying that though, the ones who come really do value the club and depend on it.

We went out for a Christmas meal to the pub on Giffard Park (by request) and the group had their hampers from the Campus. We have also been to Dobbies' Garden Centre and are due for a visit to High Clere Nursing Home for a community event.

The Campus have also used the group for their students doing Community Studies and we have had groups of students come and talk to our members and to do activities with them.

Currently our transport is provided by Bill's Taxis but on a private basis as Age UK no longer support us. We are paying £40 a week for a wheelchair taxi as one of the members is disabled. We have just under £1000 in the bank from the days when we had a grant but this will run out by the summer. Senior Citizens pay £3 subscription. We no longer have a raffle and the group provide biscuits themselves as all the money is needed for transport. At the moment we are letting the club run to a natural end. The helpers are all getting older - some of them are older than some members!

Ruth has been doing Senior Citizens Club since 1987 and I began helping with it in 1988 - that's a lot of Tuesdays!

If anyone wants to get involved or look at creating a new group - perhaps with lunch again? - this would be good. Meanwhile thanks to Nancy Warner and Nancy Dua for all their help.

Cis Jones and Ruth Walker-Singh

Kids Club

After a slow start Kids' Club (the children chose the name!) has finally taken off with as many as twenty children some weeks but averaging about fifteen. It is popular with child-minders who come with groups of children but we also have a number of families who attend with their children or, in the case of the older ones, use it as a welcome opportunity to go shopping or have a break.

The wide age range makes it difficult sometimes to provide art and craft activities that everyone can join in with but we aim each week to have some sort of painting as, with the demands of the National Curriculum, children do not have the same opportunities to paint in school. The children really enjoy this. We also offer table top games, sports equipment, puzzles, card making and cooking. In the summer we grow things. We have a wide variety of construction sets, Lego being still the most popular!

We are well resourced and equipped but with rising numbers our biggest challenge is having enough helpers. If anyone is free to help, even on an occasional basis, we would be grateful. The more adults we have, the more the children benefit from the activities. It also frees us to make relationships with the adults who stay.

We are grateful to Barbara Wright and Dawn Jeywright who help us regularly and Debbie Dyer who comes when we are short of helpers and to those who provide us with 'junk' and donations of paper. We could use some more recycled adult

T-shirts to use as paint overalls. Some of the ones in use are thirteen years old!

Susan Gander and Sandra Kennedy

Stantonbury Ecumenical Partnership

Stantonbury Ecumenical Partnership 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 SEP is to consider matters of shared interest to all the churches. In addition to the care of their churches all ministers 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 2011 the main focus of meetings was the acquisition of charitable status and the changes in ministry when Chris Collinge leaves us in April 2012.

SEP holds its meetings in all the churches in turn so there is an opportunity both to visit other churches and to meet people. Brian Howden and I currently represent Christ Church on the SEP and with the change to charitable status we have trustees instead of representatives.

Sandra Kennedy

Treasurer's Report 2011

We have managed to balance the budget for 2011 without having to use our reserves but this has been achieved at the expense of significantly reduced Mission Giving. This has caused some concern amongst several members but the Church Council as a whole felt that it was more important to meet our responsibilities to the Ecumenical Partnership.

The Partnership will not be able to meet the quota requested by the Mission Partnership in 2012 having suffered a £20,000 reduction in its reserves in 2011. As a result the Ecumenical Partnership have asked to reduce its quota by 15%. This will still require an increase in the contribution from the congregations in order to make the budget balance. We have therefore budgeted for a contribution of £30,000 from Christ Church in 2012. We lose Chris Collinge in April and there are likely to be further reductions of Anglican clergy over the next five years.

On a positive note, we had a generous legacy from Jean Peters-Basri which we used to buy some chairs for the lounge and another generous gift which we used to buy new notice boards. We have been able to carry out some expensive maintenance on the roof and cope with increased utility bills.

Macintyre will continue to use our kitchen for probably a year at least and we will benefit from the rental income and the repair and maintenance work that they have already done. We have had fewer bad debts in the rental income and have in fact received some payments to long overdue accounts. We now have quite a number of regular users who are conscientious in paying their bills.

The SEP is developing a program for stewardship over the next few months so we may receive some further guidance and

help from them in due course. The ability to meet our budget this year will be dependent on some increase in giving and I trust you will prayerfully consider this position.

I thank you for your generosity in the last year and look forward to your support in the next.

Adrian Prisk, Treasurer

Christ Church Stantonbury					
UK Balance Sheet - Standard					
As at 1 January 2012					Accrual Basis
				01-Jan-12	01-Jan-11
ASSETS					
Current Assets					
Other Current Assets					
Prepayments				0	213.41
Total Other Current Assets				0	213.41
Accounts Receivable					
Accounts Receivable				2,000.31	1,130.75
Total Accounts Receivable				2,000.31	1,130.75
Cash at bank and in hand					
Cash				0	15.01
CFB Deposit				4,302.71	4,250.50
Current					
Stantonb Par Coun Grants				0	30
Current - Other				1,462.42	2,052.82
Total Current				1,462.42	2,082.82
Deposit				301.76	301.56
Social Activities				105	0
Total Cash at bank and in hand				6,171.89	6,649.89
Total Current Assets				8,172.20	7,994.05
NET CURRENT ASSETS				8,172.20	7,994.05
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES				8,172.20	7,994.05
NET ASSETS				8,172.20	7,994.05
Capital and Reserves					
Cross & Stable Charities Grants				536.5	536.5
General Fund				7,635.70	7,427.55
Stantonbury Parish Council				0	30
Shareholder funds				8,172.20	7,994.05

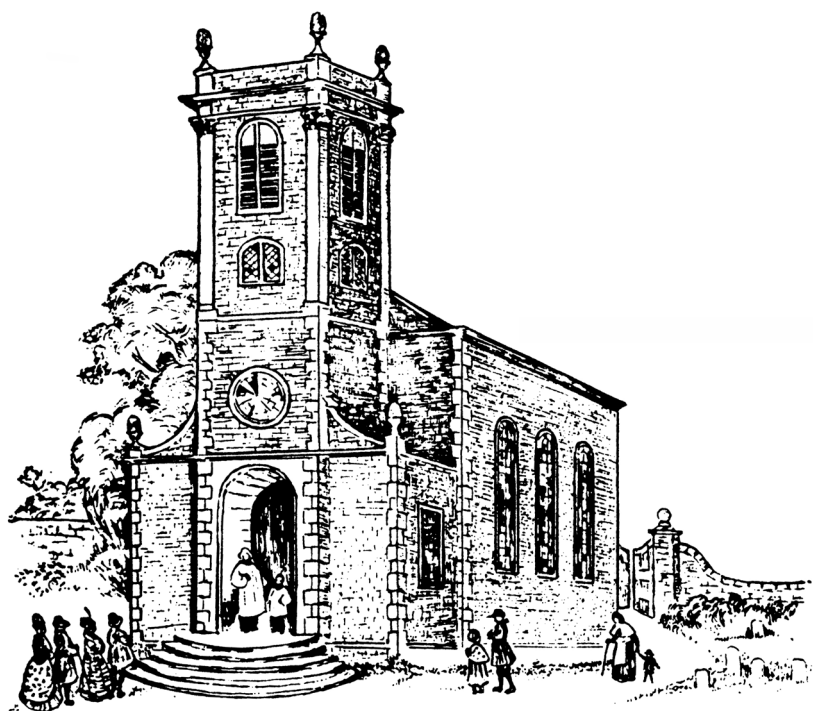
Christ Church Stantonbury						
Income/Expenditure						
January through December 2011				Accrual Basis		
				Jan - Dec 11	Jan - Dec 10	Budget 2012
Income						
		Coffee donations		321.17	469.68	500
		Coll Gen Fund (Gift Aided)				
		Cheques		750.00	3500.00	
		Envelopes		1231.85	1195.15	
		Standing Orders		19267.44	17747.62	
		Tax Reclaimed - Gift Aid		5332.02	7682.24	
		Total Coll Gen Fund (Gift Aided)		26581.31	30125.01	30000
		Total Coll Gen Fund (Not Gift Aided)		3245.87	2401.42	1800
		Collections - Special		0.00	262.99	
		Donation at Social Events		530.88	0.00	
		Donations		1101.00	294.00	200
		Grants		2000.00	1500.00	
		Interest		52.41	45.10	
		Internal Transfer-Inc		0.00	200.00	
		Legacies		1133.00	0.00	
		Miscellaneous Income		0.00	556.00	250
		Other		100.00	0.00	
		Photocopying		29.14	184.87	250
		Rent		17085.08	14374.44	17000
		Total Income		52179.86	50413.51	50000

Christ Church Stantonbury					
Income/Expenditure					
January through December 2011			Accrual Basis		
			Jan - Dec 11	Jan - Dec 10	Budget 2012
Expense					
		Bad Debt	583.25	953.00	
		Catering	70.88	0.00	100
		Total Cleaning	3096.98	2257.91	3000
		Insurance	996.51	1009.77	1300
		Exp	0.00	200.00	
		Legal Costs	0.00	528.75	
		Total Maintenance	8016.85	5399.12	4000
		Total Ministry	5.00	141.89	150
		Expenses	56.63	20.42	100
		Expenses	737.22	833.07	400
		Total Mission	3150.17	5750.43	5000
		Stationery	92.00	74.90	100
		Rent Refund	0.00	36.00	
		Stant Ec Coun.	27000.00	27000.00	30000
		Subscriptions	333.81	318.44	350
		Total Utilities	7600.73	6345.31	8000
		Worship	276.18	300.10	200
		Total Expenditure	52001.71	51183.61	52700
		Surplus	178.15	-770.10	-2700

St Mary Magdalene Ecumenical Church, Willen

Annual Members Meeting Agenda

Sunday 25 March 2012



**The Stantonbury Ecumenical Partnership
Annual Report 2011
St Mary Magdalene Church
Willen
Milton Keynes**

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The**Annual Members Meeting****Sunday 25 March 2012****a. Apologies for absence**

Apologies:

b. Minutes of the annual general meeting held Sunday 20 March 2011

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

1 Minutes

1.1 The minutes of the meeting held 15th March 2010 were approved as a correct record.

2 Matters Arising

2.1 There were no matters arising.

3 Annual Reports

3.1 The minister presented his report summarising the key issues arising during the year. Rev'd Paul Smith summarised the responsibilities he undertook during the year as well as the challenges facing the Church.

3.2 The following written reports were received:

(i) Willen and Downs Barn Minister's report 2010-11 from Rev'd Paul Smith;

(ii) Report from the licensed lay Minister.

(iii) Building report.

(iv) Quorum Choir Report.

(v) Vergers report.

4 Financial statement for 2011

The Treasurer presented the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2011. These show that the Church ran a surplus of just short of £7000 during the year.

5 Membership list

5.1 A draft membership list for 2011 was circulated. This included a number of new members who had joined the congregation during the past year. Mr (John) Stuart Bowden was added having been missed out mistakenly.

6 Elections

6.1 The following elections were confirmed:

Church Warden Michael Kemp

(proposed by Lynda Philips, seconded by Norma Bowden)

Secretary Sean Miles

(proposed by Lynda Philips, seconded by Norma Bowden)

Treasurer Harry Osei

(proposed by Norma Bowden, seconded by Lynda Philips)

Church Council members:

Betty Colley

John Figg

Kirsten Gibbs

Hilda Kirkwood

Margaret Moakes

Harry Osei

Sean Miles

Stantonbury Ecumenical Council Michael Kemp
(proposed by Norma Bowden, seconded by Hilda Kirkwood)

MK Mission Partnership Assembly. Michael Kemp
Sean Miles

(proposed by Norma Bowden, seconded by Hilda Kirkwood)

7 Any other business

7.1 It was agreed that baptism cards would be sent to parents on the anniversary of their child's baptism. It was also agreed to continue to form working parties to clean the church woodwork.

7.2 The new 2011 Gift Aid envelopes were ready.

8 Date of the next meeting

8.1 It was agreed that the next AGM would be held on Sunday 25 March 2012.

9 Closing blessing

c. Matters Arising from the Minutes

None

d. Annual Reports for 2011**d.i. The Minister's Report**

ST MARY MAGDALENE, WILLEN
TEAM RECTOR'S REPORT 2011 - 2012

INTRODUCTION

Over the last year I have continued to try and develop the joint role of pastoral charge of two churches in the Stantonbury Team and being Team Rector. As I enter my 10th year here, there are some pastoral changes of which we hope you are already aware. Preparing for these changes and implementing them will require some adjustment. As from the beginning of May I will be exchanging my pastoral responsibility at Cross and Stable for that of St James, New Bradwell. This is as a result of some internal reorganisation in the Partnership due to the retirement and expected non-replacement of Rev Chris Collinge. I will continue to be pastorally responsible for Willen and live at Willen Vicarage. In some ways the congregation at Willen will be less affected than the other churches I've mentioned already.

ACCEPTING THE CHANGES

The structural changes to providing ministry throughout the Partnership were agreed at the November meeting of the SEP and subsequently explained in a series of congregational meetings in each of our six churches. We are encouraged that there was general and wide acceptance of the proposed changes and here at Willen there was interest expressed in strengthening links with the congregation at St James. One of the ideas we've had is to hold a joint evening service with Quorum singing at St James on 20th May at 6pm. I hope that many of us will go along to make it a successful occasion.

CARING FOR CHURCH, CONGREGATION AND PASTORAL AREA

In many ways my work over the last year has been one of maintaining pastoral oversight in these three specific ways.

Building

The church building is our spiritual home and a precious heritage. We are blessed with members who are skilled and motivated to care for the fabric of Willen Church. We have continued to care for it and this is reflected in the latest Quinquennial survey which will be reported elsewhere in our Annual reports. I've been pleased to see small improvements and ongoing faithful care. We are aware that we receive daily visits and it is good that members of the Well commit themselves to opening and closing at each end of every day. I note also the concerns to try and bring water at least as far as the churchyard and am aware of efforts being made in this direction.

Congregation

Having pastoral charge of more than one congregation and general responsibility throughout the Partnership as Rector, means that my basic approach is one of oversight mixed with specific involvement. I enjoy working with Rev Liz Baker and Margaret Moakes to provide ministry amongst the congregation. Their gifts and commitment are valued by many of us and we are fortunate to have them as such long standing pastors here. I believe one of the things we were concerned to do was to work with the Well in mutually enriching initiatives, including continuing a monthly healing service. That service has now moved to the Well for various practical reasons, but the Well continue to use the church and support it in a number of different ways. For our part we appreciate being able to use the facilities at the Well, as I often explain to visitors, as a substitute church hall!

Visiting preachers comment on the positive feel of the congregation, even though our numbers fluctuate a great deal: packed to the rafters at Christmas or with approximately 25-30 on a normal Sunday morning. It has been really good to re-start the Young Church and I'm grateful to Liz and Margaret for their work with young people and families. Our Quorum evening services have a regular congregation of around 50 and these are special times. The social life of a congregation is also important and our fund-raising occasions also strengthen our togetherness. A continuing challenge is the financial support of our building and the parish share, but with faithful and regular giving, and good stewardship we are managing this, thank God.

Pastoral Area

Our area is growing with the addition of the new housing development at Gyosei. We continue to support the Christian group at the new Lovat Fields Retirement Village. Work with Willen School could always be expanded, but we have been able to visit or have them come to us from time to time. Baptisms, weddings and funerals continue to be observed both in church and at Crownhill and require the ministry of the ordained people we have available both in the Team and also amongst members of the Well/SSM. We also relate well to the Hospice and support each other from time to time as is appropriate. I guess in summary I would say: "Keep up the good work!"

d.ii. Report from the licensed lay minister

I am pleased to say that the first Sunday, Morning Worship services continue to fill a need and we have covered a number

of topics over the past year (anything from the story of Moses in the bulrushes on Mothering Sunday, to the spirituality of St Francis most recently). It is good to have a small but steady number of children in the congregation and – since last September – to link up with the monthly meeting of the Sunday School. I enjoy preparing these services and sharing leadership, on occasion, with other members of the ministry team in the Stantonbury Partnership. I was grateful to Liz Baker for twice stepping in for me, once when I was incapacitated by a fall and once when the snow prevented me from driving to Willen.

This year has seen me preaching a little more frequently, both at Willen and at Downs Barn. This trend may continue as the ministerial team in Stantonbury is reduced. Alongside worship engagements, I also take responsibility for co-ordinating the pastoral care team, about which I have written in previous reports. This very willing and caring team meets every six months for a review, which is helpful. Unfortunately, we have lost one of the team this year, due to ill health. We thank Pat Clark for all her care in the past and hope she will soon start to find her health more manageable.

The pastoral group – through the good offices of Lynda Phillips and Rosemary Mawson – has continued with the idea of inviting married couples to attend church on the anniversary of their wedding and to invite baptism families to celebrate their anniversaries too. With regard to wedding anniversaries, there has not been as much uptake as we had hoped, but we will continue to monitor the situation. It is often the case that couples arrange to go away to celebrate this significant event and, therefore, are not available.

The Weeks of Accompanied Prayer in the Stantonbury Ecumenical Partnership, about which I have written before, have seen a new venture this year, with a special Lenten course being arranged to allow participants to journey with Christ through Lent. Role play exercises at both Willen and Downs Barn produced one participant from these congregations. In addition, at Willen we arranged for some visiting preachers in Lent who – together with our own team – have been enlightening us on various forms of spirituality. We hope the congregation have felt enriched by this. I myself was enriched in 2011 by joining a team that took the Week of Accompanied Prayer into Milton Keynes prison. It was both an eye-opening and a very moving venture.

Thank you, as ever, to all those who – in various ways - assist me in my ministry.

Margaret Moakes

d.iii. Building Report for 2011 - 2012

During the past year the most important action has been the completion of the Quinquennial Report by Messrs Shenstone & Partners. This report found mostly that the church building was in good order, but a number of safety aspects were in need of attention. In particular, uneven paving at the top of the semi-circular steps in front of the west door, flooring within the nave and chancel, and the asphalt path in the churchyard.

Other safety matters were to do with the electrical and heating installations and the lightning conductor on the tower.

The uneven paving slabs in front of the west door may reflect consolidation of material covering an access ramp to the burial vault under the tower and this is to be investigated as part of the work put in hand to correct the paving levels. The relatively minor unevenness of the flooring within the body of the church will also be dealt with.

The lightning conductor has now been re-fixed and is a less attractive target for would-be copper thieves --- its electrical performance had previously been tested and found to be satisfactory.

In November 2011 and February 2012 volunteers undertook cleaning of parts of the wood panelling in the church. The first area to be tackled was the Chancel wall panels. These are, of course, of later date (1861) than the Nave panels (1680), but are in less satisfactory condition and of poorer construction. However the eastern end of the church has cleaned up well and the treatment with Behandla linseed oil/tung oil emulsion has given a greatly improved appearance. The opportunity was also taken to clean/treat the book rests in all the pews which has given a more even and cared-for appearance for visitors and worshippers as they enter the church.

The wood panelling on the north side of the nave was in particular need of attention as the panels were bleached by the sun as well as dirty from accumulated grime. This area was tackled in February 2012 and has resulted in a marked improvement, but the woodwork is 'hungry' and will benefit from further Behandla treatments as time and volunteer help allows.

A number of the pew doors have been scraping on the tiled floor when opened. In part this has been due to movement of the box-pew structures, causing the hinged doors to sag when people are sitting on the seats (a woodwork problem, not overweight congregation). It has proved possible to wedge up some of the seats with timber shores, but not all pews can be treated in this way and alternative actions will be considered when the present modifications have been assessed.

The decayed notice board at the west end of the Lime Tree Avenue has now been replaced and a brand new double-size notice board installed at the east end of the churchyard facing the village green and the WW1 war-memorial. Hopefully, these will enable passers-by and interested visitors to see what is going on in our church.

For Churchyard maintenance, including grass-cutting, we are indebted to the voluntary efforts of a few members of the congregation. There have been two working-party days during the year and it is remarkable how much work can be completed when a good number of helpers come to assist.

Michael Kemp, Bill Green, John Figg

d.iv. Quorum Choir Report

In 2011 Quorum continued to contribute to a series of evening services at St Mary Magdalene Church. The services were

spaced throughout the year finishing with the Carol Service in December.

The seven services were: Candlemas Evensong, Service of Music and Meditation on Palm Sunday, John & Charles Wesley Evensong, St Mary Magdalene Evensong, Feast of Lancelot Andrewes Evensong, Reflection for Advent, Carol Service.

A feature of Quorum's singing is to choose music appropriate for the service and where possible to focus on certain composers. 2011 was the 400th anniversary of the birth of Tomas Luis de Victoria and his music was sung at several of the services mostly notably at Palm Sunday and Advent. A highlight was the service on Palm Sunday. Quorum sang a selection of pieces from his Tenebrae Responsories. Paul Smith took the opportunity to mark another 400th anniversary – the publication of the King James Version of the Bible at this service. The service was a retelling of the story of Christ's passion and Paul devised a service of music, Bible readings and hymns with the sections marked with the extinguishing of a candle, and finishing in silence. It was a powerful and memorable service for the Choir and congregation.

For the Carol service Quorum sang music by Chris Williams from a recently published Carol Book. Williams' arrangements of familiar carols were rewarding for the Choir to sing and warmly received by the congregation.

d.v. Vergers Report.

Dear Friends, last year the Easter Flower Appeal reached an amazing £194.50 this was due not only to the once again wonderful response from the congregation and friends of the Church but also due to a gift of £50.00 from a young couple getting married on Easter Sunday and who were happy to have us decorate the church for them and wanted to help towards the cost.

We spent £105.96 on the flowers for Easter Sunday and the rest was used to provide flowers for St Mary Magdalene day and Harvest we have £27.54 left and that will buy flowers for St Mary Magdalene day this year.

There will be no collection for Easter Flowers this year as we have a wedding on Easter Saturday and the couple want their own flowers which they have agreed to leave in the Church as it will be too late for my team of helpers to decorate after the wedding is over. However I will be making an appeal later in the year for flowers for Harvest.

I am sad to say that once again the cleaning rota failed to inspire a response of help from more than one person and I would like to thank Rosemary Mawson for her help also my thanks to Julie and Sam McClay who have worked month about with myself and Rosemary to try to keep the Church looking nice (Sam not even being a Church member but coming to help).

We are only asking for a few people to sign up for one month in the year for one day if done by two people working together it will only take you an hour, its not to late places still available and we are into equal opportunities so gentlemen this is one for you as well.

During February work began on the cleaning and resealing of the wooden panels in the pews starting on the left hand side, a big thank you to all who helped with this under the guidance of Roma and John Figg we can all see the improvement this has made.

We had a wonderful day for the Summer fete again last year and hope to top it with this years combined Fete and Jubilee celebrations to be held at the Willen Pavilion this gives us an opportunity to meet a lot more of our neighbours from the surrounding area, let's all get behind this one and make it the best yet, helpers please!!!

Finally a huge thank you to all who do so much to help with jobs around the church my wonderful team of flower arrangers, those who keep the gardens neat and tidy, those who carry out the wood work repairs and wood renovation projects, snow clearing, helping at the summer fete and all those things that go unnoticed by many of us, thank you all you know who you are.

Finally a big thank you also to those people not of our congregation who come to help us in many different ways your help is always appreciated and valued.

With love to you all in Christ

Miss Mary Hartwell
Dr Toby Hill
Mrs Iris Florence Kearton
Mr Michael Kemp
Mrs Hilda Rosalind Kirkwood
Mrs Rosemary LeCount
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
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 Cindy Williams
Mrs Lilian Rosetta Wilson

e. Acceptance of Financial Statement for 2011

The Accounts are printed on pages 75-80.

f. Membership list (revised this year)

The following comprises the current membership list of Willen Church: (48)

Mr Stuart Bowden
Mrs Norma Celia Bowden
Mrs Kathryn Buttell
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
Mrs Janice Earls
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

g. Elections

The following offices are up for annual election

Church Warden - (Partnership wide)
Church Warden - (Partnership 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

h. Any other business

i. Date of next Annual Member's meeting

Propose Sunday 24 March 2013

j. Closing blessing

St Mary Magdalene Church, Willen

Detail Financial Statements For The Year Ended 31st December 2011

Prepared By: Harry Osei ACMA, CGMA
(*Treasurer*)

Date: 3rd February 2012

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INCOME AND EXPENDITURE STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2011

Income	Month 12		Designated			Restricted		2011 Total	2010 Total
	Unrestricted								
	General	Denys Ruddy Bequest	Church Notice Board	Willen Church Appeal	WaterTap	Building Fund			
	£	£	£		£		£	£	
Gift Aided	9,995.39					II	9,995.39	9,537.47	
Income tax	2,732.72					II	2,732.72	2,715.21	
Pledges	25.00					II	25.00	-	
Plate	3,666.14					II	3,666.14	3,030.80	
Donations	3,947.74					II	3,947.74	4,036.59	
Fees	1,916.50					II	1,916.50	2,404.00	
Gift Day	620.00					II	620.00	405.00	
Interest/grants	7.76					II	7.76	6.37	
Fund raising	0.00					II	0.00	1,295.31	
Insurance Claim	0.00					II	0.00	0.00	
Donations+Interest+VAT Refund		15.29	12.48	0.00	6.90	9.13 II	43.80	3,307.35	
Church Fete	657.87					II	657.87	851.24	
Sundries & Electricity Refund	2,007.77					II	2,007.77	3,800.93	
Total Income	25,576.89	15.29	12.48	0.00	6.90	9.13 II	25,620.69	31,390.27	
Expenditure						II			
Maintenance	1,297.99					II	1,297.99	164.73	
Parish share (Note: 2)	14,300.00					II	14,300.00	13,750.00	
Church Services	649.81					II	649.81	651.14	
Youth	0.00					II	0.00	0.00	
Heating	2,655.00					II	2,655.00	4,997.00	
Charity giving (home)	779.85					II	779.85	58.86	
Charity giving (o/seas)	500.00					II	500.00	58.86	
Insurance (Note: 3)	2,283.03					II	2,283.03	2,219.19	
Printing/Stationery	448.45					II	448.45	253.88	
Sundries/Subs	259.52					II	259.52	1,067.14	
Fete Expenses						II	0.00	404.00	
Church Redecoration						II	0.00	775.00	
Water Tap Installation						II	0.00	0.00	
Notice Board			2,620.38			II	2,620.38	0.00	
Denys Ruddy re Microphone						II	0.00	0.00	
Total Expenditure	23,173.65	0.00	2,620.38	0.00	0.00	0.00 II	25,794.03	24,399.80	
Surplus/(Deficit)	2,403.25	15.29	(2,607.90)	0.00	6.90	9.13 II	(173.34)	6,990.47	
For news sheet:									
Income	25,576.89								
Expenses	23,173.65								

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INCOME AND EXPENDITURE STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2011

Income	Month 12		Designated		Restricted		Jan 2011 - December 2011 ACTUALS	Jan 2011 - December 2011 BUDGET	Difference Between Actuals & Budget
	Unrestricted	Designated	Church Notice Board	Willen Church Appeal	Water Tap	Building Fund			
Gift Aided	£ 9,995.39	£	£	£	£	£	£ 9,995.39	£ 10,839.46	£ (844.07) Decrease in Income
Income tax	2,732.72						2,732.72	2,371.13	361.59 Increase in Income
Pledges	25.00						25.00	0.00	25.00 Increase in Income
Plate	3,666.14						3,666.14	3,636.96	29.18 Increase in Income
Donations	3,947.74						3,947.74	5,247.57	(1,299.83) Decrease in Income
Fees	1,916.50						1,916.50	2,764.60	(848.10) Decrease in Income
Gift Day	620.00						620.00	567.00	53.00 Increase in Income
Interests/grants	7.76						7.76	35.00	(27.24) Decrease in Income
Fund raising	0.00						0.00	600.00	(600.00) Decrease in Income
Insurance Claim	0.00						0.00	0.00	0.00 No Change
Donations-Interest+VAT Refund	657.87	15.29	12.48	0.00	6.90	9.13	43.80	489.00	(445.20) Decrease in Income
Church Fete	2,007.77						657.87	800.00	(142.13) Decrease in Income
Sundries & Electricity Refund							2,007.77	0.00	2,007.77 Increase in Income
Total Income	25,576.89	15.29	12.48	0.00	6.90	9.13	25,620.69	27,350.72	(1,730.03) Decrease in Total Income
Expenditure									
Maintenance	1,297.99						1,297.99	300.00	997.99 Increase in Expenditure
Parish share	14,300.00						14,300.00	13,750.00	550.00 Increase in Expenditure
Church Services	649.81						649.81	730.00	(80.19) Decrease in Expenditure
Youth	0.00						0.00	0.00	0.00 No Change
Heating	2,655.00						2,655.00	3,600.00	(945.00) Decrease in Expenditure
Charity giving (home)	779.85						779.85	0.00	779.85 Increase in Expenditure
Charity giving (o/seas)	500.00						500.00	500.00	0.00 No Change
Insurance	2,283.03						2,283.03	2,209.70	73.33 Increase in Expenditure
Printing/Stationery	448.45						448.45	500.00	(51.55) Decrease in Expenditure
Sundries/Subs	259.52						259.52	150.00	109.52 Increase in Expenditure
Fete Expenses	0.00						0.00	500.00	(500.00) Decrease in Expenditure
Church Redecoration							0.00	0.00	0.00 No Change
Water Tap Installation							0.00	500.00	(500.00) Decrease in Expenditure
Notice Board							2,620.38	2,400.00	220.38 Increase in Expenditure
Denys Ruddy re Microphone		0.00					0.00	0.00	0.00 No Change
Total Expenditure	23,173.65	0.00	2,620.38	0.00	0.00	0.00	25,794.03	25,139.70	654.33 Increase in Total Expenditure
Surplus/(Deficit)	2,403.25	15.29	(2,607.90)	0.00	6.90	9.13	(173.34)	2,211.02	(2,384.36) Decrease in Surplus
For news sheet:									
Income	25,576.89								
Expenses	23,173.65								

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BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2011

		<u>2011</u>	<u>2010</u>
Fixed Assets		0.00	0.00
<u>Current Assets</u>			
Debtors & Prepayments	(Note 4)	1,193.66	1,087.67
SEP Prepayment	(Note 2A)	0.00	0.00
Investment-CCLA Deposit	(Note 5)	6,290.50	6,246.70
Cash at Bank	(Note 5)	8,043.46	8,366.58
		<u>15,527.62</u>	<u>15,700.95</u>
<u>Less:Creditors Less Than 1 Year</u>			
Trade Creditor- SEP	(Note 2A)	0.00	0.00
Advance Receipt- Standing Order		80.00	80.00
		<u>80.00</u>	<u>80.00</u>
Net Current Assets		15,447.62	15,620.95
<u>Less:Creditors More Than 1 Year</u>			
		0.00	0.00
		<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Net Assets		<u>15,447.62</u>	<u>15,620.95</u>
<u>FUNDS:</u>			
Restricted Funds	(Note 6)	2,139.05	2,123.02
Designated Funds	(Note 7)	1,749.77	4,342.38
Unrestricted Funds	(Note 8)	11,558.80	9,155.55
		<u>15,447.62</u>	<u>15,620.95</u>
General Fund		£ 11,558.80	£ 9,155.55
Water Tap		716.82	709.92
Building Fund		1,422.23	1,413.10
Denys Ruddy Bequest		1,749.77	1,734.48
Church Notice Board		0.00	2,607.90

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Notes To The Accounts For The Year Ended 31 December 2011

Note 1: Accounting Policy

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

Note 2: Parish Share

	2011	2010
	£	£
Total amount paid to SEC to-date	14,300.00	13,750.00
Total amount agreed to be paid to SEC to-date (£1,300 per month for 11 months)	14,300.00	13,750.00
Note 2(A): Amount owed / (Pre-paid) to SEP	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>

Note 3: Insurance - (£2,283.03)

The main insurance policy for the Church is with Ecclesiastical Insurance covers the period 24th June 2011 to 23rd June 2012. The insurance cost recognised to-date is as follows.

	2011	2010
	Total	Total
	£	£
Insurance cost from January 2011 to June 2011 (£2,174.04 x 6months/12months)	1,088.52	1,078.17
Insurance cost for July 11 to December 2011 (£2,389.01 x 6 months/12months)	1,194.51	1,141.02
	<u>2,283.03</u>	<u>2,219.19</u>

Note 4: Debtors & Prepayments - (£1,193.66)

	2011	2010
	£	£
Insurance pre-paid to June 2012 (£2,389.01 x 6months/12months)	1,194.51	0.00
Rounding	-0.85	-0.85
Insurance pre-paid to June 2011 (£2,177.04 x 0months/12months)	<u>0.00</u>	<u>1,088.52</u>
	<u>1,193.66</u>	<u>1,087.67</u>

Note 5: Cash at Bank & CCLA Investment

	Restricted	Unrestricted	Designated	2011	2010
	£	£	£	Total	Total
	£	£	£	£	£
Cash at CAF Bank		8,043.46		8,043.46	8,366.58
Cash at CCLA Deposit Account	2,139.05	2,401.68	1,749.77	6,290.50	6,246.70
	<u>2,139.05</u>	<u>10,445.14</u>	<u>1,749.77</u>	<u>14,333.96</u>	<u>14,613.28</u>

Note 6: Restricted Funds - (£2,139.05)

		Building	2011	2010
	Water Tap	Fund	Total	Total
	£	£	Restricted	Restricted
	£	£	Funds	Funds
	£	£	£	£
Balance Brought fwd- 01/01/2011	709.92	1,413.10	2,123.02	970.54
Surplus/(Deficit)	6.90	9.13	16.03	1,152.48
Balance Carried fwd- 31/12/2011	<u>716.82</u>	<u>1,422.23</u>	<u>2,139.05</u>	<u>2,123.02</u>

Note 7: Designated Funds - (£1,749.77)

		2011	2010
	Church Notice	Designated	Designated
	Board	Fund	Fund
	£	£	£
Balance Brought fwd- 01/01/2011	2,607.90	1,734.48	4,342.38
Surplus/(Deficit)	-2,607.90	15.29	-2,592.61
Balance Carried fwd- 31/12/2011	<u>0.00</u>	<u>1,749.77</u>	<u>1,749.77</u>

Note 8: Unrestricted Funds - (11,558.80)

	2011	2010
	General	General
	Fund	Fund
	£	£
Balance Brought fwd- 01/01/2011	9,155.55	4,433.05
	-	-
Surplus/(Deficit)	2,403.25	4,722.50
Balance Carried fwd- 31/12/2011	<u>11,558.80</u>	<u>9,155.55</u>

St Mary Magdalene Church, Willen FORECAST INCOME AND EXPENDITURE STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2011

Income	Unrestricted		Designated		Restricted			2011 Year End Forecast
	General	Denys Ruddy Bequest	Church Notice Board	Willen Church Appeal	WaterTap	Building Fund	2011 Original Budget	
Gift Aided	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	
Income tax	10,839.46						10,839.46	
Pledges	2,371.13						2,371.13	
Plate	0.00						0.00	
Donations	3,636.96						3,636.96	
Fees	5,247.57						5,247.57	
Gift Day	2,764.60						2,764.60	
Interest/grants	567.00						567.00	
Fund raising	35.00						35.00	
Insurance Claim	600.00						600.00	
Donations+Interest+VAT Refund		20.00	422.00		12.00	35.00	720.00	
Church Fete	800.00						489.00	
Sundries & Electricity Refund							800.00	
Total Income	26,861.72	20.00	422.00	0.00	12.00	35.00	27,350.72	
Expenditure								
Maintenance	300.00						300.00	
Parish share	13,750.00						13,750.00	
Church Services	730.00						730.00	
Youth							0.00	
Heating	3,600.00						3,600.00	
Charity giving (home)							2,925.00	
Charity giving (o/seas)	500.00						100.00	
Insurance	2,209.70						600.00	
Printing/Stationery	500.00						500.00	
Sundries/Subs	150.00						150.00	
Fete Expenses	500.00						500.00	
Church Redecoration							200.00	
Water Tap Installation					500.00		0.00	
Notice Board							500.00	
Denys Ruddy re Microphone		0.00	2,400.00				2,400.00	
Total Expenditure	22,239.70	0.00	2,400.00	0.00	500.00	0.00	25,139.70	
Surplus/deficit	4,622.02	20.00	-1,978.00	0.00	-488.00	35.00	2,211.02	
							4,026.72	