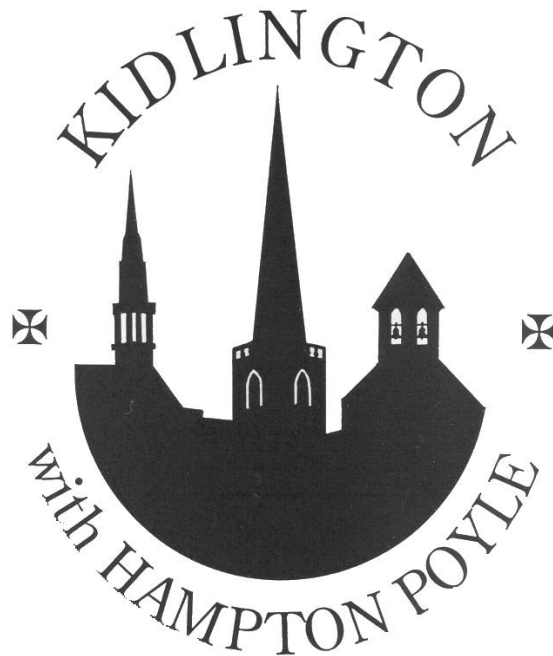


**Parish of**  
***Kidlington with Hampton Poyle***



**Papers for the**  
**Annual Parochial Church Meeting**  
**24<sup>th</sup> April 2012**

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Preceded by Holy Communion at 7.30pm

1. Opening Prayers
2. Attendance and Apologies for Absence
3. Election of Churchwardens to serve for the year 2012/2013
4. To confirm the minutes of the Annual Parochial Meeting held on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> April 2011 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 current year
8. To approve the membership of the Committee for St Mary's, Kidlington
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10. To approve the membership of the Committee for St Mary's, Hampton Poyle
11. To approve the membership of the 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 31<sup>st</sup> December 2011, 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 for the Annual Parochial Church Meeting for 2013
21. Closing Prayers

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

# **Minutes of the 2011 Annual Parochial Church Meeting**

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting of the Parish of Kidlington with Hampton Poyle was held in St Mary's Refectory on 13<sup>th</sup> April 2011 at 8.00pm. The meeting was preceded by Holy Communion at 7.30 pm.

## **Those Present**

Revd Anthony Ellis (in the chair), Mrs Jean Amor, Mr John Amor, Mrs Jean Bagnall, Mr Kenneth Belcher, Mrs Barbara Belcher, Mrs Tracey Bickley, Revd Jennifer Brown, Dr Chris Brown, Dr Rob Bruce, Mrs Pat Bruder, Miss Philippa Burrell, Revd Hilary Campbell, Mrs Yo Davies, Miss Margaret Day, Mrs Angela Dean, Mr Dennis Dean, Mrs Kathryn Ellis, Dr Bill Evershed, Mr Kelvin Fowler, Mrs Peggy Harwood, Miss Stephanie Hobson, Miss Ann Holland, Mr Peter Ingram, Mrs Susan Knox, Mr Nick Kubat, Mrs Marion Kubat, Mr Michael Ling, Mrs Karen Mason, Mrs Sue Mills, Mrs Joyce Morris, Prof John Morris, Mrs Judy Peters, Mr Malcolm Seward, Mrs Cherrill Seward, Miss Kate Seward, Miss Emma Seward, Mr Colin Simpson, Ms Louise Smith, Revd Gillian Straine, Mr David Townsend, Mrs Joan Townsend, Mrs Maureen Turner, Revd Jim Turner, Mrs Janet Warren, Mr Jim Williamson, Mr Bilham Woods. There were 47 people present.

## **1. Opening prayers**

The meeting opened with prayers.

## **2. Apologies for Absence**

Mr Malcolm Austen, Mrs Jenny Austen, Mr Bill Bruder, Miss Catherine Button, Mr Jimmy Clifton, Mrs Anne Clifton, Mrs Pam Cooper, Mrs Rosemary Gardner, Mr Ian Howdill, Mrs Caroline Howdill, Mrs Betty Simpson, Mr Colin Thackray, Revd William Whyte.

## **3. Election of Church Wardens**

Written nominations had been received prior to the meeting for:

St Mary's Kidlington

Philippa Burrell (nominated by John Morris, seconded by Colin Thackray)

Bill Evershed (nominated by Judy Peters, seconded by John Morris)

St John's Kidlington

Rosemary Gardner (nominated by Margaret Day, seconded by Mark Christodoulou)

Margaret Day (nominated by Rosemary Gardner, seconded by Joan Townsend)

St Mary's Hampton Poyle

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

## Vacancy

As no other candidates were nominated all five were elected unopposed to serve as Churchwardens for the year 2011/2012: Jean Bagnall (5<sup>th</sup> year), Philippa Burrell (2<sup>nd</sup> year), Bill Evershed (4<sup>th</sup> year), Rosemary Gardner (5<sup>th</sup> year), Margaret Day (1<sup>st</sup> year).

The meeting expressed its appreciation for the hard work of all the churchwardens, particularly Monica Green and Mark Christodoulou who were retiring after serving for five years.

### **4. Approval of Minutes of Annual Parochial Church Meeting 2010**

The minutes of the last meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> April 2010 were approved (proposed by John Morris, seconded by Ann Holland).

### **5. To elect members to serve on the Deanery Synod**

Written nominations had been received prior to the meeting for:

Ian Howdill (nominated by Joyce Morris, seconded by Philipa Burrell)  
John Morris (nominated by Philipa Burrell, seconded by Susan Knox)  
Kelvin Fowler volunteered at the meeting to take one of the vacancies.

A proposal to elect these three representatives (proposed by John Morris, seconded by Ann Holland) was approved by the meeting.

Rev'd Ellis expressed his appreciation for the service given to Deanery Synod by Janet Warren (a member for 21 years and an outstanding secretary for some time).

### **6. To elect representatives for Parochial Church Council**

Members resigned from office:

Judy Peters (elected APCM 2009)

Members still in office:

Robert Bruce (elected APCM 2009, 3<sup>rd</sup> year)

Ann Holland (elected APCM 2009, 3<sup>rd</sup> year)

Peter Ingram (elected APCM 2010, 2<sup>nd</sup> year)

Pat Bruder (elected APCM 2010, 2<sup>nd</sup> year)

Written nominations had been received prior to the meeting for:

Yo Davies (nominated by Philippa Burrell, seconded by Susan Knox)

Stephanie Hobson (nominated by Bill Evershed, seconded by Philippa Burrell)

Janice Venables (nominated by Pat Bruder, seconded by Joyce Morris)

Tim Hillsdon (nominated by Janet Warren, seconded by Janet Hillsdon)

Judith Baker (nominated by Katy Smith, seconded by Vera Hurren)

Pat O’Gorman (nominated by Monica Green, seconded by Nesbit Broadis)

Written nomination had also been received for Kelvin Fowler, who is automatically a member of the PCC as a Deanery Synod Representative. Written nomination had also been received for Marie-Theresa (Tracey) Bickley (nominated by Maureen Turner, seconded by Joan Barrett), who is not eligible as she has not been on the Electoral Roll for six months, but may be co-opted as soon as she is eligible.

Rev’d Ellis noted that Michael Ling had previously been a co-opted member of PCC, as Treasurer, but he was also willing to stand as an elected member (nominated by Janet Warren, seconded by Susan Knox).

The meeting approved the above as PCC members (proposed by John Amor, seconded by Michael Ling).

#### **7. To appoint Sidespersons**

The following had been nominated to serve as sidespersons by St Mary’s Kidlington:

Janet Caspell, Frances Clinkard, Margaret Crawford, Yo Davies, Ian Howdill, Jenny Ingram, Clare Lobb, Alice Norrie, Ray Norrie, Celia Orr, Judy Peters, Malcolm Sturges, Colin Thackray, Ann Thomas, Peter Venables, Olive Williams, Bilham Woods.

The following had been nominated to serve as sidespersons by St John’s:

Barbara Belcher, Iris Darvill, Jenny Dowdsewell, Angela Dean, Rachel Evans, Caroline Johnson, Patsie Johnson, Ruth Johnson, Beth Morgan, Margery Petrie, Malcolm Seward, Sheila Thackray, David Townsend, Joan Townsend.

The following had been nominated to serve as sidespersons by St Mary’s Hampton Poyle:

Judith Baker, Monica Green, Vera Hutton, Pat O’Gorman, Katy Smith.

There being no further nominations the above were appointed as sidespersons (proposed by Philippa Burrell, seconded by Peter Ingram)

#### **8. To appoint an Independent examiner for 2010/2011**

A proposal by Michael Ling that Wenn Townsend be re appointed for 2011, seconded by Joyce Morris, was approved by the meeting.

#### **9. To approve the membership for the Committee of St Mary’s, Kidlington**

Written nominations had been received prior to the meeting for:

John Amor (nominated by Betty Angus, seconded by Philippa Burrell)

Jimmy Clifton (nominated by Philippa Burrell, seconded by Joyce Morris)  
Peggy Harwood (nominated by Jean Amor, seconded by Philippa Burrell)  
Caroline Howdill (nominated by Bill Evershed, seconded by Philippa  
Burrell  
Ian Howdill (nominated by Bill Evershed, seconded by Joyce Morris)  
Jenny Ingram (nominated by Janet Warren, seconded by John Morris)  
Peter Ingram (nominated by Colin Thackray, seconded by Yo Davies)  
Susan Knox (nominated by Joyce Morris, seconded by Kathryn Ellis)  
Colin Thackray (nominated by Philippa Burrell, seconded by Olive  
Williams)

There being no further nominations all nine were approved to serve on the committee.

**10. To approve the membership for the Committee of St John's, Kidlington**

Written nominations had been received prior to the meeting for:

Malcolm Austen (nominated by Rosemary Gardner, seconded by Stella Shelton)  
Rachel Evans (nominated by Jenny Dowdsewell, seconded by Joan Townsend)  
Margaret Lang (nominated by Margaret Day, seconded by Joan Townsend)  
Gail Nawrocki (nominated by Margaret Lang, seconded by Joan Townsend)  
Joan Townsend (nominated by Ken Belcher, seconded by David Townsend)

There being no further nominations all five were approved to serve on the committee.

**11. To approve the membership for the Committee of St Mary's Hampton Poyle**

Written nominations had been received prior to the meeting for:

Judith Baker, Tracy Bickley, Monica Green, Vera Hurren, Pat O'Gorman, Katy Smith.

There being no further nominations all six were approved to serve on the committee.

**12. To approve the membership for the St John's Hall Management Committee**

Written nomination had been received prior to the meeting for:

Malcolm Austen (nominated by Rosemary Gardner, seconded by Mark Christodoulou)



There being no further nominations this was approved.

### **13. To elect members for the Committee of Churches Together in Kidlington**

Written nominations had been received prior to the meeting for:

Catherine Button (nominated by Susan Knox, seconded by Philippa Burrell)

Anne Clifton (nominated by Ann Thomas, seconded by Yo Davies)

Gail Nawrocki (nominated by Margaret Day seconded by Rosemary Gardner)

There being no further nominations all three were approved to serve on the committee.

### **14. To consider the 2011 Electoral Roll Report**

John Amor reported that at last year's Annual Meeting there were 266 names on the Electoral Roll and this year there were 259 names on the Roll, a decrease of seven. Ten new names have been added and seventeen deleted. Of these seventeen, seven have died, eight have moved away from the area and two are now attending another church. Sixteen people on the Roll do not live in the Parish, i.e. in Kidlington or Hampton Poyle; they are from Yarnton, Bletchington, Wooton nr Abingdon, Bicester, Cowley, Cumnor, Summertown, Adderbury, Bunkers Hill and Woodstock.

Of the 259, 57 usually worship at St John's, 14 at St Mary's Hampton Poyle and 188 at St Mary's Kidlington.

Thanks were expressed to John for the work he undertakes on maintaining and reporting the details of the Roll.

### **15. To consider the Annual Report**

Michael Ling noted that the Parish had registered with the Charity Commission (previously just making use of the general Church of England registration) and this had entailed a few minor amendments to the formal Annual Report. The following additional amendments were noted:

- Wenn Townsend had acted as Independent Examiner for 2010
- Miss Ann Holland was first elected to PCC at APCM 2009 (not 2008)
- The confirmation service referred to took place in November 2010.

The annual report was then accepted by the meeting (proposed by Susan Knox, seconded by Janet Warren).

### **16. To consider the Financial Statement for the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> December 2010**

Michael Ling gave an explanation of the report. He noted that the unrestricted funds showed a surplus of £2,561, which was very encouraging given the expected deficit. This was due to the success of the Gift Day and a

number of fund-raising events. But in 2011 an extra £19,000 will be needed to avoid using reserves. Otherwise, it was anticipated that all our current reserves would be used by the end of 2012 and we would then have an annual deficit of around £35,000.

The report was accepted (proposed by John Morris, seconded by Kelvin Fowler). Thanks were expressed to Michael for all the work he does on the accounts and to Margaret Day as Gift Aid Secretary.

### **17. Fabric Committee Report**

Rev'd Ellis noted that the Fabric Committee continues to battle with the needs of the ancient buildings. In the extreme winter weather conditions reasonable temperatures were maintained except at St Mary's Hampton Poyle. Estimates have been compiled of costs to bring water and gas into the church as a first phase of improvements at St Mary's Hampton Poyle. The possible major development and extension of St John's had been put on hold to concentrate on the essentials to keep the building in a usable condition: estimates are to be obtained to repair the flat roof areas and to refurbish the kitchen and toilet area.

The report was accepted by the meeting (proposed by Stephanie Hobson, seconded by Joyce Morris).

### **18. Deanery Synod Report**

Janet Warren, who is to retire from the Deanery Synod after twenty one years, explained that the Synod had developed into a constructive and positive grouping, with improved communications and growing links between very different parishes. John Morris noted that Rev'd Ellis, as Area Dean, had been instrumental to this and the parish benefitted greatly from his work on Synod.

The report was accepted by the meeting (proposed by John Morris, seconded by Susan Knox).

### **19. To consider any other matters of parochial or general Church interest**

John Amor reminded the meeting that St Mary's Kidlington would be open to visitors on Wednesday and Sunday afternoons from May and asked for volunteer "Church Sitters" to sign up on the form in the church.

Rev'd Ellis expressed his thanks to all who give time and energy to make the parish function - whether serving on committees, doing various tasks etc. He also gave his thanks to all the supporting clergy who contribute their ministry in the parish.

### **20. To deal with any other business**

There then followed a presentation on the proposed Stewardship Campaign for 2011. Revd Ellis emphasised that this was long overdue and was to

encourage all members of the parish to think about their level of financial support for the work of the church and their commitment of time and skills. Copies of an introductory leaflet to be distributed in all three churches were presented. Rob Bruce then explained in more detail what was involved in the campaign and the meeting discussed aspects of the procedure and the hoped-for outcomes.

## **21. To set the date of the Annual Parochial Church Meeting for 2012**

The date of the APCM for 2012 was set as 24<sup>th</sup> April 2012 at St John's Kidlington.

## **22. Closing Prayers**

The meeting was closed with Prayers at 9.30pm

# Annual Report for 2011

## 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 responsibility for the churches of St Mary's Kidlington, St John's Kidlington and St Mary's Hampton Poyle. The PCC is a charity registered with the Charity Commission (Registered Charity Number: 1135350).

The Parish Vision statement is

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

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

Independent Examiner: Wenn Townsend, 30 St Giles, Oxford, OX1 3LE

## Membership

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:

<i>Team Rector:</i>	The Revd Canon Anthony Ellis (Chairman)
<i>Team Vicar:</i>	The Revd Hilary Campbell
<i>Assistant Curate:</i>	The Revd Dr Gillian Straine
<i>Associate Minister:</i>	The Revd Dr William Whyte
<i>Licensed Lay Minister:</i>	Mrs Lesley Heffer
<i>Wardens:</i>	Mrs Jean Bagnall
	Miss Philippa Burrell
	Mr Mark Christodoulou (to APCM 2011)
	Miss Margaret Day (from APCM 2011)
	Dr Bill Evershed
	Mrs Rosemary Gardner
	Mrs Monica Green (to APCM 2011)

*Representatives on the Diocesan Synod:*

The Revd Canon Anthony Ellis  
The Revd Hilary Campbell

*Representatives on the Deanery Synod:*

Mr Kelvin Fowler (from APCM 2011)  
Mr Ian Howdill  
Professor John Morris  
Mr Colin Thackray (to APCM 2011)  
Miss Rosemary Tucker (to APCM 2011)  
Mrs Janet Warren (to APCM 2011)

*Elected Members:*

Mrs Judith Baker (from APCM 2011)  
Mr Rob Bruce (from APCM 2009)  
Mrs Pat Bruder (from APCM 2010)  
Mrs Yo Davies (from APCM 2011)  
Miss Margaret Day (to APCM 2011)  
Mrs Meghann Hewitt (to APCM 2011)  
Mr Tim Hillsdon (from APCM 2011)  
Ms Stephanie Hobson (from APCM 2011)  
Miss Ann Holland (from APCM 2009)  
Mr Peter Ingram (from APCM 2010)  
Mr Michael Ling (from APCM 2011) (Treasurer)  
Mrs Pat O’Gorman (from APCM 2011)  
Mrs Judy Peters (from APCM 2009, resigned 2011)  
Mrs Janice Venables (from APCM 2011, resigned

2011)

*Co-opted:*  
2010,

Mr Michael Ling (from PCC meeting dated 11 May  
to APCM 2011)

*Secretary:*

Mr Colin Simpson

*Representatives on CTK:*

Miss Catherine Button  
Mrs Anne Clifton  
Mrs Gail Nawrocki

## **Committees**

The PCC has 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.

*Giving Committee:*

This develops, implements and monitors plans that attempt to ensure that the income of the PCC is in line with, or ahead of, the needs forecasted by the Finance Committee for the short, medium and long term.

*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 Anderson's Close. It also advises on fabric matters concerning the Rectory, Vicarage and Almshouse.

*Outreach and Mission Committee:*

This nurtures links with other parishes and organisations and prepares proposals for Mission Giving Allocation.

*St Mary's Kidlington Committee:*

This attends to matters of worship, fellowship and administration specific to St Mary's Kidlington.

*St John's Committee:*

This attends to matters of worship, fellowship and administration specific to St John's Kidlington.

*St John's Hall Management Committee:*

This oversees the running of the Hall at St John's Kidlington for non-church use.

*St Mary's Hampton Poyle Committee:*

This attends to matters of worship, fellowship and administration specific to St Mary's Hampton Poyle.

## **Church attendance**

At the APCM in April 2011 there were 259 names on the Electoral Roll for the Parish of Kidlington with Hampton Poyle. In the previous year 10 names had been added and 17 removed. The average attendance at the main Sunday service is 120 at St Mary's Kidlington, 50 at St John's Kidlington, 12 at St Mary's Hampton Poyle; numbers are substantially increased at festivals and special services.

During the course of the year 52 babies and young children were welcomed into the church through Baptism. The following took another step in their faith journey, being confirmed at a service in St John's in November 2011: James Groves, Lisa Groves, Sophia Rixon, Louise Smith.

## **Review of the year**

The full PCC met six times during the year, with an average attendance of 18. The first meeting after the APCM concentrated on introducing the role and business of the PCC to new and returning members. It also held an Away Morning to consider responses to the parish Stewardship Campaign and how to take suggestions forward. At its meetings the PCC reviewed financial and fabric matters regularly and minutes of all committee meetings were received and discussed where necessary. Reports were also received from the Deanery Synod and Churches Together in Kidlington. Other major items of business during the year included consideration of the Living Faith theme for the year "Making Disciples"; the Stewardship Campaign; links with All Saints, Montshiwa; a policy on Legacies; an Environmental Audit of parish activities, starting with St Mary's Kidlington; and Governance (following a request to look at the

relationship of church committees to the PCC - after discussions it was decided that we make no change to the existing practice).

As well as the clergy who are licensed by the bishop we have the help of other clergy who are permitted to officiate. We continued to be very grateful for the ministries of the Revd Mervyn Puleston, the Revd Jim Turner, Canon Barbara Doubtfire and the Revd Nick Denham. The Revd Sarah Parkinson was on maternity leave for much of the year but at the end of the year she moved from this area. The Revd Jennifer Brown has also been a great help in the parish. In June the Revd Gillian Straine returned from maternity leave and for three months from the beginning of September the Revd Hilary Campbell was on study leave. Our Licensed Lay Minister, Mrs Lesley Heffer also provides valuable help from time to time.

The pattern of our worship remained as it was in the previous year apart from the introduction of "Messy Church" at St Mary's Kidlington in September 2011. By the end of the year this new initiative was beginning to show signs of growth. Besides specific services a number of groups met on a regular basis for fellowship, prayer and Bible study. In April there was a three day pilgrimage to three cathedrals in South Wales and a Parish Quiet Day was held just before Advent.

A separate report is provided detailing the work of the Fabric Committee. Besides routine maintenance there were major repairs to the roof at St John's and at St Mary's Kidlington. The medieval woodwork and misericords at St Mary's were extensively repaired and restored. It was thought that these stalls were as old as any in English churches.

Our main source of income in the parish is the giving of the congregations. We receive additional income from the hire of our buildings, fund raising events and the fees collected at occasional offices. 60% of our expenditure is taken up by the Parish Share contribution to the Oxford Diocese. This contribution is very nearly equal to the cost of having two priests with incumbent status. Other major items of expenditure are the payment of a part-time administrator, two organists, the repair, insurance and upkeep of our three church buildings and the costs of heating and lighting. At the end of the year there was a deficit of £12,128 in general funds. The repairs to St Mary's woodwork and St John's roof were both financed by specific and separate funding.

All year we were working towards the Stewardship campaign that took place from September and which brought substantial benefits both financially and in the well-being of our parish.

We continued our outreach activities, trying to make a contribution to our local community and further afield. Many church people play a significant part in the life of our communities and joint activities with fellow Christians in Churches Together in Kidlington are also feature of our

outreach. Our links with the parish of All Saints Montshiwa in South Africa continued with a visit by the Rector and his wife in February.

There have been a number of opportunities for social gatherings of church people and their neighbours, with events held in all three of our churches. The winter Sunday Tea Talks were a welcome addition to our activities, and the fete in the Rectory garden was reintroduced after a break. Sunday afternoon teas in St Mary's during the summer continued to provide a wonderful opportunity for people to come together. A quiz evening held in February was much enjoyed and the St John's Craft Mornings proved very popular. Both the croquet competition and the concert at Hampton Poyle were also much appreciated.

This has, therefore, been a positive and successful year, though we continue our concerns for the need to increase income sufficiently to cover the costs of what we currently do and what we might wish to do in the future.

Signed on behalf of the PCC: Reverend Canon J Anthony Ellis

13<sup>th</sup> April 2012



## **Treasurer's Report on the 2011 accounts**

In the year ending 31 December 2011 there was a deficit on the unrestricted funds of £12,128. This meant that, when added to the balances brought-forward from previous years, the total balance at the end of the year had been reduced to £56,677. Although these funds can be spent at the discretion of the PCC, some of them are designated for specific purposes (such as the St John's Hall).

The General Fund is used for the day-to-day activities of the PCC. This showed a deficit in the year of £9,622 which was funded by savings accumulated from previous years. This deficit was considerably less than that anticipated when the budget was originally set. Nevertheless, if deficits continue then accrued savings will be used up in a few years.

There are items of good news relating to the accounts.

The parish has now reached its target of meeting the cost of its stipendiary clergy, less fee income earned for the Diocese. As a result, future increases in the 'parish share' will not be as steep in the past. Also, the Stewardship campaign was very successful and the full effects will be seen in the 2012 accounts.

Current financial projections are much better than in recent years, although strict control and continuous monitoring is very much necessary to ensure that the PCC is not in danger of using up all of its savings.

**Michael Ling CPFA**  
**11 April, 2012**

# **Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of The Parochial Church Council of Kidlington with Hampton Poyle**

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31st December 2011 which are set out on pages 3 to 9.

## **Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner**

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 144 of the 2011 Act;
- follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

## **Basis of independent examiner's report**

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, 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 no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a "true and fair view" and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

## **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 130 of the 2011 Act; and
  - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act 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.

**John Gould BSc FCA**  
**Wenn Townsend Chartered Accountants**  
**30 St Giles'**  
**Oxford**  
**OX1 3LE**

**13th April 2012**

**Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31  
December 2011**

## Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2011

		TOTAL FUNDS	
		2011	2010
	Note	£	£
<b>FIXED ASSETS (Investments)</b>	5	<b><u>7,466</u></b>	<b><u>7,924</u></b>
 <b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
Debtors	6	20,817	25,913
		122,17	121,42
Cash at bank and in hand		4	4
		<b><u>142,9</u></b>	<b><u>147,3</u></b>
<b>Total Current Assets</b>		<b><u>91</u></b>	<b><u>37</u></b>
 <b>LIABILITIES</b>			
Creditors - amounts falling due in one year	7	<b><u>5,374</u></b>	<b><u>3,998</u></b>
		<b><u>137,6</u></b>	<b><u>143,3</u></b>
<b>Net current assets/(liabilities)</b>		<b><u>17</u></b>	<b><u>39</u></b>
		<b><u>145,0</u></b>	<b><u>151,2</u></b>
<b>TOTAL NET ASSETS</b>		<b><u>83</u></b>	<b><u>63</u></b>
 <b>PARISH FUNDS</b>			
Unrestricted	8	56,677	68,805
Restricted	8	79,151	73,107
Endowment	8	9,255	9,351
		<b><u>145,0</u></b>	<b><u>151,2</u></b>
<b>Total Parish Funds</b>	8	<b><u>83</u></b>	<b><u>63</u></b>

Approved by the Parochial Church Council on 13th April 2012 and signed on its behalf by:

Revd Canon JA  
Ellis

## Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2011

### 1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 together with applicable accounting standards and the Charities SORP 2005 and the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective April 2008). 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 s10(2)(a) of the Charities Act, 2011.

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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.

	Unrestrict ed Funds £	Restrict ed Funds £	Endowme nt Funds £	TOTAL FUNDS	
				2011 £	2010 £
<b>2 INCOMING RESOURCES</b>					
<b>2 a Voluntary income</b>					
Planned giving					
Bank	63,558			63,558	56,242
Envelopes	16,891			16,891	18,217
Other	1,831			1,831	0
Collections	10,660	2,109		12,769	12,380
Donations	4,743	13,986		18,730	20,431
Tax recovered	20,168	3,244		23,413	22,869
Legacies				0	6,250
Grants		13,896		13,896	0
	117,851	33,236	0	151,087	136,389
<b>2 b Activities for generating funds</b>					
Fund-raising	6,063	6,351		12,414	9,311
<b>2 c Investment income</b>					
Dividends and interest	97	66	303	466	434
<b>2 d Income from church activities</b>					
Fees	6,359	900		7,259	10,677
Church hall lettings	3,781			3,781	4,066
Letting of church buildings	4,250			4,250	3,673
	14,390	900	0	15,290	18,416
<b>2 e Other incoming resources</b>					



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Insurance claims	1,095		1,095	0
Trips and visits	7,450		7,450	88
Other	1,050		1,050	1,289
	9,595	0	0	9,595
				1,377
<b>Total incoming resources</b>	147,996	40,553	303	2
				7

**3 RESOURCES EXPENDED**

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**a Cost of generating funds**

Fundraising	235		235	1,116
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**b Church activities**

Missionary and charitable giving:

Missionary societies	200		200	0
Relief and development agencies	150	3,531	3,681	441
Home mission	500		500	0
Secular charities	100	667	767	100

Ministry:

Diocesan parish share(Quota)	91,152		91,152	85,424
Churches Together in Kidlington	400		400	425
Junior Church groups	714		714	256
Music	4,774		4,774	5,010

	Unrestrict ed Funds £	Restrict ed Funds £	Endowme nt Funds £	TOTAL 2011 £	FUNDS 2010 £
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Repairs and maintenance	6,408		6,408	9,660
Other major works	705	28,019	28,724	4,902
Heat, light and cleaning	7,046		7,046	7,263
Church hall running costs (excluding insurance)	5,885		5,885	4,852
Insurance	11,427		11,427	11,024

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Office and admin costs	13,325		13,325	12,219
Other supplies and services	9,083	2,234	11,318	13,730
Trips and visits	7,178		7,178	1,400
			193,50	156,70
	159,049	34,451	0	0
<b>3</b>				
<b>c Governance costs</b>				
Examination of accounts	840		840	500
			<b>194,57</b>	<b>158,32</b>
<b>Total resources expended</b>	<b>160,124</b>	<b>34,451</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>5</b>

**4 (a) STAFF**

**COSTS**

	£
Salaries and wages	18,634
Employer's national insurance contributions	221
	18,855

During the year the PCC employed a parish administrator, Director of Music, organists, vergers and cleaners. Together these employees equate to less than one full-time employee.

**(b) PAYMENTS TO PCC MEMBERS**

Payments have been made to two PCC members during the year. One had previously been a supplier to the PCC and was engaged to undertake work to the value of £276 after becoming a member of the PCC: the other was paid £90 for cleaning services.

**5 FIXED ASSETS**

**Investments**

	Bulford	Freeborn	Hulbert	Dodd	TOTAL	
					2011	2010
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Market value at 1 January	4,614	1,995	307	1,008	7,924	7,398
Gain/Loss on revaluation	(267)	(116)	(18)	(57)	(458)	526
Market value at 31 Dec	4,347	1,879	289	951	7,466	7,924

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### 6 DEBTORS AND PRE-PAYMENTS

	TOTAL FUNDS				
	Unrestricted	Restrict ed	Endowme nt	2011	2010
	£	£	£	£	£
Tax recoverable (Gift Aid)	13,713	424		14,136	22,869
Other debtors	6,681			6,681	3,044
	20,393	424	0	20,817	25,913

### 7 LIABILITIES

#### Amounts falling due within one year:

	TOTAL FUNDS				
	Unrestricted	Restrict ed	Endowme nt	2011	2010
	£	£	£	£	£
Diocesan fees	618			618	898
Utilities	318			318	900
Other creditors	3,165			3,165	1,247
Receipts in advance	1,273			1,273	953
	5,374	0	0	5,374	3,998

### 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.

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**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 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary (Restricted)** To celebrate 50<sup>th</sup> 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 2011**

Fund	Balance brought forward £	Incoming resources £	Outgoing resources £	Transfers £	Gains/ (Losses) £	Balance carried forward £
<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>						
General	0	143,581	150,981	7,400		0
Mission	975	0	950	584		609
Quinquennial Survey	1,031	0	1,520	489		0
Quota Reserve	33,055	0	0	(9,623)		23,432
Reserve	23,334	0	0	0		23,334
St John's Hall	9,297	4,275	6,673	1,150		8,049
St John's Improvements	948	140	0	0		1,088
Social	165	0	0	0		165
		147,996	160,124	0	0	56,677

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**Restricted Funds**

Buildings Appeal	3,019	3,896	0	(6,915)	0
Bell Maintenance	427	13			440
Choir	0	100	0	0	100
Dodd	(717)	875	469	0	(58)
Donations	11,664	13,990	5,063	0	20,591
Flowers	359	900	900	0	359
Fund a Football	660	0	0	0	660
Hampton Poyle Appeal	17,866	10	0	3,457	21,333
Keyboard	123	0	0	0	123
St John's 50th Anniversary	1,593	0	0	(1,593)	0
St John's Alterations	(1,177)	18,810	12,533	5,051	10,151
Vestments	1,275	0	0	0	1,275
Woodwork, St Mary's	8,269	1,959	15,486	0	(5,258)
Youthworker	29,746	0	0	0	29,746
	<u>73,107</u>	<u>40,553</u>	<u>34,451</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>(58)</u>
					<u>79,151</u>

	Balance brought forward £	Incoming resources £	Outgoing resources £	Transfers £	Gains/Losses £	Balance carried forward £
<b>Endowments</b>						
Bulford	6,259	202	0	0	(267)	6,194
Freeborn	2,706	87	0	0	(115)	2,678
Hulbert	386	14	0	0	(17)	383
	<u>9,351</u>	<u>303</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>(399)</u>	<u>9,255</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>151,263</b>	<b>188,852</b>	<b>194,575</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>(457)</b>	<b>145,083</b>

**9 COMPOSITION OF FUNDS**

	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Endowment £	Total £
Investments	0	950	6,516	7,466
Debtors	20,393	424	0	20,817
Cash	41,658	77,777	2,739	122,174
Liabilities	(5,374)	0	0	(5,374)
<b>Total</b>	<u>56,677</u>	<u>79,151</u>	<u>9,255</u>	<u>145,083</u>

**10 ENDOWMENTS - BREAKDOWN OF COMPOSITION OF FUNDS**

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	Investment s £	Cash £	Total £
Bulford	4,347	1,847	6,194
Freeborn	1,879	799	2,678
Hulbert	289	94	383
Total	<u>6,515</u>	<u>2,740</u>	<u>9,255</u>

## **REVIEW OF THE YEAR**

### **Team Rector's Report**

As I write my fourteenth and final report as Rector, I can see what a significant part in the life of our Parish the Stewardship Campaign played. For a number of years I have used the format of the Bishop of Oxford's Living Faith programme as a structure for my report. In all the headings I can see the mark of the Stewardship Campaign.

"Sustaining the Sacred Centre" is to do with our relationship with God. It is about the worship in our churches but not entirely. Our Stewardship campaign visitors revealed that there was a range of opinions about the style of worship we offered. While it does not satisfy everyone I recognise that what we offer across the parish attracts sufficient numbers to sustain the life of our worshipping community. I wonder if we were to change as radically as some would like whether we would lose more than we gain. It is impossible to please everybody all the time and I judge what we do in church has sufficient merit to retain. A number of people find that the study and prayer groups play an important part in their Christian discipleship. It looks as if we could expand the number of these groups in the coming year. There was one Quiet Day last year and a very successful pilgrimage to three Welsh Cathedrals.

"Making Disciples" was the area of Diocesan focus last year. I do not think we responded to this challenge as fully as we could have done. However as a parish we were focussed on a Stewardship campaign. This campaign showed that there were opportunities available to us. The one area that we did make progress was in work among young families. In September we launched "Messy Church" at St Mary's. By the end of the year we had established contact with a number of families who had not been part of our church previously. A year ago I wrote that I was concerned that around fifty babies were baptised each year and so few were ever seen again in church. The Messy Church initiative is an attempt to remedy this situation.

Again under the heading of "Making a Difference in Society", I can see that we have influence within our community and further afield. Members of our community have been instrumental in promoting fairly traded products; others have been keen to advance the case for living in a sustainable world. Last year we began to look at ways of making our churches more energy efficient. In the Stewardship campaign we discovered that there was a desire to form a group of people who would visit neighbours in our own villages. We have continued to make a difference further afield with our support for Christian Aid and for other overseas organisations. Last year my wife and I travelled to Montshiwa, our link parish in South Africa to encourage our friends there to set up a centre that would help young people who have been affected by the spread of HIV and Aids.

Are we a "Vibrant Christian Community"? The Stewardship campaign suggested that there was life in the parish. Many people realised that there is a wide range of activities taking place. There are prayer and Bible

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study groups as I have already said but we do more than that. Sunday afternoon tea talks at St Mary's in the first three months of the year drew many people to hear talks on the "Universe of Galaxies", on the life and work of the artist J. M. W. Turner and on the way the brain works. I was pleased to see that over 100 people came to each of these talks. Then, through the summer months teas were served in the Refectory at St Mary's. We have had various social occasions which have been much enjoyed. We reinstated the Fete in the Rectory garden after a gap of five years. There was a pilgrimage to South Wales and one Saturday outing to visit Lichfield Cathedral and a Berkswell church. All these events and others bring people together and create a sense of community.

At both St John's and St Mary's Hampton Poyle there have been fund raising efforts to improve the quality of the buildings. The kitchen and chancel at St. John's have been made watertight in the course of the year. Plans are slowly moving ahead at Hampton Poyle to provide an effective heating system and to provide a kitchen area and a toilet. These projects have been led by members of the congregation.

Do we have a "Collaborative Leadership" team? Well the Stewardship visitors seem to fit that definition. They took a major responsibility for the future of the parish and their work brought many rewards. We have made discoveries about the talents that are available to us as a church and there has been an increase of around £10,000 in the pledged giving for 2012. The success of the Stewardship campaign is a sign of good lay leadership. We have identified the need to maintain a pattern of visiting from time to time by a similar group.

Towards the end of my ministry here I am encouraged by many aspects of parish life. I would have like to have seen more growth in the numbers who come to church. What I found most encouraging was the comparison of the Electoral Roll of 1997 with that of 2011. When I looked at the Roll for 1997 there were 220 or so members. Only half that number is still on the Electoral Roll. The figure for 2011 was 259. That would suggest to me that 140 members of our Electoral Roll are relative newcomers.

During 2011, the Revd Gillian Straine completed her maternity leave and returned to full time duties. From the beginning of September the Revd Hilary Campbell was on Study Leave for three months. The Revd Dr William Whyte has been licensed as an Associate Priest in the parish. The Revd Sarah Parkinson has moved away from the area as her husband has been appointed to a parish in Lancashire. The Revd Jim Turner continues to take pastoral responsibility for the people of Hampton Poyle and it is very encouraging to see the increase in the size of that congregation. We are grateful for the ministry of the Revd Mervyn Puleston, the Revd Jennifer Brown and Canon Barbara Doubtfire. Lesley Heffer continues to serve as a Licensed Lay Minister in the parish. I am very grateful for the support that I receive from this team of ministers.

Some statistics are of interest. Our Electoral Roll fell slightly to 259, we baptised 55 babies, 18 couples were married and 62 funerals took place. I am pleased to say that the biggest variation on the previous year was the



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decrease in funerals. The number of people who attend church services Sunday by Sunday varies little from year to year. I am inclined to think that more people are attending church on Sunday but less frequently than formerly.

May I thank you for your continuing support.

**Anthony Ellis, Team Rector**

## Team Vicar and St John's Report

### Welcomes and Goodbyes

This year we welcomed by baptism Connie Johnson and Leila Watson (great niece of the vicar!) We were delighted to greet baby Jacob, born to William and Zoë, brother to Nahum and to have yet again a baby to play a starring role in the Nativity play. Sophia Herlihy took a further step on the journey of faith by being confirmed at the Parish Confirmation service in November. We said a sad goodbye to two strong and committed members of St John's: Ted Mobley and Joan Danbury.

### Celebrating St John's

This year we continued to organise a range of social and fundraising events. The Easter crafts event for families was very well attended and enjoyed, as was a Harvest crafts morning in September. We marked St John's Patronal Festival in June with wine and nibbles after the service. A decision was made this year to focus on the immediate remedial work that the building needed, rather than the more long term plans to extend and improve the building. The work was identified as having 3 phases: roof work; kitchen/toilet improvement; and re-decoration of chancel and Lady Chapel. Good progress has been made, and we have now completed the first phase. Donations and grants have been received, other potential sources of funding are being approached and a gift day is planned for 2012. We are grateful for the skills and talents of Malcolm Austen and the parish Fabric Committee for providing essential support for this work.

**Junior Church** continues to flourish, with a range of ages, in a limited 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 *Our Christmas* Play, and the annual Christingle service with local Brownies and Guides took place. 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 Johns. **T.I.G. (Together in God)** is the parish youth group for teenagers, and the older ones have now gone on their way to college, university or work. So it is the turn of others to become the eldest and to share in the leadership. Once more visitors from within the parish and from elsewhere were welcomed. **St John's Under 5s** has now finished meeting, and other ways of welcoming families and exploring faith together are being established, such as Messy Church. Links continue with local schools, especially **West Kidlington School**, where I am a community governor. Once more St John's welcomed children from Year 2 to visit and hear stories about St John's and explore the different parts of the church. They particularly enjoyed seeing all the names sewn into the altar covering – they could recognise some familiar names. 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

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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 have continued to support the North Oxfordshire Community Foodbank. 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. Members of the congregation took part in the parish **Stewardship** campaign, visiting and talking to people about being part of church.

In terms of **worship** we continue to explore forms that complement the worship time together on Sunday, such as the reflective communion service, the monthly Iona communion service and the quarterly services focussing on healing and wholeness. 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 and we offered again a Good Friday service for children. In March St John's hosted a Lent morning for Churches Together in Kidlington. 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 also enjoy the participation of people who spend time in the parish on placements particularly this year Hilary Surridge, ordinand at Cuddesdon. 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 **Rosemary Gardner** and to **Margaret Day** (taking up the warden's role once more!). 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 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. This year I took a

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time of sabbatical from September to December, when amongst other things I visited the island of Iona, the diocese of Växjö in Sweden and began a course on the Craft of Storytelling at Emerson College, Sussex. I am grateful for all the people who made it possible for me to take this important time. I am seeking ways to communicate some of the themes and experiences from my sabbatical.

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.

*For such a time as this we are called to commitment.  
For such a time as this, we are called to God's service;  
sometimes to listen, sometimes to weep,  
sometimes to wait or to speak.  
Called to be caring, called to act,  
for such a time as this.*

*Text and tune: Latin American source unknown,  
arranged by John L Bell*

**Hilary Campbell, Team Vicar**

### **St Mary's Kidlington Report**

The Tea Talks were launched in January, and continued through to March, as a response to the Trinity Challenge, as a way of waking us all up after Christmas, and as a way of showing the wider village that there's life at the bottom of Church Street, and no shortage of local lecturing talent. We heard Professor Roger Davis on Astronomy, James Harrison on JMW Turner, and Professor John Morris on the Brain, then had tea and cakes and intellectual conversation that could be best summarised as "who'd have thought it?"

Work to restore some of the woodwork suggested that the old choir stalls were older than previously thought, and may have come out of a cathedral, while the vestry door, which is held open with a flat iron, and generally ignored, caused the restorer to gasp in a way that the rest of us only do if we walk into it accidentally.

David Hewett, as the new Director of Music, introduced responsorial psalms during Lent, with a choral evensong on Good Friday. These innovations were generally welcomed. On Passion Sunday the Bishop of Oxford visited us, and played the part of Jesus in a dramatised Passion Gospel, directed by Stephanie Williams. The bread used at the Communion that day had been baked by the Bishop, an Imam, and a Rabbi, as part of an inter-faith meditation on the significance of bread.

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There were two “church crawls” this year – an extended visit to three Welsh Cathedrals in April, and a day trip to Lichfield Cathedral, and the ancient parish church at Berkswell, whose new suite of parish rooms were moistened with the drooling of envious Kidlingtonians.

The summer felt relatively quiet, in part because everyone was gearing up for the Stewardship campaign in the autumn. The Sunday Teas again proved popular, thanks to Peggy Harwood and her team, and are another way of being a presence in the wider village. In June Anthony baptised his grandchildren. In July we began to use a lectern-sized Lectionary for readings instead of a Bible, which is much easier, particularly when verses are omitted, or readings taken from the apocryphal books. Thanks to Sue Knox for her initiative in this.

This was the year when we began a crèche, which has been much appreciated, and started Messy Church, as one way of attracting people who prefer a less structured service, incorporating activities for children.

I’ll leave the Stewardship campaign itself for others to comment on, as it was part of a parish-wide campaign, and I’m supposed to restrict myself to St Mary’s itself – but it certainly took over our lives for a few weeks in the autumn, and has given us much to think about from the responses received, some of which should see developments in 2012.

The usual Remembrance Day service was made special for me by the fact that a group of Air Cadets volunteered to help set up the church on Saturday afternoon, so that we completed the task in far less time than usual, and with fewer pulled muscles. I hope this is the start of a great tradition.

Sadly, Daphne Paul left us in November, moving to Dorset to a care home. She left some of her books to be sold in aid of the Montshiwa link. After two sales in the Refectory, I’m still in the middle of selling the remainder. This has made me think that – with the passing of Graham Kirby’s spring book sale at the Methodist Church – this is something that I could offer to do periodically (for Church funds) for anyone who has a glut of books. Please see me for details.

Sad, too, are deaths of well-loved members of the congregation. Betty Angus and Ray Marsland spring to mind, but are not alone. On the other hand, I find myself noticing how many people have arrived at St Mary’s after me – it doesn’t seem that long since I was the new boy, but it’s over twenty-seven years, and I was originally only planning to stay twelve months. If you want to make God laugh....

Finally, my repeated but heartfelt thanks to all at St Mary’s, many of whom wear several hats, and without whom we would struggle to be the welcoming place that people say we are. So thanks to sidespeople, servers, intercessors, readers, flower arrangers, choir members, cleaners, coffee makers, Sunday School teachers, the Verger, not forgetting “none of the above”; and to Philippa, who has stood by me during a stressful year.

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### **Bill Evershed, Churchwarden**

*PS This is the last meeting at which I can stand for election as churchwarden. If anyone hankers for the job, I would welcome a no-commitment chat about what's involved, as part of the quest to find a successor.*

### **St Mary's Hampton Poyle Report**

I am heartened by what is happening in Hampton Poyle Church. Over the last ten years there has been a steady growth in the life of the church which is not just numerical. This can be put down to the leadership of the Revd Jim Turner and the growing lay leadership and participation. It is known that all the clergy who minister at Hampton Poyle enjoy the experience even on the coldest Sundays in the winter.

Throughout the year we have continued our normal practice of having two services a month at 10 am, but there have been other services at the festivals and for other special occasions. It is clear that the church is a very significant part of the village community. We notice, too, that there are a number of people who travel from other communities to join the congregation on a regular basis – I suspect that many enjoy worshipping in a smaller building.

Throughout the year we have been fund raising for a new heating system, the kitchen within the church and for toilet facilities. Despite the frustrations we have experienced over the last few years, at last we have great news that we can go ahead with the alterations. At the end of 2011 we were still unsure about where the loo should be and discussions were continuing as the year ended.

During the year there have been some very happy and successful social events that also raised money for both the Parish and for the church building. We had a very welcome fine day for our Rogation Day Walk. Afterwards we were treated to a lovely tea by Harry and Sandra Kerwood at Manor Farm. There was the opportunity for some good conversations and we thank Harry and Sandra for their hospitality. The Harvest Festival and Harvest Supper took place in church in early September; both this event and the Carol Service on the Sunday before Christmas proved to be popular.

As part of our fundraising for the alterations to the Church we held a fete on the Village Green in June. That was followed by a Croquet afternoon and Cream Teas in Dan and Pat O'Gorman's garden, when I was given the responsibility for teaching the rules and advising on the tactics of croquet! We were very grateful for the generosity of our hosts. In September we welcomed the Wantage Male Voice Choir to Hampton Poyle, the Church was well filled for songs for a wide range of taste.

We are grateful for the work of the Churchwardens. In 2011 Monica Green's term of office came to an end as nobody felt able to join Jean Bagnall as a Churchwarden we were in a position where there is now only Jean to carry the responsibility for these duties. We are fortunate that Pam

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Cooper and Cliff Burton play the organ very regularly. The uniqueness of the church and churchyard is a credit to the people who clean the church, who arrange the flowers and to John Baker who trims and mows the grass. We are fortunate that we have a few faithful congregation members blessed with a wide variety of talents who work together in a positive and cooperative manner. It all helps to make this a thriving and happy church community.

My grateful thanks to everybody concerned.

**Anthony Ellis**

### **Fabric Committee Report**

It seems ironic that water levels in our reservoirs are dangerously low and yet so much rainwater came through the flat roofs of St John's and to a lesser extent St Mary's. The felt roof coverings at St John's and St Mary's had reached the end of their useful lives after much patching and were replaced as required. At St Mary's there are additional problems due to the de-lamination of the "Cotswold" slates which suffer in very frosty weather. The lead gutter around St Mary's refectory is currently being repaired - it seems to have been damaged by lead thieves.

Apart from Hampton Poyle church reasonable heating temperatures have been maintained - there have been one or two incidents at St Mary's due to an ailing pump.

The DAC has approved the installation of a loop system at Hampton Poyle funded by generous donation. No loudspeakers are involved just the peripheral wire. Furthermore by a process of elimination after preservation societies have decreed what and what not can be done to heat the church and provide a WC we have decided to focus on a "wet" heating system i.e. fan assisted radiators supported by a small boiler in a small building on the west gable wall large enough for a WC entered from the church. This proposal may precipitate a confrontation with English Heritage but Elsfield church has been extended in this way.

Many thanks to all who help in keeping the fabric of our buildings in good order. Particular thanks are due to Malcolm Austen for his quantity surveying expertise and Bilham Woods for his architectural expertise.

This it seems will be Anthony's final APCM and I would like to place on record my thanks for his tremendous support in all things "fabric" - he has always been available to listen about the technical problems encountered over the last twelve years and has not shied away from climbing ladders and cleaning gutters in an emergency.

**Ian Howdill, Chartered Engineer; Chair of Fabric Committee**

### **Deanery Synod Report**

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The Inaugural meeting of the 2011-2014 Synod was held in Christ Church Cathedral in June 2011. After Cathedral Evensong a very small number of the Deanery laity, and even smaller number of the Deanery clergy were present. Anne Lee was elected as Lay Chair, Michael Daniell as Secretary and Alan McCullough as Treasurer.

There followed a joint meeting with Cowley Deanery in July. Three further Oxford Deanery meetings were held during the year. At St Matthew's Grandpont in September the topic debated was provision for those opposed to women in the episcopacy and which the Bishop had asked for no vote, but to report the 'feeling' of the meeting to the Diocesan Synod; speakers were 'evenly divided' for and against the draft legislation. At St Margaret's in November there were reports from General and Diocesan Synods, an impressive presentation from Brian Newey Chair of the Oxford Diocesan Board of Finance (at which Kidlington raised the question of a rebate for a parish providing the Area Dean), but the Deanery Parish Share could not be agreed at that time because of problems at one church. The Parish Share was finally agreed at the meeting at St Mary's Kidlington in February when the main topic was the Anglican Communion Covenant. This was introduced by Revd Prof Mark Chapman who spent most of his presentation on the detailed history of the proposed covenant rather than the pros and cons of its present implementation, apart from the fact that of the 11 provinces who had so far voted, 6 were against and 5 in favour. Only a very short time was allowed for discussion from the floor, and a show of hands revealed that the Oxford Deanery was equally divided on this issue.

Revd Canon Anthony Ellis was warmly thanked and applauded for his 7.5 years as Area Dean - a period in which under his leadership, the Deanery Synod has, despite some very disparate views, become a much more collegial body.

**John Morris**

### **Outreach and Mission Committee Report**

From the terms of reference for this sub-committee it exists as a resource to:

- 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

The work of outreach and mission takes place in a range of times and places, both 'official' PCC projects and 'unofficial' development of relationship by individuals.

The group is available as a forum for specific mission projects, and has met this year to propose the annual mission giving, which was made to USPG, Church Mission Society, Amos Trust, The Leprosy Mission, The Prison Fellowship, Church Urban Fund, Parents and Children Together



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(PACT), Kidlington Carers, Oxfordshire Playbus, The Gatehouse, Dystonia Society. A total of £1000 was given away to these causes.

### **Hilary Campbell, Chair of Outreach and Mission Committee**

#### **Finance Committee Report**

The committee met on six occasions during the year. Permanent items on the agenda were the monitoring of the budget and updates from the Giving Committee: two vital elements in our current financial circumstances.

The results for 2011 are contained in the Treasurer's Report and annual accounts. The financial outcome was much better than initially anticipated, and a very successful Stewardship campaign makes the financial future look far less bleak than for some time. Vigilance is still vital, though.

Other items that the committee dealt with include the preparation of the contract of employment for our new Director of Music, the setting of salaries for all employees, and the setting of our fees and charges.

The accounts for the St Mary's, Kidlington, Church Spire Appeal were closed following receipt of a government grant, and the small surplus was split between the appeals for St John's and St Mary's, Hampton Poyle, in compliance with the Appeal objectives.

Work also commenced on legacy giving and on our various endowments.

### **Michael Ling, Chairman Finance Committee**

#### **Giving Committee Report**

The Giving Committee held just three meetings during the year, but was very active in many ways. It initiated or ran a number of events, including Sunday Tea Talks, a Quiz Night, the summer Fete (with help from a dedicated organizing team) and a choral concert. These raised about £3,600 for general parish funds. The Committee also keeps track of fund-raising events run for specific church projects, especially at St John's and at St Mary's Hampton Poyle.

Members of the Committee joined with others to form the Stewardship Campaign Working group, which steered what proved to be a successful campaign in 2011. This was successful financially, with a pledged increase in annual giving of over £10,000 in a full year. The responses to the more general survey have also indicated a number of new possibilities for parish life, which the PCC is developing.

The Committee continues to consider all forms of financial giving to the parish, with more fund-raising events and other activities planned for the future.

**Jean Bagnall, Chair of Giving Committee**

**St John's Hall Management Committee Report**

The Committee consists of the churchwardens from St John's and two members from the congregation. Mark Christodoulou retired as churchwarden this year and David Townsend also retired from the Committee after many years of service. We thank them both for their work over the years and for their continued support. Margaret Day was elected churchwarden and continues to be Booking Secretary and also Treasurer, a job she took over from Ted Mobley, who sadly died on 27<sup>th</sup> April 2011. We welcomed on to the Committee Malcolm Austen and Charlie Winward (co-opted).

Malcolm's building knowledge has been invaluable to us, and we are very grateful for the time he has spent helping with plans for St John's renovation work, and watching over repairs as they were being carried out. The weatherproofing of the building has now been completed and we are waterproof. Charlie has taken charge of the lawn mowing and is hoping to improve the grounds around St John's, which had deteriorated during Ted's illness.

During the year we changed suppliers for both our gas and electricity and we are hoping to see some savings on our energy bills.

The hall continues to host parish activities and also provides a venue for a varied range of activities, including dancing, fitness clubs and kick boxing. We also welcome a number of one-off parties and in 2011 we served as a Polling Station for the first time.

As always we record our thanks to Wendy and Ted Plowman who clean the hall and set out the church for Sunday worship. They remain flexible in doing this according to hall usage.

With the roof repaired we are now looking forward to phase two of our plans, hoping to raise enough money for improvements to the kitchen and toilet area. We express grateful thanks to all those who are contributing in any way to our fund-raising. We would also like to thank all the Hall Users for their custom and support over the year, and also those who work hard to keep St John's Hall in good order.

Lastly, we would like to record our grateful thanks to Ted Mobley for all his hard work as Treasurer and Gardener-in-Chief at St John's for so many years.

**Rosemary Gardner and Margaret Day, Churchwardens**

**St Mary's Bellringers Report**

The St Mary's ringers rang every Sunday in 2012 except on a rare occasion when we did not have enough ringers. Practice took place on every Tuesday evening except in Holy Week, and the Tuesdays either side

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of Christmas. While one or two ringers have either moved away or given up ringing altogether we still have about 15 people who ring at Kidlington regularly. We were particularly pleased to welcome back Peter J Franklin who had not rung a bell for about 25 years. He has quickly re-established himself and is a valued member of the tower.

Our ringers are making progress and often visit other towers in the area. We rang one quarter peal during the year and one peal was rung on the bells. We continue to welcome visiting ringers who come to Kidlington from many parts of the country.

The bells are maintained by the ringers themselves and during the course of the year we have purchased a number of new ropes from our own funds. It is many years since we have asked the Parochial Church Council to fund any of the costs of the bells.

**Anthony Ellis**

### **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; Acting Secretary: Catherine Button; Treasurer: Chris Caspell. Anglican lay representatives on the Council were Catherine Button, Anne Clifton and Gail Nawrocki. The Council met four times during the year, and the AGM was held on 9<sup>th</sup> June, 2011 at St. Mary's.

The annual Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, 18-25 January, 2011, was supported by around 30 people at the Sunday united service at St. John's Church, over 70 at the Fellowship Meal at the Baptist Church on the Wednesday, and 4-19 attendees at the midday prayers held at each of the churches in turn, using the CTBI resource material on the theme "All things in common", based on the suggestion of the Jerusalem Churches' plan that we consider the great vision lived out by the Apostolic Church in Jerusalem of Acts 2:42-47. There was no speaker at the Fellowship Meal, instead table discussions about the role and activities of CTK were held.

As previously agreed, ecumenical Lent groups were not run; instead a Lent worship and discussion morning was held at St. John's with half hour sessions prepared by each denomination in turn, concluding with a shared lunch. About 30 people attended and those who did found it inspiring, agreeing it was well worth repeating.

The Women's World Day of Prayer service on March 4<sup>th</sup> had the theme "How many loaves have you?" with the service prepared by Christian women of Chile. The service was held at the Methodist Church and attended by about 46 people with meditation and candles replacing a speaker.

A CTK Vision Day led by the Revd. Malcolm Goodspeed for CTK Council members was held at Combe Methodist Church on 9<sup>th</sup> April. The purpose

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for the day was to discern a way forward and an outcome of the day was setting up a new way of working where one church can take an initiative and advertise it under the banner of CTK, encouraging others to join them and help using their particular expertise. The “Destiny Africa” concert later in the year was a brilliant example of this new way of working in practice.

The regular Good Friday Walk of Witness from St. John’s to the High Street just outside Costa took place supported by around 70-80 people, pausing to sing hymns at St. Thomas More and the Methodist Church. The walk culminated in a dramatised reading of the Passion narrative and hymns and songs to the accompaniment of a music group from the Baptist Church, who had already been playing there since earlier in the morning, with a table with literature for people to take. Easter cards were not distributed this year.

The united service at the start of Christian Aid Week was held on 15<sup>th</sup> May at the Baptist Church, using Christian Aid’s published material. The Flower Festival in September, also in aid of Christian Aid, closed with a united service of Choral Evensong with £640 being raised.

The memorable “Destiny Africa” concert on 18<sup>th</sup> November at St. Mary’s was held under the auspices of CTK in St. Mary’s with different churches working together to organise the fundraising event. “Destiny Africa” is a choir with drummers consisting of fifteen children between 8 and 16 years old and some adults who tour fundraising for the Kampala Children’s Centre where they all live. Over 100 people attended; ticket sales raised £1000, with donations and money spent on crafts adding an extra £1500 to this total for the Kampala Children’s Centre thus making this an extremely successful event.

CTK once again had a stall at the switch-on of Kidlington’s Christmas lights, handing out tealights with a Bible verse around them and nativity themed stickers to children. The usual Christmas cards with all churches’ services were distributed throughout Kidlington and members of all the churches joined in a carol singing event outside the Cooperative Food Store on Saturday morning, December 17<sup>th</sup>, with welcome sustenance kindly provided by Cooperative Travel.

Monthly short Sunday afternoon services have continued to be taken at Glebe House by members of 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 all the churches.

The CTK had supported the Community Youth Work project which provided support for a Kidlington Youth Newspaper Project, “OX5” that along with a website, aimed to inform young people about services available to them. CTK was no longer able to financially support the OX5 project of termly magazine and website, but other sources of funding are being sought, and the CTK is examining other sustainable ways of supporting this work.

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Another valuable community project supported by CTK is the North Oxfordshire Community Foodbank, which provides 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.

**Catherine Button**