

Parish of Kidlington with Hampton Poyle



Papers for the Annual Parochial Church Meeting 20th April, 2010

Our Vision Statement

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- To respond to God's call and to recognise the Kingdom of God in the minds and lives of local people.
- By faith and trust in God – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit – to build up the Body of Christ in Kidlington and Hampton Poyle

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To be held at St John's Hall Church, Kidlington
on Tuesday, 20th April, 2010 at 8.00 p.m.

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Minutes of the 2009 Annual Parochial Church Meeting

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting of the Parish of Kidlington with Hampton Poyle was held at St Mary's Church on Wednesday, 29th April 2009 at 8.00 p.m. The meeting was preceded by Holy Communion at 7.30 p.m.

Those Present

Anthony Ellis (Chair), Jean Bagnall, Ken Belcher, Liz Bruce, Rob Bruce, Pat Bruder, Robert Buckeldee, Philippa Burrell, Revd Hilary Campbell, Chris Caspell, Mark Christodoulou, Anne Clifton, Jimmy Clifton, Pamela Cooper, Marie Cosby, Margaret Day, Angela Dean, Dennis Dean, Kathryn Ellis, Bill Evershed, Rosemary Gardner, Monica Green, Stephanie Hobson, Margaret Lang, Michael Ling, John Morris, Joyce Morris, Margaret Pickin, Terry Pickin, Malcolm Seward, Lesley Smith, Rosemary Tucker, Revd Jim Turner, Maureen Turner, Janet Warren, Eleanor Williamson (Secretary), Jim Williamson, Bilham Woods.

There were 38 people present.

Opening Prayers

The meeting opened with prayers led by Anthony Ellis.

Apologies for Absence

Jean Amor, John Amor, Peggy Harwood, David Hewett, Meghann Hewett, Caroline Howdill, Cheryl Kite, Karen Mason, Celia Orr, Emma Seward, Colin Thackray, David Townsend, Joan Townsend, William Whyte.

Election of Churchwardens

Nominations had been received prior to the meeting for:

St John's, Kidlington:

Mark Christodoulou (nominated Malcolm Seward, seconded David Townsend)

Rosemary Gardner (nominated Malcolm Seward, seconded David Townsend)

St Mary's, Kidlington:

Bill Evershed (nominated Susan Knox, seconded Jill Buckeldee)

Joyce Morris (nominated Kathryn Ellis, seconded Robert Buckeldee)

St Mary's, Hampton Poyle

Jean Bagnall (nominated Pat O'Gorman, seconded Judith Baker)

Monica Green (nominated Isobel Pook, seconded Maureen Turner)

No other candidates were nominated. The six were elected, with all favour, to serve as Churchwardens for the year 2009/2010:

Joyce Morris (5th year), Mark Christodoulou (4th year), Monica Green (4th year), Jean Bagnall (3rd year), Rosemary Gardner (3rd year), Bill Evershed (2nd year).

Approve and Confirm Minutes of last APCM

The Minutes of the previous Annual Parochial Church Meeting, held on 22nd April 2008 at St John's Hall Church, Kidlington, were approved and confirmed.

Elect members to serve on the Parochial Church Council

The following have been elected in previous years and so are already members:

Philippa Burrell, Margaret Lang, Michael Ling, David Townsend, Joan Townsend, Meghann Hewett. Yo Davies has expressed a wish not to continue as a PCC Member

The following Deanery Synod reps are *ex officio* members of the PCC:

Ian Howdill, John Morris, Colin Thackray, Rosemary Tucker, Janet Warren.

The following were nominated for election and are eligible to stand:

Ann Holland (proposed Bill Evershed, seconded Caroline Howdill)

Rob Bruce (proposed Joyce Morris, seconded Stephanie Williams)

Ann and Rob were elected unopposed to serve on the PCC.

The elected membership of the PCC is now:

Rob Bruce (1st year), Philippa Burrell (3rd year), Yo Davies (3rd year), Meghann Hewett (2nd year), Ann Holland (1st year), Margaret Lang (3rd year), Michael Ling (3rd year), David Townsend (3rd year), Joan Townsend (3rd year).

Appoint Sidespersons for the current year

The following were nominated to serve as sidespersons:

For St Mary's, Kidlington:

Jill Buckeldee, Robert Buckeldee, Janet Caspell, Marie Cosby, Yo Davies, Meghann Hewett, Ian Howdill, Alice Norrie, Ray Norrie, Celia Orr, Judy Peters, Colin Thackray, Anne Thomas, Peter Venables, Olive Williams, Bilham Woods.

For St John's, Kidlington:

Barbara Belcher, Iris Darvill, Margaret Day, Angela Dean, Caroline Johnson, Beth Morgan, Ruth Morley, Margery Petrie, Malcolm Seward, David Townsend, Joan Townsend, Pat Whittington

For St Mary's, Hampton Poyle:

Judith Baker, Joan Barrett, Vera Hurren, Pat O'Gorman, Isobel Pook, Katy Smith

There being no further nominations, all the above were appointed as sidespersons.

Appoint an Independent Examiner

Mr Chris Caspell had indicated his willingness to serve as Independent Examiner and his appointment for 2009 was agreed (proposed Jimmy Clifton, seconded Janet Warren). The meeting recorded thanks to Chris for stepping in.

Approve Members of the St Mary's Committee

Written nominations had been received prior to the meeting for:

John Amor (proposed Trevor Langrish, seconded John Morris)

Jimmy Clifton (proposed Marie Cosby, seconded Bill Evershed)

Marie Cosby (proposed Ann Thomas, seconded John Morris)

Caroline Howdill (proposed Joyce Morris, seconded Jimmy Clifton)

Ian Howdill (proposed Joyce Morris, seconded Bill Evershed)

Susan Knox (proposed Anne Clifton, Stephanie Williams)

Lesley Smith (proposed Philippa Burrell, seconded Joyce Morris)

Colin Thackray (proposed Sue Greenaway, seconded Anne Clifton)

There were no other nominations. The eight were approved, with all favour, to serve on the St Mary's Committee.

Approve Members of the St John's Committee

Written nominations had been received prior to the meeting for:

Ken Belcher (proposed Angela Dean, seconded Barbara Belcher)

Margaret Day (proposed Mark Christodoulou, seconded Rosemary Gardner)

Jenny Dowdeswell (proposed Rosemary Gardner, seconded Malcolm Seward)

Rachel Evans (proposed Rosemary Gardner, seconded Margaret Day)

Gail Nawrocki (proposed Ken Belcher, seconded David Townsend)

Joan Townsend (proposed Rosemary Gardner, seconded Mark Christodoulou)

Pat Whittington (proposed Ken Belcher, seconded David Townsend)

All seven were approved, with all in favour, to serve on the St John's Committee.

Approve Members of the St Mary's Hampton Poyle Committee

Written nominations had been received prior to the meeting for:

Judith Baker (proposed Maureen Turner, seconded Vera Hurren)

Joan Barrett (proposed Jean Bagnall, seconded Maureen Turner)

Vera Hurren (proposed Monica Green, seconded Joan Barrett)

Pat O'Gorman (proposed Isobel Pook, seconded Judith Baker)

Isobel Pook (proposed Katy Smith, seconded Pat O'Gorman)

Katy Smith (proposed Isobel Pook, seconded Pat O'Gorman)

There were no other nominations. The six were approved, with all in favour, to serve on the St Mary's Hampton Poyle Committee.

Approve Members of the St John's Hall Management Committee

Written nominations had been received prior to the meeting for:

Margaret Day (proposed Rosemary Gardner, seconded Mark Christodoulou)

Ted Mobley (proposed Mark Christodoulou, seconded Rosemary Gardner)

David Townsend (proposed Mark Christodoulou, seconded Joan Townsend)

There were no other nominations. The three were approved to serve on the St John's Hall Management Committee.

Elect representatives for Churches Together in Kidlington

Written nominations had been received prior to the meeting for:

Gail Nawrocki (proposed Rosemary Gardner, seconded Margaret Day)

Catherine Button (proposed Philippa Burrell, seconded Rosemary Tucker)

Anne Clifton (proposed Marie Cosby, seconded Ian Howdill)

All three were elected to represent the Parish on the Committee of Churches Together in Kidlington (CTK).

Consider the Electoral Roll Report

A report was presented on the Roll, which still numbered 262 – the same as in the previous year. Over the year there had been 7 additions matched by 7 deletions.

The meeting recorded thanks to John Amor, the Electoral Roll Officer, for his work.

Consider Annual Reports

The annual reports of the Parish and its committees and allied groups, as represented in the Annual Report, were received and accepted.

Consider the Financial Statements for the year ended 31st December 2008

Michael Ling summarised the financial reports and statements presented in the Annual Report booklet (pages 14-22). He referred to the acceptance of the accounts by the Independent Examiner's report (page 14).

The Financial Statements for the year ending 31st December 2008 were accepted (proposed Mark Christodoulou, seconded Bilham Woods).

The meeting recorded thanks to Michael for his work.

Consider Fabric Report

Ian Howdill presented the Fabric Report, given in the Annual Report booklet (page 38). He thanked those who assist him.

The Fabric Report was accepted.

The meeting recorded thanks to Ian for his work.

Consider Deanery Synod Report

Janet Warren noted that the Synod report presented in the booklet (page 39) was, in error, a re-print of last year's. She therefore presented a verbal report, which included the following points:

- Work continuing on the Pastoral Plan by the incoming Synod;
- Area Dean (Anthony Ellis) and Lay Chairman (Peter Bridges) outlining their intention to allocate portfolios to Standing Committee members as a means of sharing the tasks previously undertaken by them alone;
- Launch of the Deanery e-sheet (Deanery Donkey);
- PCC treasurers having been invited to meetings to discuss the 2009 Parish Share allocation between themselves first and then with their parishes. Every parish had paid its 2008 share in full, qualifying the Deanery for a rebate which was, as in previous years, paid out to parishes *pro rata* their allocation.

Janet thanked all the Deanery Synod representatives.

The Deanery Synod Report was accepted.

The meeting recorded thanks to Janet for her work.

Consider any other matters of parochial or general Church interest

Strategy

Anthony Ellis gave an overview of the Diocese's strategic framework, *Sharing Life+*, and the work that the PCC had been doing over the past year to consider how the existing work of the parish already contributes to this, and what areas of work might be further developed in support of its key themes. He highlighted the importance of welcoming people, of Youth Work, and of undertaking an audit of talents – these being some of the practical areas that PCC had explored.

There followed a short discussion on innovation, in which Janet Warren noted the value of a parish trying and testing out new things (even though not all might succeed), and Rosemary Tucker suggested looking for ways to facilitate the exploration and identification of one's spiritual needs and direction.

Expressions of thanks

Joyce Morris proposed thanks to Anthony Ellis, Hilary Campbell and the Ministerial Team for their spiritual leadership and pastoral care.

Anthony Ellis proposed thanks to those who assist the Ministerial team and support them in so many ways.

Any Other Business

Janet Warren wished to record disappointment that there had been so few nominations for PCC election. She suggested that an agenda item aimed at addressing this issue be introduced for the first meeting of the incoming PCC.

Set the Date for the Next Meeting

It was agreed that the next Annual Parochial Church Meeting would be held on April 20th 2010, at St John's Hall Church, Kidlington.

Closing Prayers

The meeting closed with the Grace.

Eleanor Williamson

Parish of Kidlington with Hampton Poyle: Annual Report for 2009

Background

The PCC for the Parish of Kidlington with Hampton Poyle has the responsibility of co-operating with the appointed Team Ministers for promoting in the Parish, the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. It also has the responsibility for the churches of St Mary's Kidlington, St John's Kidlington and St Mary's Hampton Poyle. The PCC is a charity excepted from registration with the Charity Commission.

The Parish Vision statement is:

- To serve the people of Kidlington and Hampton Poyle for their own sake;
- To respond to God's call and to recognize and establish the Kingdom of God in the minds and lives of local people;
- By faith and trust in God - Father, Son and Holy Spirit - to build up the Body of Christ in Kidlington and Hampton Poyle.

The Parish Office location is: St Mary's Rectory, 19 Mill Street, Kidlington, Oxon OX5 2EE.

Bank: HSBC, 10 High Street, Kidlington, Oxon, OX5 2DH

Independent Examiner: Mr Chris Caspell, Axtell Close, Kidlington Oxon X5 1TW

The PCC

Members of the PCC are either ex officio or elected by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) in accordance with the Church Representation Rules. During the year the following served as members of the PCC:

Team Rector: The Rev. Canon Anthony Ellis (Chairman)

Team Vicar: The Rev. Hilary Campbell

Assistant Curate: The Rev. Dr Gillian Straine

Associate Minister: The Rev. Dr William Whyte

Licensed Lay Minister: Mrs Lesley Heffer

Churchwardens: Mrs Jean Bagnall

Mr Mark Christodoulou

Mrs Rosemary Gardner

Mrs Monica Green

Mrs Joyce Morris

Dr Bill Evershed

Representatives on the Diocesan Synod:

The Rev. Canon Anthony Ellis

The Rev. Hilary Campbell

Representatives on the Deanery Synod:

Mr Ian Howdill
Professor John Morris
Mr Colin Thackray
Miss Rosemary Tucker
Mrs Janet Warren

Elected Members:

Mr Robert Bruce (from APCM 2009)
Miss Philippa Burrell (from APCM 2007)
Mrs Meghan Hewett (from APCM 2008)
Miss Ann Holland (from APCM 2009)
Mrs Margaret Lang (from APCM 2007)
Mr Michael Ling (from APCM 2007)
Mr David Townsend (from APCM 2007)
Mrs Joan Townsend (from APCM 2007)
Mrs Judy Peters (co-opted June 2009)

The Full Parochial Church Council has held six evening meetings and one ‘Away Morning’ during the year with an average attendance of fifteen.

The PCC has continued to engage with the Living Faith strategy, watching the accompanying DVD and encouraging feedback from the congregations after subsequent showings in each of our three churches.

At the “Away Morning” there was discussion about how to we accommodate new members into our churches. A set of ideas for action was drawn up. Work on these continues to progress and will be carried forward into the next year.

The PCC explored issue of Charitable Giving, and mindful of the need to meet our increased parish share and the increased running cost of our buildings, agreed that for the coming year our mission giving should be based on 10% of the income from parish fund raising events. The PCC is concerned about the fact that there will be a deficit budget in future years and has discussed how our congregations can be helped towards a greater understanding of our finances.

The PCC has continued to support our link with All Saints Montshiwa and agreed to the Memorandum of Understanding that has been drawn up between the two parishes.

The formal business has covered issues of child protection, the flu pandemic policy, and the monitoring of plans to repair and refurbish our church buildings. Each PCC committee has regularly presented reports for discussion.

Committees

Committees met between PCC meetings and Minutes of their deliberations were received by the full PCC and discussed where necessary. Reports were also received from the Deanery Synod and Churches Together in Kidlington. The Standing Committee held seven meetings this year, normally approximately two weeks prior to the full PCC Meetings. The Minutes are distributed to all PCC members. The PCC operates through a number of committees, which meet between full meetings of the PCC:

- **Standing Committee:** This is the only committee required by law. It has power to transact the business of the PCC between its meetings, subject to any directions given by the Council.
- **Finance Committee:** This oversees the general financial dimension of the Parish by monitoring income and expenditure, budgeting and regular control of Planned Giving, etc.
- **Fabric Committee:** This attends to matters relating to the stewardship of property such as the church buildings and fabric, churchyard and the house at 29 Andersons Close, advises on fabric matters concerning the Rectory, Vicarage, and Almshouse.
- **Mission and Outreach Committee:** This nurtures links with other parishes and organizations and prepares proposals for mission giving allocation.
- **Churches Together in Kidlington Committee:** This fosters links with other Christian denominations in Kidlington.
- **Anglican-Methodist Liaison Group:** This has not met in the current year.
- **St Mary's, Kidlington Committee:** This attends to matters of worship, fellowship and administration specific to St Mary's and the Refectory.
- **St John's Committee:** This attends to matters of worship, fellowship and administration specific to St John's.
- **St Mary's, Hampton Poyle Committee:** This attends to matter of worship, fellowship and administration specific to St Mary's, Hampton Poyle.
- **Giving Committee:** This develops, implement and monitors plans that will attempt to ensure the income of the PCC is in line with, or ahead of, the forecasted needs provided by the finance sub-committee for the short-, medium- and long-term.

The following are the lay representatives on the Churches Together in Kidlington Committee:

Miss Catherine Button

Mrs Anne Clifton

Mrs Gail Nawrocki

Church Attendance

At the APCM in April 2009 there were 262 names on the Electoral Roll for the Parish of Kidlington with Hampton Poyle. The average attendance at the main Sunday service is: 120 at St Mary's, Kidlington, 60 at St John's and 14 at St Mary's, Hampton Poyle.

The following members of the congregation were confirmed in Nov 2009, Malcolm Sturges, Amy Cooper and Alex Christodoulou.

Bridget Fann and Judith Ryder were admitted into the Church of England.

Welcome

We welcomed the appointment and arrival of the Rev'd Dr Gillian Straine as Assistant Curate to the Parish in July.

Report on the Parish Accounts for 2009

The accounts show that the finances of the Parochial Church Council (PCC) are in a perilous state.

There was a total deficit in the year of £10,078 which incorporated a deficit of £12,331 on those funds where the Parochial Church Council can determine where monies are spent (i.e. unrestricted funds).

The major unrestricted fund is the General Fund, which covers the day-to-day activities of the PCC. This fund was in deficit in the year by £9,788.

The quota will increase by a further £11,000 in 2010 and by another £12,000 in 2011, by which time it will cover the full employment, housing and pension costs of the two stipendiary clergy in the parish (these costs are paid from monies received through the quota system).

So, if nothing else changes in the parish finances, the deficit of £9,788 in 2009 will become a deficit of £21,000 in 2010, and a deficit of £33,000 from 2011 onwards.

The deficit in 2009 has been met from reserves. Savings, though, can only be used for a finite time. Based on the above, the reserves of the PCC will be fully exhausted by 2011.

From the end of 2011 the PCC will not be able to meet its liabilities.

Urgent action is necessary long before that date.

Michael Ling CPFA

22 March 2010

**Independent Examiner’s Report on the Financial Statements for the year ended
31 December 2009**

This report on the financial statements of the Parochial Church Council (‘the PCC’) for the year ended 31 December 2009, which are set-out on pages 3 to 9, is in respect of an examination carried out in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 (‘the Regulations’) and s.43 of the Charities Act, 1993 (‘the Act’).

Respective responsibilities of the PCC and the Examiner

As members of the PCC you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements; you consider that the audit requirements of the Regulations and s.43(2) of the Act does not apply. It is my responsibility to issue this report on those financial statements in accordance with the terms of the Regulations.

Basis of this report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission under s.43(7)(b) of the Act and to be found in the church guidance, 2006 edition. That examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the PCC and a comparison of the accounts with those records. It also includes considering any unusual items or disclosures in the financial statements and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an opinion on the view given by the accounts.

Independent Examiner’s statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 41 of the Act; and
 - to prepare financial statements, which accord with the accounting records and comply with the requirements of the Act and the Regulations have not been met; or
2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed

Chris Caspell BA(Hons) ATT AFA
2 Axtell Close, Kidlington, Oxon, OX5 1TW

Dated

**Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended
31 December 2009**

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endow ment Funds £	TOTAL FUNDS 2009 2008 £ £	
INCOMING RESOURCES						
Voluntary income	2a	107,125	5,065	0	112,190	117,123
Activities for generating funds	2b	5,611	1,049	0	6,660	8,734
Income from investments	2c	4,432	110	293	4,835	7,601
Church activities	2d	21,432	0	0	21,432	20,494
Other incoming resources	2e	8,650	800	0	9,450	6,797
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES		147,250	7,024	293	154,567	160,749
RESOURCES EXPENDED						
Cost of generating funds	3a	679	0	0	679	1,121
Church activities	3b	158,652	5,692	0	164,344	165,580
Governance costs	3c	250	0	0	250	250
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED		159,581	5,692	0	165,273	166,951
NET INCOMING RESOURCES BEFORE TRANSFERS		-12,331	1,332	293	-10,706	-6,202
TRANSFERS						
Transfers-in between funds		13,238	0	0	13,238	17,223
Transfers-out between funds		-13,238	0	0	-13,238	-17,223
NET INCOMING RESOURCES BEFORE OTHER GAINS/LOSSES		-12,331	1,332	293	-10,706	-6,202
Losses on investment assets: on revaluation	5	0	77	551	628	-2,325
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		-12,331	1,409	844	-10,078	-8,527
BALANCES B/FWD 1 JANUARY		78,575	66,893	7,742	153,210	161,737
BALANCES C/FWD 31 DECEMBER		66,244	68,302	8,586	143,132	153,210

The notes on pages [11 to 18](#) form part of these accounts

Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2009

		TOTAL FUNDS	
		2009	2008
	Notes	£	£
FIXED ASSETS (Investments)	5	7,398	6,770
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors	6	22,803	20,283
		123,54	139,46
Cash at bank and in hand		2	9
		146,34	159,75
		5	2
Total Current Assets			
LIABILITIES			
Creditors - amounts falling due in one year	7	10,611	13,312
		135,73	146,44
		4	0
Net current assets/(liabilities)			
		143,13	153,21
		2	0
TOTAL NET ASSETS			
PARISH FUNDS			
Unrestricted	8	66,244	78,575
Restricted	8	68,302	66,893
Endowment	8	8,586	7,742
		143,13	153,21
		2	0
Total Parish Funds			

Approved by the Parochial Church Council on 24 March 2010 and signed on its behalf by:



 Revd Canon JA Ellis

The notes on pages [12-16](#) form part of these accounts.

Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2009

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 together with applicable accounting standards and the SORP 2005.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention except for the valuation of investment assets, which are shown at market value. The financial statements include all transactions, assets and liabilities for which the PCC is responsible in law. They do not include the accounts of church groups that owe their main affiliation to another body, nor those that are informal gatherings of church members.

Funds

Endowment funds are funds where the capital must be maintained. Only income arising from investment of the endowment may be used either as restricted or unrestricted funds depending upon the purpose for which the endowment was established.

Restricted funds represent (a) income from trusts or endowments which may be expended only on those restricted objects provided in the terms of the trust or bequest, and (b) donations or grants received for a specific object or invited by the PCC for a specific object. The funds may only be expended on the specific object for which they were given. Any balance remaining unspent at the end of each year must be carried-forward as a balance on that fund. The PCC does not usually invest separately for each fund, although a very limited number of funds still retain historical short-term deposits and this will be addressed in the forthcoming year.

Unrestricted funds are general funds which can be used for specific PCC ordinary purposes.

Incoming Resources

Planned giving, collections and donations are recognized when received. Tax refunds are recognized when the incoming resource to which they related is received. Grants and legacies are accounted for when the PCC is legally entitled to the amounts involved. Dividends are accounted for when receivable. All incoming resources are accounted for gross wherever possible.

Resources Expended

Grants and donations are accounted for when paid over. The diocesan parish share is accounted when due. All other expenditure is generally recognized when it is incurred and is accounted for gross.

Gains and Losses on Investments

Unrealized gains or losses are accounted for on revaluation of investments at 31 December.

Fixed Assets

Consecrated and benefice property is not included in the accounts in accordance with s96(2) (a) of the Charities Act, 1993.

Movable church furnishings held by the vicar and churchwardens on special trust for the PCC and which require a faculty for disposal are inalienable property, listed in the church inventories, which are open to inspection. For anything acquired prior to 2000 there is insufficient cost information available and therefore such assets are not valued in the financial statements.

Investments are valued at market value at 31 December.

Unrestricted Restricted Endowment TOTAL FUNDS

	Funds £	Funds £	Funds £	2009 £	2008 £
2 INCOMING RESOURCES					
2a Voluntary income					
Planned giving					
Bank	48,557	260	0	48,817	46,138
Envelopes	21,979	0	0	21,979	25,144
Collections	12,576	1,293	0	13,869	14,418
Donations	4,911	3,512	0	8,423	11,555
Tax recovered	19,102	0	0	19,102	19,868
Grants	0	0	0	0	0
	<u>107,125</u>	<u>5,065</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>112,190</u>	<u>117,123</u>
2 b Activities for generating funds					
Fund-raising	<u>5,611</u>	<u>1,049</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>6,660</u>	<u>8,734</u>
2c Investment income					
Dividends and interest	79	110	293	482	2,411
Rent from land and buildings	<u>4,353</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>4,353</u>	<u>5,190</u>
	<u>4,432</u>	<u>110</u>	<u>293</u>	<u>4,835</u>	<u>7,601</u>
2 d Income from church activities					
Fees	11,948	0	0	11,948	10,908
Church hall lettings	5,551	0	0	5,551	5,388
Letting of church buildings	<u>3,933</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>3,933</u>	<u>4,198</u>
	<u>21,432</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>21,432</u>	<u>20,494</u>
2e Other incoming resources					
Trips and visits	7,624	0	0	7,624	5,204
Other	<u>1,026</u>	<u>800</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1,826</u>	<u>1,593</u>
	<u>8,650</u>	<u>800</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>9,450</u>	<u>6,797</u>
Total incoming resources	<u>147,250</u>	<u>7,024</u>	<u>293</u>	<u>154,567</u>	<u>160,749</u>
3 RESOURCES EXPENDED					
3a Cost of generating funds					
Fundraising	<u>679</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>679</u>	<u>1,121</u>
3 b Church activities					
Missionary and charitable giving:					
Missionary societies	600	0	0	600	0
Relief and development agencies	383	76	0	459	2,694
Home mission	0	56	0	56	219
Secular charities	<u>900</u>	<u>403</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1,303</u>	<u>530</u>
Ministry:					
Diocesan parish share(Quota)	77,600	0	0	77,600	67,900
Churches Together in Kidlington	400	0	0	400	300
Junior Church groups	1,153	0	0	1,153	813
Music	4,757	0	0	4,757	4,890
Repairs and maintenance	13,247	0	0	13,247	12,960
Spire works	0	0	0	0	10,656
Other major works	3,985	3,899	0	7,884	17,627
Heat, light and cleaning	<u>8,635</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>8,635</u>	<u>1,603</u>

Church hall running costs (excluding insurance)	8,225	0	0	8,225	5,186
Insurance	9,934	0	0	9,934	10,054
Office and admin costs	12,659	0	0	12,659	11,490
Other supplies and services	8,554	1,258	0	9,812	12,626
Trips and visits	7,620	0	0	7,620	6,032
	<u>158,652</u>	<u>5,692</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>164,344</u>	<u>165,580</u>
3c Governance costs					
Examination of accounts	250	0	0	250	250
Total resources expended	<u>159,581</u>	<u>5,692</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>165,273</u>	<u>166,951</u>

(a) STAFF

4 COSTS

	£
Salaries and wages	16,914
Employer's national insurance contributions	<u>290</u>
	<u>17,204</u>

During the year the PCC employed a parish administrator, Director of Music, organist, vergers and cleaner.

Together these employees equate to less than one full-time employee.

(b) PAYMENTS TO PCC MEMBERS

No payments have been made to any PCC member.

5 FIXED ASSETS

Investments

	Bulford	Freeborn	Hulbert	Dodd	TOTAL	
	£	£	£	£	2009	2008
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Market value at 1 January	3,937	1,702	262	870	6,771	9,096
Gain/Loss on revaluation	367	159	24	77	627	-2,325
Adj re Dodd Fund						
Market value at 31 Dec	<u>4,304</u>	<u>1,861</u>	<u>286</u>	<u>947</u>	<u>7,398</u>	<u>6,771</u>

6 DEBTORS AND PRE-PAYMENTS

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Endowment	TOTAL FUNDS	
	£	£	£	2009	2008
	£	£	£	£	£
Tax recoverable	19,102	0	0	19,102	14,628
Other debtors	451	0	0	451	2,855
Prepayments	3,250	0	0	3,250	2,800
	<u>22,803</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>22,803</u>	<u>20,283</u>

7 LIABILITIES

Amounts falling due within one year:

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Endowment	TOTAL FUNDS	
				2009	2008
	£	£	£	£	£
HM Revenue and Customs	0	0	0	0	144
Diocesan fees	558	0	0	558	1,976
Other fees	295	0	0	295	395
Utilities	350	0	0	350	1,251
Other creditors	9,408	0	0	9,408	9,546
Receipts in advance	0	0	0	0	0
	<u>10,611</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>10,611</u>	<u>13,312</u>

8 FUNDS

The funds, their category and use are as follows:

General (*Unrestricted*) Used for all general purposes of the PCC, unless covered by another fund.

Buildings Appeal (*Restricted*) Covers the major repairs to the spire at St Mary's, Kidlington, and the appeal for funds to cover those costs. Often referred to as the 'Spire Fund'.

Bell Maintenance (*Restricted*) For the repair, maintenance and replacement of bells and bellringing equipment.

Bulford (*Endowment*) Miss VM Bulford bequest dated 1976. Income to be used for keeping the graveyard of Kidlington Parish Church in good order and repair, with request that the Bulford family graves are kept in good order and repair.

Dodd (*Restricted*) For the maintenance of the churchyard at Hampton Poyle.

Donations (*Restricted*) Used for purposes specified by donors.

Flowers (*Restricted*) Provision of flowers to decorate church.

Fund a Football (*Restricted*) Project to provide footballs to young people in our partner diocese in South Africa to enable them to celebrate the hosting of the football World Cup.

Freeborn (*Endowment*) Bequest dated 1972. Income to be used for keeping the churchyard in good order and repair, with request that the Freeborn family graves are kept in good order and repair.

Hampton Poyle Appeal (*Restricted*) For major building works at St Mary's, Hampton Poyle.

Hulbert (*Endowment*) Miss S Hulbert bequest, memorandum dated 1940. Income to be used for maintenance of church and churchyard of parish church of Kidlington so long as the grave of Lewin and Mary Hulbert is kept in good order and repair.

Keyboard (*Restricted*) Purchase of keyboard and amplification.

Mission (*Unrestricted*) Sums put aside by the PCC for distribution as Mission.

Quinquennial Survey (*Unrestricted*) Provides for the cost of the quinquennial survey of buildings.

Quota Reserve (*Unrestricted*) Consists of recent annual surpluses on the General Fund, set-aside to ease known increases in the parish share (Quota) to meet the Deanery policy of each parish to meet at least the full cost of its stipendiary clergy (less fees earned for the Diocese).

Reserve (*Unrestricted*) To cover sudden and unforeseen liabilities.

Social (*Unrestricted*) Balance on activities held for social purposes (rather than fundraising).

St John's Alterations (*Restricted*) Proposed alterations to St John's building.

St John's Hall (*Unrestricted*) St John's Church Hall: use as a community building.

St John's 50th Anniversary (*Restricted*) To celebrate 50th anniversary of St John's.

St John's Improvements (*Unrestricted*) Improvements to the St John's building.

Vestments (*Restricted*) Provides for vestments at St Mary's, Kidlington.

Woodwork, St Mary's, Kidlington (*Restricted*) Repairs to wooden fabric at St Mary's, Kidlington.

Youthworker (*Restricted*) Youthwork in the parish and within Wolvercote and Summertown.

Funds - Summary statement for year ended 31 December 2009

Fund	Balance brought forward £	Incoming resources £	Outgoing resources £	Transfers £	Gains/ Losses £	Balance carried forward £
Unrestricted Funds						
General	0	141,115	149,453	8,338	0	0
Mission	83	375	1,883	2,000	0	575
Quinquennial Survey	431	0	0	300	0	731
Quota Reserve	42,774	0	0	-11,788	0	30,986
Reserve	23,334	0	0	0	0	23,334
St John's Hall	10,779	5,706	8,245	1,150	0	9,390
St John's Improvements	1,009	54	0	0	0	1,063
Social	165	0	0	0	0	165
	78,575	147,250	159,581	0	0	66,244
Restricted Funds						
Buildings Appeal	3,019	0	0	0	0	3,019
Bell Maintenance	384	37	0	0	0	421
Dodd	1,492	322	0	0	77	1,891
Donations	3,860	851	843	0	0	3,868
Flowers	225	840	900	0	0	165
Fund a Football	0	2,245	0	0	0	2,245
Hampton Poyle Appeal	16,081	722	1,154	0	0	15,649
Keyboard	123	0	0	0	0	123
St John's 50th Anniversary	1,049	744	50	0	0	1,743
St John's Alterations	0	0	981	0	0	-981
Vestments	1,275	0	0	0	0	1,275
Woodwork, St Mary's	8,940	1,002	1,764	0	0	8,178
Youthworker	30,445	261	0	0	0	30,706
	66,893	7,024	5,692	0	77	68,302
Endowments						
Bulford	5,185	196	0	0	367	5,748
Freeborn	2,242	84	0	0	159	2,485
Hulbert	315	13	0	0	25	353
	7,742	293	0	0	551	8,586
Total	153,210	154,567	165,273	0	628	143,132

REVIEW OF THE YEAR

Rector's Report

Last year I based my annual report on the Diocesan Strategy "Living Faith". It seemed then a good way to review the previous year. This year I am using the same format and will be able to measure any progress in the twelve months until December 2009.

Sustaining the Sacred Centre.

Last year I wrote that I was uneasy about keeping our churches locked most of the time. I am still not comfortable with that policy because so many people are renewed by walking round places that are holy and peaceful.

What did we do to sustain our prayer life in 2009? We have made available a list of prayer subjects for you through the year.

We had hoped to do a school of prayer in 2009 but as the year came to an end we were promoting prayer events for 2010.

Quiet Days took place twice last year with more people participating than in previous years.

I was disappointed that there were not more people from Kidlington who attended the excellent Saturday morning's teaching on prayer led by Bishop John in March which took place at St Clement's in Oxford.

Lent Groups took place again this year and a number of our congregation continue to meet together as prayer and fellowship groups.

On World Aids Day we organised day long "prayer vigil" for those who suffer from this condition.

While we did not achieve all that we set out to do, I am encouraged that we made plans to develop our sustaining of the sacred centre with programmes in 2010. In 2010 this part of the Diocesan Strategy is where we shall be concentrating our efforts

Making Disciples

We must be doing something right because our congregations have new faces appearing all the time, a number of whom make their home in one of our churches. Yet we should be making many more disciples than we are. About 18000 people live in Kidlington and Hampton Poyle and if we see 220 people in Church on a Sunday we have only a tiny percentage of the population attending our Churches. As Jesus remarked once "The harvest is rich but the labourers are few, so ask the Lord of the harvest to send labourers to his harvest". In the next year or so this part of the Diocesan Strategy should receive a great deal of attention from us.

The statistics show that there were less than 30 baptisms in the year, (some 13 fewer than in the previous year). Three candidates were confirmed and two people were received into the Anglican Church. Of the Occasional Offices, Funerals seem to draw new people into our fellowships; I notice that recently bereaved people are numbered among new members of the congregation. If there is growth we cannot be satisfied that it is sufficient given the size of our community. In 2011 I would like to think that the Church Council will decide that this should be our priority.

Making a Difference in our Society

I recognise that our influence in this community is far greater than our numerical strength would suggest. Church people make major contributions to many organisations within the two villages.

Indeed, I reflect that if Christians withdrew from the life of the wider community, the parish would be a very different place.

Church people are highly visible in organisations which seek to bring the issue of climate change to the notice of the wider public. Our commitment to fairly traded goods is made evident through the annual Fair Trade Fair. I notice Christians in prominent places where there are opportunities to create a better society.

I wonder at times whether we make enough of the opportunities that may arise to be influential in the local government scene. As Christians we ought to make our distinctive contribution in the consultations that take place. During the last year I have been able to attend conference and workshops organised by Cherwell District Council but I wonder whether we are making the most of these opportunities.

Pastorally we try to serve our communities through all kinds of ministry. In 2009 our clergy team officiated at 100 funerals. It is widely recognised that we can make a difference if we show our sympathy and care for bereaved people. There were 21 weddings. Does this make a difference in society? I think it does because a carefully taken wedding after thoughtful preparation can lead to stable and sustainable marriages.

Society is not just local. We know that we live in a global village and as a Church we are committed to fair trade and to ensure that our planet is fit to inhabit for future generations. However we remain committed to help our sisters and brothers in South Africa in the struggle to combat the curse of HIV and Aids. At the end of 2009 new opportunities were presenting themselves which have developed in the first three months of 2010. I look forward to reporting further on this in twelve months time.

I have no doubt that our community is the better for our Church community's presence but how rich the potential harvest is.

Creating a Vibrant Christian Community

I am told what a lively Church we are. I appreciate a great deal happens and some of the things that take place I know very little about! Students who come on placements write glowing reports of their experience in Kidlington which are an indication that there is life in the parish.

Our Churches are well used not only on a Sunday but throughout the week. Some activities are organised by outside groups but many of the bookings are church based activities.

At the beginning of May a coach load made a pilgrimage to the North East of England to visit places where the Northern saints like Aidan, Bede and Cuthbert made such an impact one thousand four hundred years ago.

In March and October two minibuses full of parishioners visited churches in Worcestershire and Surrey.

In early July there was a highly successful Parish Barbeque.

In the autumn there was a most successful Quiz evening.

I know it is a lively place because I need to take a day off each week to recover from the last six days!

Shaping Confident Collaborative Leadership

In 2009 I completed my first five year term as Area Dean of Oxford but on the absence of an obvious successor the Bishop of Oxford has asked me to stay in post. I enjoy the challenge of this work but I realise that it does mean that I have wider responsibilities. I still remain a member of the Diocesan Synod but I did not seek re-election to the Diocesan Pastoral Committee.

I always feel the least able to make this judgement, so I leave that to you, the reader of this report. However I recognise that there are many people in all our congregations whose leadership is vital for the smooth running of the parish. These people are extremely generous in the way that they give of their time and talents. Without this leadership the life of the parish would be infinitely poorer. I thank those who share leadership: in particular the clergy team; church wardens; and those church officers whose work behind the scenes is so important.

During the year there were changes in personnel. In July the Rev. Dr Gillian Straine was made deacon and began to serve as the Assistant–Curate of Kidlington and Hampton Poyle. The Rev. Jennifer Brown has returned to Kidlington to work with us.

The Rev. Hilary Campbell serves as County Chaplain to the St John's Ambulance.

May I conclude by thanking you all for your support and your prayers.

Anthony Ellis

Team Vicar and St John's, Kidlington Report

We are people of God who come from many places to meet together in one place.

At its best, church reminds us of the importance of place – places given life by the people who gather there, by memories, by plans for the future. Then this life can be taken out into other parts of the surrounding community. The annual meeting is an important occasion to give thanks for the place we find ourselves in, for the people who give us life, for commitment to community.

Welcomes and Goodbyes

This year at St John's we've welcomed through baptism India Yousaf and Nathan Morna. We were delighted at the safe birth in August of Nahum Whyte to curate William and his wife Zoë. Alex Christodoulou made his own commitment to faith at the parish confirmation service held at St John's in November. This was presided over by Bishop John, and was a profound celebration, with moving contributions from the youth group TIG who came to support 2 members of the group and spoke about the importance of faith to each of them. We said goodbye to Nadine Pearce as she and her husband moved to make their main home in Devon, while still keeping in touch with friends from St John's. We mourned the loss of Connie Elliott in March, and took time later in the year for a thanksgiving and celebration of the lives of Connie and husband Dick who made such significant contribution to life at St John's.

Celebrating St John's

Ripples of the golden anniversary celebrations continued this year, as February saw the blessing of a new green altar frontal used in the 'green and growing' Sundays of Ordinary Time, including the Sundays after Trinity. In July we held a Family Fun Day with a 1950s theme, which was very enjoyable, though the weather might have been more kind to us! There was a final golden flourish in October with a joyous musical evening and communion service to mark the 50th anniversary of the dedication of the chancel. With movement, word, music and sacrament we filled the space of St John's, marking the holiness and life that cannot be contained within the building, but has to spill out, as our preacher the Venerable Richard Seed, Archdeacon of York, and the first Team Vicar of the parish, reminded us. Now we are looking to the future with our plans to re-develop the building, with revised drawings and work being done to crystallize these ideas. We are grateful for the skills and talents of Malcolm Austen and the parish Fabric Committee for helping to flesh out our ideas.

Junior Church continues to flourish, with all ages from 0 to teenage working well together albeit in inadequate space, though we were able this year to provide them with a little extra room and new furniture enabled better use of the space. The whole community at St John's learns

much from all they share with us, and we continue to seek ways to worship together as all ages and all stages of faith. We have all benefited from their regular presentations and contributions to particular occasions such as Mothering Sunday and Gift Sunday . This year the Nativity presentation was entitled *The Greatest Gift of All* which had a starring role for young Nahum Whyte. It had a well-deserved reprise during the Crib Service on Christmas Eve. The Christingle service was a joyful preparation for Christmas with local Brownies also taking part. The success of Junior Church is only possible with the support of their families and the tremendous work done by our devoted team of teachers and helpers, for which we thank them warmly. Other groups for children and young people continue to meet at St John's. T.I.G. (Together in God) is the parish youth group for 11 to 16 year olds and this year some went away for an energetic weekend with young people in the Dorchester Team. We also organized an Easter vigil overnight stay at St Mary's, exploring the Easter story, and culminating with a dawn service out on the fields between St Mary's and Hampton Poyle. St John's Under 5s continues to meet for pre-school age children with their parents or carers, exploring the Christian story with songs, story, prayer, activities, refreshment and chat. Links are continuing to develop with local schools, especially West Kidlington School, where I am a community governor. In June St John's welcomed children from Year 2 to visit and hear stories about St John's and a Godly Play presentation on baptism.

Another regular group that meets in St John's supports a different age range, and the Wednesday Retired Club continues to be a welcome time of gathering each month – a social occasion, with shared meals and activities, trips out and interesting speakers.

Members of St John's have continued to show their care and concern for those in need, both within our community and further afield. In particular, collections of money or gifts have been made during the year for Helen & Douglas House, our link parish of All Saints Montshiwa, local disadvantaged families, Mother Teresa Group, The Children's Society, BibleLands and The Gatehouse. We are also pleased to support Edukid, providing education for children in Cambodia, our regular Traidcraft stall and Christian Aid Week fundraising.

The St John's Committee has met four times during the year for consideration of many topics regarding the life at St John's and within the parish at large. We have continued to explore the Diocesan theme of Living Faith, and worked on a strategy to face the impact of a potential flu pandemic. We have continued to progress discussions on how to enhance and improve the facilities of the building.

In terms of worship we continue to explore elements that may enhance our worship time together on Sunday as well as contribute to our travelling in faith during the rest of the week. Parish quiet days in Advent and Lent are valued, as are the opportunities to meet together in worship and discussion with members of other churches in Kidlington (eg the ecumenical Lent groups). A monthly lunch-time bible discussion group, Food for Thought continues at St John's Vicarage. Holy Week is an intensive journey, with a variety of reflective opportunities. This year included a Good Friday service for children. Weekday opportunities for worship can offer different ways of praying and being together and the Lady Chapel is a peaceful place to come and be still. The monthly evening Iona communion service continues to be attractive to a range of people across the parish, complementing the monthly Celtic Evening Prayer on a Sunday. Tuesday evening services focusing on prayers for healing and wholeness now take place on a quarterly basis. The Wednesday evening prayer time has been discontinued. In Advent the Travelling Nativity, or Posada, again became part of the Advent preparation time for some.

I know that St John's appreciates the range and variety of input and preparation from team members –this is the real joy of being part of a team ministry. We were delighted to welcome a new stipendiary curate as Revd Gillian Straine joined the team in July. We also thank the extended team of people who give time, energy and love to keep everything going at St John's –

serving on St John's Committee, arranging all the rotas, cleaning the Sanctuary and Lady Chapel, doing new flower displays (and clearing away old ones), preparing and setting out the church, preparing Junior Church activities, choosing and playing the music, welcoming visitors, acting as server, reader, sidesperson or intercessor, serving coffee, etc. Thank you to those who serve on parish groups. Thank you to the dedication of church wardens – to Mark Christodoulou, and to Rosemary Gardner. We also thank the members of the St John's Hall Management Committee who deal with many aspects of the running of the building for us.

Alongside the joys and challenges of parish ministry, I continue to enjoy the role of County Chaplain for St John's Ambulance in Oxfordshire. I see this as a role that helps me to develop new relationships with people within Kidlington and more widely in Oxfordshire, in association with an organization that has caring and service at its heart.

I mustn't forget to thank my family for their patience and love, and thank you to you all at St John's for being who you are and for sharing in our life together.

May God bless the doors to this place, keeping them open that the kingdom may come in and that this church may be aware of the world that God loves.

Generous God, bless us who have come to worship that however we enter, we may leave changed because in the company of Jesus we cannot remain the same.

Hilary Campbell

St Mary's, Kidlington Report

As usual, we take this opportunity to thank everyone who makes St Mary's special - the clergy team, servers, sidespeople, intercessors, readers, flower arrangers, bell ringers, verger, cleaners, Sunday School teachers, choir.

The clergy team continues to grow, by formal and informal means. Dr Gillian Straine was ordained in July and came here as curate, where she was quickly involved in the Swine Flu Planning Group. The group concluded that we should plan not to have swine flu, and on the whole we have kept to this resolution. This work has enabled us to put plans in place for any future emergency, where the Parish Office can act as a centre for distributing news.

The annual return of the swifts in May led us to examine whether the works to the spire had reduced their nesting sites (conclusion: no, because they nest in the Lady Chapel Roof), and whether the eventual repair of the roof could be tailored to retain nesting sites (conclusion: yes, by adopting a specially designed roof tile that allows them to fly in between the roof and the wall). For such a harbinger of summer, it's remarkable how often any inspection of their nesting habits has taken place in torrential rainfall.

The annual spring clean concentrated on the Children's Chapel (now mainly the flower arrangers' chapel), where we removed old carpets, organ pipes, and kneelers from the roof, with a view to removing the roof and other screening altogether, and making better use of the space.

For the first time, the Family Fun Day and BBQ was held at the Marsland's house, and as usual was a happy occasion. The stalls were necessarily closer together than in the Rectory garden, but this might be better at attracting custom. Fortunately we didn't have to test out the wet weather plan.

"Church Crawls" visited Pershore and Chipping Camden, as a day out, and then, more ambitiously, took a long weekend to visit the north-east, including Lindisfarne and Durham.

Many of us at St Mary's are waifs and strays – we wander into Kidlington from somewhere else, and often we never leave. In December I was surprised to realise that I had lived over half my life in Kidlington, when I originally planned to stay for a year. It's encouraging that there is a

regular flow of newcomers, and we held another evening in February to welcome them, and explain our funny little ways. There are other signs of growth – Remembrance Sunday and Midnight Mass are busier than they have ever been (allegedly), and there is always a long queue for coffee.

“Next Thursday is Good Friday” said Anthony shortly before Christmas Eve, and even if time wasn’t rushing away that fast, or that illogically, the ice and snow somehow made the Advent season go too fast (or else it’s my age). After Christmas, and before Lent there is a liturgical “breathing space”, and we used it to host teaching on prayer, led by members of the team and Rosemary Tucker. It was good to talk over soup and bread, and then to practice what we’d discussed in the quiet (and cold) of the Church. We agreed that we should try to do this again. Perhaps the summer holiday season would be a possibility.

Last year I reported that Jennifer Brown had left us to be Chaplain of Jesus College. Their subsequent failure to recognise a good thing has returned her to us, adding to the “unofficial team” mentioned above. We are very lucky to have such a wealth of different experiences to draw on.

In February we had a Deanery “Visitation”, when we need to demonstrate that the church is in good order, both as a physical structure, as a worshipping community, and as one of several churches in the village. It’s never entirely comfortable being examined, but we feel that we passed, and thanks to my fellow-warden Joyce Morris the records were presented very professionally, and meant that the battle was half-won before it had begun. The church building played its part too. Leaks aside, it feels solid and prayerful. It’s had frequent use from the wider community this year, with KAOS concerts, performances by the Adderbury Ensemble, an organ recital by David Hewitt, as well as being the focus for the flower festival. Visitors occasionally walk in after the services, and are better served in summer (very generously defined) by the provision of teas, and the opportunity to look round at their leisure.

I’ve been very grateful for the support I’ve received this year from all at St Mary’s.

Bill Evershed, Churchwarden.

St Mary’s, Hampton Poyle Report

Our year at Hampton Poyle Church has been a steady one; our congregations on Sundays through the year have been consistent with slightly more people on the first Sunday of the month than on the third. If there is a degree of disappointment it is the decline in the congregations on the big Christian Festivals and the special services that have taken place in the Church.

In March members of the Hampton Poyle congregation organised a highly successful concert at which “The Giffords” performed. This event in Islip Village Hall drew a packed house. Those who enjoy chocolate indulged themselves with a coffee and chocoholics party. In July we were invited to the Old Rectory for a fund raising lunch as the guests of Pat O’Gorman. We enjoyed a splendid lunch in very good company and raised money for our Church. The food and drink theme continued with the wine and canapé party in the Baker’s garden

Every year in September there is a national money-raising event, “Ride and Stride”, to support ancient church buildings. Three of our ladies found got themselves sponsors and walked to ten local churches.

The final fund raising event occurred on one very cold evening in December when some brave souls met at The Bell to sing carols. After a warming glass of mulled wine they set out to sing carols around the village with Doug Brand as their accompanist on the euphonium. They were appreciative of the warm welcome they received, of a splendid supper and the generous response

for “Fund a Football”, a charity that aims to supply South African children with a football in World Cup year. £135 was raised for this fund.

There were the annual events like the Rogation walk in May, attracting friends from outside the village. In September, the Harvest Supper took place in Church after the Thanksgiving Service, with a good attendance.

Our efforts to raise funds for the improvement of the Church continue. After much agonising it has been decided that we should have the toilet facilities inside the Church and plans are proceeding slowly towards the implementation of the improvements. As soon as plans are available it is hoped to apply for grants to augment the funds that have been raised already.

During the year the north wall needed to be repaired and it was recognised that there were other parts of the Church wall that needed attention.

In the course of the year there was one baptism, one wedding and a funeral service.

We are well aware of the challenges that lie ahead; in 2010 we hope to make a start on the alterations to the church to repair the wiring to the organ and as already mentioned, to make sure the walls of the churchyard are still secure. As you will realise all this work is costly; recently we worked out that it costs over £100 a week just to keep the church open.

We are very grateful to those who give their services to the church in Hampton Poyle; The Rev. Jim Turner continues to take care of the village and to lead most of the worship. Pam Cooper and Cliff Burton provide organ music, and others give of their time to arrange flowers and to keep the church spotlessly clean.

Anthony Ellis

Fabric Committee Report

All three churches have required maintenance attention over the year. The largest single problem was the failure of a gas pipe at St John’s which meant that there was no heating for a period of time. This cost around £6500 to replace.

At St Mary's Kidlington the major problem is the continuing roof leak at the south transept which is currently being investigated.

At Hampton Poyle new security lighting has been installed and some expensive work is required to be carried out on the boundary walls which are becoming a danger to the public.

All three churches have continuing development projects & the architect is currently working on faculty applications for the repairs to the chancel screens at St Mary's, developing plans further for St John’s alterations and Hampton Poyle’s re-ordering.

Thanks are due to all who help to keep our churches in good order.

Ian Howdill

Bellringers' Report

The ringers continue to ring the bells on most Sunday mornings. On just one occasion last summer we failed to raise enough people to ring before the Parish Eucharist; this was most unusual. Each week we continue to practice on Tuesday evenings. We now have 16 ringers of all ages, the most for a number of years.

As the year drew to a close Peter Franklin our most senior ringer was gravely ill. He died early in 2010 and will be much missed by our band of ringers.

During the year we continued to ring for weddings and special occasions. We were not successful in ringing any Quarter Peals but we entered two bands in the Oxford Branch ringing competition, one band finished the test piece in second position. Ron Burgess continues to act as Tower Captain and the ringers appreciate the able and encouraging leadership that he provides. Towards the end of the year he and his wife were travelling in the southern hemisphere so Lyn Fiddler deputised most ably for Ron.

Anthony Ellis

Outreach and Mission Committee Report

From the terms of reference for this sub-committee:

- Promote wider mission in our parish;
- Find opportunities to meet together, including exploring questions of Christian faith;
- Focus for ideas about mission;
- Propose allocation of mission giving;
- Support implementation of mission statement.

Wider Community: The relationship with our link parish of Montshiwa, in the Diocese of Kimberley and Kuruman continues to develop. A memo of understanding was developed to frame our working together in the link for the next 5 years. This year Kathryn Ellis and Eleanor Williamson visited and represented the diocese at the K & K Family Weekend in August. The Fund a Football project began in preparation for World Cup 2010. The parish link feeds into diocesan developments and projects in this part of South Africa. A prayer vigil at St John's on 1st Dec for World AIDS Day was another way to be in solidarity with those facing huge challenges. Discussions have continued on how the churches together can make a contribution to youthwork in the community and use the money given by the county council for this purpose though as yet we have been unable to fund a student youthworker in training. Fairtrade promotion continues with initiatives reaching out into the community, such as the annual Fair Trade Fair. Representatives from local churches are beginning work on the organisation of a foodbank, covering Kidlington, Woodstock and surrounding villages, to provide short term emergency food aid for those in need. Churches together are also finding ways to encourage Kidlington to be involved in One World Week, e.g. by contacting local schools and library.

Building relationships in the parish: Within the parish established groups for children and young people continue to develop and grow: Sunday School at St Mary's, Junior Church at St John's, parish youth group TIG, St John's Under 5's. Links are being developed with the Toddler Group at St Mary's. The parish Giving Committee has organised a range of opportunities for meeting together while also raising money for the parish and external causes. The parish nurture/enquiry group Travelling the Way provided support this year for 2 young people exploring a commitment to faith.

Giving as Mission: The debate continues on how to integrate charitable giving into the parish strategy for mission. This year 10% of money raised by parish fundraising events was set aside

to be given away. In addition to the causes that are supported in other ways, e.g. by charity lunches and fundraising events, the parish was therefore able to give away a total of £2100 to a range of international, national and local charities (Edukid, Tsa Botsogo, Barnabas Fund, Leprosy Mission, USPG, Age Concern Oxford, Dystonia Society Oxford Support Group and The Porch Stepping Stone Centre).

Exploring Christianity: Learning continues in various settings. There are fellowship groups and discussion groups, as well as the ecumenical Lent groups. There are two parish Quiet Days in Lent and Advent. Continuing this year is Food for Thought, the monthly lunch-time bible discussion group at St John's. In June there was a session for those who lead prayers in our churches. Plans were made for a focus on prayer for 2010, including an Epiphany course 'Spiritual Journeying towards Lent'.

Communications: We continue to recognise the importance of good communications in all our parish literature. Work is continuing on updating the literature and information we have available for people who join our church communities – both in paper form and other media, such as website and recently developed Facebook group.

The group has continued to wrestle with the definition of mission, discussing and reflecting together, for example on 'welcome' and our experience of belonging and membership of church.

We remind ourselves that though we may think that '*missio ... sounds too grand for ordinary life...associated with special events, special people and special places*' (quoting Mark Greene from the London Institute for Contemporary Christianity) mission can happen perhaps best in ordinary human encounters and interactions. St John of the Cross describes mission this way: 'Mission is putting love where love is not.'

It is important to say a huge thank you to members of the Outreach and Mission Committee for all that you give of yourselves and your time. Your contribution makes a difference. Thank you.

Hilary Campbell

Churches Together in Kidlington Report

CTK, as the body uniting the members of the five mainstream Kidlington churches, worked hard through the year to promote ecumenical activity in the service of Christ and the local community. The officers were Chair: the Revd. Hilary Campbell; Hon. Secretary: Sue Mills (co-opted); Treasurer: Chris Robins. Anglican lay representatives on the Council were Catherine Button, Anne Clifton (for part of the year), Gail Nawrocki, Joan Townsend and Pat Whittington (for part of the year). The Council met four times during the year, and the AGM was held on 26th May, 2009 at St Thomas More School.

The annual Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, 18-25 January, was supported by around 40 people at the Sunday united service at the Baptist Church, 88 people at the Fellowship Meal on the Wednesday, and 8-16 attendees at the midday prayers held at each of the churches in turn, using the CTBI resource material devised by Korean Christians on the theme "Reconcile your people". The Fellowship Meal, held for the first time in the newly refurbished and extended Baptist Church with its impressive new kitchen, was a great success, participants moving from the hall into the sanctuary for the after-dinner talk by the Very Revd. Dr Christopher Lewis, Dean of Christchurch, on "Cathedrals for all".

Around 40 people participated in four ecumenical Lent groups, using the study course "Lentwise: spiritual essentials for real life". The Good Friday Walk of Witness was well attended, incorporating a new agreement that part of the walk should be conducted in silence and that amplifiers should assist the dramatised Passion reading in the High Street. For the first time Easter cards with the times of all churches' Holy Week and Easter services, were distributed throughout the village, as at Christmas.

Women's World Day of Prayer services on March 6th, prepared by Christian women of Papua New Guinea on the theme "In Christ there are many members yet one body", were held at the Methodist Church and the Baptist Church, with congregations of 59 and 40 respectively, with speakers the Revd. Rohama Asif and Rosemary Tucker. Also in March the Chair and Secretary attended a One World Week Training Day in Reading, which gave us various ideas for possible Kidlington involvement in One World Week in October, which unfortunately have not yet come to fruition.

Another innovation was the replacement of the Pentecost united service by a united service at the start of Christian Aid Week in May, using the Christian Aid published service. This inspiring service, with the Christian Aid country manager for Ethiopia as speaker, prepared those from all the churches about to collect for Christian Aid. The Flower Festival in September, also in aid of Christian Aid, closed with a united Songs of Praise service on the Sunday evening.

A successful Holiday Club on the theme of "Seaside Rock", attended by over 20 children, was held in August at the Methodist Church, with helpers from all the churches and led by Huw Morgan.

At the switch-on of the Christmas lights in Kidlington CTK was involved in the national initiative "Get in the picture", when people were photographed in nativity scenes. The usual Christmas cards with all churches' services were distributed throughout Kidlington. Carol singing was repeated in the Cooperative Food Store in Kidlington, although BBC Oxford was not broadcasting its "Big Christmas Carol" this year, and Cooperative Travel again kindly provided refreshments afterwards. Over 70 people participated, accompanied on a keyboard by Amy Thakurdas from St. Thomas More.

Monthly short services on Sunday afternoons have continued to be taken at Glebe House by the different churches on a rota basis, ably coordinated by Pam Cooper, including an Advent service led by Malcolm Bromhall of the Methodist Church and supported by members of other churches.

The project to support a student Community Youth Worker on placement from September 2009, for which grants were received from Oxfordshire County Council with matching funding promised by the churches, received a setback in the summer, when the reduction in student numbers on the youth work course resulted in no student available to undertake the project. However, the County youth work provision in Kidlington has improved considerably and alternative youth projects are currently being explored for the support of CTK and use of the grants received.

Another community project supported by CTK and currently under way is that of a Food Bank to provide short-term emergency help to residents of Kidlington, Woodstock, Charlbury and Chipping Norton, by providing parcels of non-perishable food to people in crisis who are unable to purchase food for themselves. This North Oxfordshire Community Foodbank is to be launched on April 6th 2010.

Sue Mills

Finance Committee Report

The Finance committee met on three occasions throughout the year. We knew that the financial troubles in the world would have an impact on our finances and for that reason we knew that this would be a difficult year for the Parish finances. It proved even more difficult because we had to spend far more money on repairs than we had anticipated in our budget for the year. As the Treasurer's report show we had a deficit of over £8000, the first deficit for a number of years.

We can, however, celebrate that every week of last year we raised nearly £2800 or £400 every day. Those figures are only achieved through generosity and hard work. If we break it down in another way it means that the average Church member gives around £11 a week. You will appreciate that this level of giving needs not only to be sustained but to be increased if we are to meet the present challenge.

With this in mind the Finance Committee is delighted that our Giving Sub Committee has recommended a major giving initiative in 2011.

Anthony Ellis

St John's Hall Management Committee Report

The Committee includes churchwardens from St John's and members elected by the congregation as well as a representative from the Sequence Dance Club. It has met four times during the year.

St John's Hall Church continues to provide a valuable resource for the Parish and the wider Kidlington community. During 2009, the Hall continued to host a wide range of activities, including fitness clubs, martial arts, dancing and weight-watching groups. During 2009, one of our longest standing user groups, the Oxford School of Martial Arts (OSMA), run by Rob King, has taken a lease on a room at the old Aviators so they could have full-time access and some permanent storage. Although they had tried keeping both venues on, this had proved to be too difficult with current levels of staff, so with regret they have now left St John's after many years patronage.

While this leaves a gap in our income, the committee are encouraged by enquiries received from potential new users and by an increase in our occasional bookings for events such as birthday parties, quiz nights (Christian Aid and Parish events) and other social functions. The year has also seen the Hall hosting further events as part of the St John's Hall Church 50th anniversary celebrations, including our Fun Day in July and a musical evening in October.

The Hall continues to host Parish activities for young people, notably T.I.G. (Together In God) plus the Under 5's group, along with activities for those that are young at heart, namely the St John's Retired Members Club, who meet on the first Wednesday of each month with members from all over the village.

It is normally at this point we note various minor repairs needed to address rain-leaks and the like. However this year, major works were required due to a problem with the gas pipework which required completely new gas piping throughout the building. As this happened during the coldest months of the year, from October to December, temporary heating arrangements were required to ensure activities within the Hall could continue. The committee notes its grateful thanks and appreciation to Malcolm Austen for coordinating a temporary heating system for us very quickly and of course to the fabric committee for arranging and overseeing the pipework replacement and ensuring the work was completed as quickly as was practicable.

Inside the Hall, we started the year off by having the kitchen, toilets and committee room professionally redecorated. Particular thanks are given to David Townsend, Rosemary Gardner and Margaret Day for helping with the preparation ahead of the decorating work, specifically with the removal of a storage cupboard and all its contents from the committee room, plus the reorganizing of contents in the various kitchen units. A late "Spring Clean" in October helped to freshen up the building in preparation for the busy schedule in the run up to Christmas.

The committee, as always, remains indebted to Margaret Day who, as Hall Booking Secretary, looks after all our Hall users' needs efficiently and professionally and we again thank her for her

tireless support over the year and especially during the pipe-work repairs when additional Hall user support was required.

We would additionally like to record our thanks to Wendy and Ted Ploughman, who clean the Hall and set out the church each week, remaining flexible in doing this at a time which suits specific hall use.

The committee again thanks Ted Mobley who continues to manage the day to day financial transactions for the committee and supplies a quarterly summary of income / expenditure to the Parish treasurer, Michael Ling. Ted has over the years also maintained the garden at St John's. During the year, the committee recognized it was time to consider new arrangements for maintaining the garden, so that we were not continuing to rely on Ted's good will and enthusiasm. During the summer, we engaged the services of Tracey Hager to look after the garden for us during the second half of 2009.

Having concluded our celebrations of the first 50 years of St John's Hall Church at The Broadway in Kidlington, we have continued to work together with St John's Committee and with the Fabric Committee, on our dreams for the next 50 years. Architect drawings have been reviewed and revised and are to be re-drawn as we move into the next stages of turning these ideas into detailed plans and then start to think about how we turn our dreams for St John's Hall Church into reality.

So as we prepare for another busy year ahead of us, we would like to thank all users of the Hall for their custom and support over the last year and to warmly thank all those mentioned in this report, whose good works ensure the fabric of St John's Hall Church remains in good repair and continues to provide an important resource for both the parish and the community.

Mark Christodoulou and Rosemary Gardner, Churchwardens

Deanery Synod Report

During 2009 Synod's programme "Growing in Trust and Affirming One Another" continued with meetings on "Renewing the Faithful" and "Reaching the Unchurched". The Area Dean (The Revd Canon Anthony Ellis) set the scene for the final session by airing his concerns for the church, especially in this Deanery where opposition to Christianity was strident and articulate. In the face of such a challenge we could no longer afford to continue cherishing our differences. Synod members joined their allotted groups to share their (unminuted) views. The fruits of Synod's work were reaped at a later meeting when four members of the clergy, representing different traditions, were invited to speak on "We Have a Gospel to Proclaim". Every speaker's address was generously received, heard and understood in a way that probably would not have happened before. The speakers were the Revd Peter Groves (St Mary Magdalene), the Revd Charlie Cleverley (St Aldate's), the Revd Steve Hellyer (St Matthew's), and the Revd Jonathan Beswick (St Barnabas).

The Rt Revd Dr Kenneth Cragg (formerly Bishop in Jerusalem) addressed the joint meeting with the Cowley Deanery on the topic, "A Bishop's Perspective on Christian Muslim Relations: Reflections on 70 Years of Study and Experience". His chosen title made no effort to hide his age and, as if that was not enough, Bishop Kenneth spoke without notes, holding his audience in thrall with a miscellany of observation, analysis and elucidation.

Allocation of the Deanery's share to the parishes exercised minds beyond the November meeting, delaying formal agreement to 2010. The bulk of the work was, as usual, carried out directly at parish level with PCC treasurers. In 2009 all parishes in the Deanery had paid their share in full and earned the 3% rebate. It was anticipated that by the end of 2010 all parishes would cover their stipendiary clergy costs.

Reports were received from Diocesan and General Synods, where ‘the elephant in the room’ continued to be women bishops. Deliberations continue.

Elections to Diocesan Synod took place during 2009 and, no doubt because of ‘the elephant in the room’, aroused more interest than usual. Synod members raised a number of points where they felt the system needed some amendment or clarification. The Standing Committee had agreed to bring recommendations to Synod during 2010.

Janet Warren

Giving Committee Report

The remit of the committee is to develop and monitor plans that will attempt to ensure the income of the PCC is in line with or ahead of the forecasted needs provided by the finance committee for the short, medium and long term.

Working to achieve this has been a challenge in a year that has seen a major recession but the committee has continued to divide its work into three areas; the organising fund raising events, increasing congregational awareness of the parish planned giving scheme and tracking appropriate organisations and trusts that can be approached for funding building development.

The committee seeks to promote fund raising events that are varied in nature and take place in a number of different venues in order to appeal to a wide section of the community. In March a musical evening in Islip Village Hall presented by The Giffords made a profit of £825. Thanks go to Jean Bagnall and her team of helpers from Hampton Poyle for organising this. In April, Margaret Lang helped by Malcolm Austin organised a fashion show in Edward Field School Hall. The Fashions were from M & Co. A profit of £470 was made and I’m sure that M and Co’s profits would have increased in the following weeks as we all went off to buy the lovely clothes that they had modelled. In the autumn the Buckeldee family agreed to organize one of their popular quiz evenings in St John’s Hall. As well as raising £165 there was a lot of fun and fierce competition, the clergy team coming out top!

Following the success of the parish family fun evening and BBQ in 2008 the event was repeated in July of 2009 but on this occasion in the garden of Ray and Elaine Marsland’s home. It was a perfect venue and we are most grateful that they were happy for us all to invade their space. A large band of helpers headed by Tilly Evershed and Janet Warren worked very hard to ensure that we had a thoroughly enjoyable time whilst making a profit of £1,481.

Buoyed up by our successes, just before Christmas the committee moved into marketing. Margaret Lang promoted the idea of large calico shopping bags with the three churches design on the front. A large number were sold as Christmas presents and they will continue to be on sale over the coming months.

For sometime the PCC had been debating how our parish can fulfil its financial commitments and at the same time reach out to those in need. At a meeting in June 2009 the PCC passed a motion to put 10% of money raised from fund raising events into a fund for Mission so that as a parish we can still in some small way help those who have so much less than we have.

In view of the financial climate in 2009 it was not felt that it was appropriate to ask people directly to increase their regular giving. Letters were sent to thank people for their regular contributions to our income and it is encouraging that more and more people have moved over to giving by standing order. This not only reduces the amount of work that has to be done in emptying the envelopes and counting the money but it ensures that we can estimate much more closely what the annual income will be and plan accordingly.

There are plans for all three of our churches to have major structural and repair work in the coming years. The committee continues to monitor these plans and to look for trusts to whom it may be appropriate to apply for funding.

My thanks to all those on the Giving Committee who have worked so hard and continue to come up with new and interesting ways in which to raise funds. If we can continue to see an increase in our income, we, as a Christian body can look forward towards fulfilling our responsibilities to the parish of Kidlington and Hampton Poyle and responding to the needs of our brothers and sisters in the wider world.

Joyce Morris

AGENDA

FOR THE PARISH OF KIDLINGTON WITH HAMPTON POYLE

ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

**To be held at St John's Hall Church, Kidlington
on Tuesday, 20th April, 2010 at 8.00 p.m.,
preceded by Holy Communion at 7.30 p.m.**

1. Opening Prayers
2. Apologies for absence
3. Election of Churchwardens to serve for the year 2010/2011
4. To approve and confirm the minutes of the Annual Parochial Church Meeting held on Wednesday, 29th April, 2009 at St Mary's Church, Kidlington.
5. To elect members to serve on the Parochial Church Council
6. To appoint sidespersons to serve in the current year
7. To appoint an Independent Examiner for the year 2010/2011
8. To approve the membership of St Mary's, Kidlington Committee
9. To approve the membership of St John's Committee
10. To approve the membership of St Mary's, Hampton Poyle Committee
11. To approve the membership of St John's Hall Management Committee
12. To elect four members to serve on the Committee of Churches Together in Kidlington
13. To consider a Report on changes in the Electoral Roll since the last Annual Parochial Church Meeting
14. To consider an Annual Report of the proceedings of the parochial church council and the activities of the Parish, generally
15. To consider the Financial Statements of the Council for the year ended 31st December 2009, independently examined
16. To consider a Report on the fabric, goods and ornaments of the Churches of the Parish
17. To consider a Report on the proceedings of the Deanery Synod
18. To consider any other matters of parochial or general Church interest
19. To deal with any other business
20. To set the date of the Annual Parochial Church Meeting for 2011
21. Closing Prayers

Note: In order to give satisfactory answers to questions regarding Parish finances, it would help the "finance team" if these could be submitted in writing, to a Churchwarden at least 24 hours before the meeting.