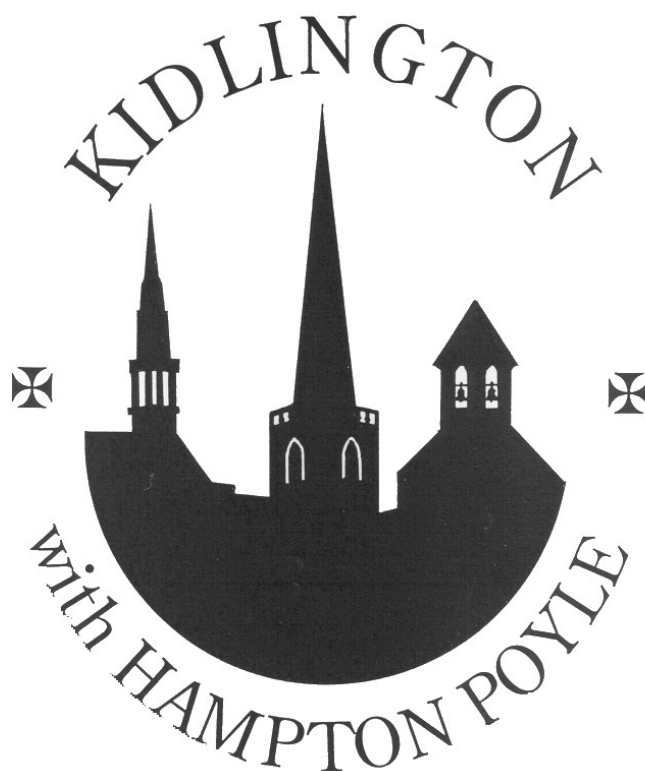


Parish of Kidlington with Hampton Poyle



Papers for the Annual Parochial Church Meeting Tuesday 8th April 2014

Our Vision Statement

- To serve the people of Kidlington and Hampton Poyle for their own sakes.
- 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.

PAPERS FOR THE ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

To be held at St John's Church, Kidlington

On Tuesday 8th April 2013 at 8.00pm

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Parish of Kidlington with Hampton Poyle
Minutes of the 2013 Annual Parochial Church Meeting

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting of the Parish of Kidlington with Hampton Poyle was held in St Mary's Kidlington on 24th April 2013 at 8.00pm. The meeting was preceded by Holy Communion at 7.30 pm.

Those Present

Dr Bill Evershed (in the chair), Mrs Jean Amor, Mr John Amor, Mr Malcolm Austen, Mrs Judith Baker, Mr Kenneth Belcher, Dr Christopher Brown, Revd Jennifer Brown, Mrs Pat Bruder, Mrs Liz Bruce, Mr Rob Bruce, Mr Robert Buckeldee, Miss Catherine Button, Miss Philippa Burrell, Revd Hilary Campbell, Mrs Yo Davies, Miss Margaret Day, Mrs Margaret Dee, Mrs Angela Dean, Mr Dennis Dean, Mrs Ruth Fosdike, Mrs Rosemary Gardner, Mrs Peggy Harwood, Mrs Meghann Hewett, Miss Stephanie Hobson, Mr Peter Ingram, Mrs Susan Knox, Mrs Marion Kubat, Mr Nick Kubat, Mrs Margaret Lang, Mr Michael Ling, Prof John Morris, Mrs Joyce Morris, Mrs Pat O'Gorman, Mrs Cherrill Seward, Mr Malcolm Seward, Mrs Lesley Smith, Mr David Townsend, Mrs Joan Townsend, Mrs Maureen Turner, Mrs Janet Warren, Mrs Olive Williams, Dr Jim Williamson. There were 43 people present.

1. Opening prayers

The meeting opened with prayers.

2. Apologies for Absence

Mrs Jean Bagnall, Mrs Barbara Belcher, Mrs Jill Buckeldee, Mrs Pam Cooper, Mr Kelvin Fowler, Dr David Hewett, Mrs Caroline Howdill, Mr Ian Howdill, Mrs Jenny Ingram, Mrs Cicely Lee, Mrs Elaine Marsland, Mrs Karen Mason, Miss Emma Seward, Miss Kate Seward, Mrs Stella Shelton, Mrs Nicky Smith, Mr Roger Smith, Mr Colin Thackray, Mrs Sheila Thackray, Miss Ann Thomas.

3. Election of Church Wardens

Three written nominations had been received prior to the meeting for:

St Mary's Kidlington

Philippa Burrell (nominated by Susan Knox, seconded by John Amor)

Bill Evershed (nominated by Susan Knox, seconded by John Amor)

St John's Kidlington

Margaret Day (nominated by Ruth Fosdike, seconded by Kenneth Belcher)

The Chairman indicated that without further nominations there would only be one church warden at St John's and no church wardens at Hampton Poyle. As no other candidates were nominated the three proposed people were elected unopposed to serve as Churchwardens for the year 2013/2014: Philippa Burrell (4th year), Bill Evershed (6th year), Margaret Day (3rd year).

Thanks were expressed to Jean Bagnall for all her hard work during her 6 years as church warden at St Mary's Hampton Poyle.

4. Approval of Minutes of Annual Parochial Church Meeting 2012

The minutes of the last meeting held on 24th April 2012 were considered.

John Morris proposed that the Minutes be accepted. This was seconded by Robert Buckeldee and confirmed by the Meeting.

5. Election of representatives for Parochial Church Council

Members retiring from office:

Pat Bruder (elected APCM 2010)
Peter Ingram (elected APCM 2010)

Members still in office:

John Amor (elected APCM 2011, 3rd year)
Judith Baker (elected APCM 2011, 3rd year)
Yo Davies (elected APCM 2011, 3rd year)
Stephanie Hobson (elected APCM 2011, 3rd year)
Michael Ling (elected APCM 2011, 3rd year)
Pat O’Gorman (elected APCM 2011, 3rd year)
Robert Buckeldee (elected APCM 2012, 2nd year)
Margaret Dee (elected APCM 2012, 2nd year)
Ruth Fosdike (elected APCM 2012, 2nd year)
Meghann Hewett (elected APCM 2012, 2nd year)
Cherrill Seward (elected APCM 2012, 2nd year)
Malcolm Seward (elected APCM 2012, 2nd year)
Lesley Smith (elected APCM 2012, 2nd year)

The number of vacancies at this meeting was two.

One written nomination had been received prior to the meeting for:

Jean Bagnall nominated by Maureen Turner seconded by Joy Wirdman

The Meeting elected the above as a PCC Member

The Chairman expressed thanks to those retiring from office and to those willing to serve the parish in this way in the coming year.

6. To Appoint Sidespersons

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

Janet Caspell, Margaret Crawford, Yo Davies, Ian Howdill, Jenny Ingram, Helen Lambourne, 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, Angela Dean, Rachel Evans, Rosemary Gardner, Caroline Johnson, Patsie Johnson, Ruth Johnson, Margaret Lang, Beth Morgan, Margery Petrie, Malcolm Seward, David Townsend, Joan Townsend.

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

Jean Bagnall, Judith Baker, Monica Green, Pat O’Gorman, Kathryn Smith.

There being no further nominations the above were appointed as sidespersons (proposed by Philippa Burrell, seconded by Margaret Day).

7. To appoint an Independent examiner for 2013

Michael Ling proposed that Wenn Townsend be reappointed for 2013. This was seconded by John Morris, and approved by the Meeting.

8. 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 Philippa Burrell, seconded by Pam Cooper)
Peggy Harwood (nominated by Philippa Burrell, seconded by Pam Cooper)
Caroline Howdill (nominated by Susan Knox, seconded by Yo Davies)
Ian Howdill (nominated by Susan Knox, seconded by Yo Davies)
Susan Knox (nominated by Caroline Howdill, seconded by Philippa Burrell)
Malcolm Sturges (nominated by Pam Cooper, seconded by Ann Holland)
Colin Thackray (nominated by Philippa Burrell, seconded by Yo Davies)

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

9. 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 Margaret Day, seconded by Margaret Lang)
Margaret Dee (nominated by Joan Townsend, seconded by Malcolm Austen)
Rachel Evans (nominated by Joan Townsend, seconded by Malcolm Austen)
Ruth Fosdike (nominated by Rosemary Gardner, seconded by Joan Townsend)
Margaret Lang (nominated by Joan Townsend, seconded by Rosemary Gardner)
Gail Nawrocki (nominated by Margaret Day, seconded by Rosemary Gardner)
Joan Townsend (nominated by Rosemary Gardner, seconded by Margaret Lang)

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

10. To approve the membership for the Committee of St Mary's, Hampton Poyle

Written nominations had been received prior to the meeting for:

Jean Bagnall (nominated by Maureen Turner, seconded by Joy Wirdnam)
Judith Baker (nominated by Marie Bickley, seconded by Kathryn Smith)
Marie Bickley (nominated by Vers Hurren, seconded by Maureen Turner)
Monica Green (nominated by Kathryn Smith, seconded by Jean Bagnall)
Caroline MacFarlane (nominated by Pat O'Gorman, seconded by Jean Bagnall)
Pat O'Gorman (nominated by Jean Bagnall, seconded by Joy Wirdnam)
Kathryn Smith (nominated by Marie Bickley, seconded by Judith Baker)

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

11. 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 Margaret Day, seconded by Rosemary Gardner)
Rosemary Gardner (nominated by Patsie Johnson, seconded by Margaret Day)
Charlie Winward (nominated by Margaret Day, seconded by Rosemary Gardner)

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

12. To elect members for the Committee of Churches Together in Kidlington

Written nomination had been received prior to the meeting for:

Catherine Button (nominated by Philippa Burrell, seconded by Joyce Morris)

The Revd Hilary Campbell asked if anyone else would be prepared to also stand as a CTK Representative. This would make Communication easier.

Janet Warren agreed to be nominated by Susan Knox and seconded by Lesley Smith

There being no further nominations both people were approved to serve on the committee

13. To consider the 2013 Electoral Roll Report

John Amor reported that there were 234 names. 29 new names have been added but 52 people from the old roll are not on the new roll. Of these seven have died and ten have moved away from the area. Seventeen people on the Roll do not live in the Parish. Of the 234, 48 usually worship at St John's, 9 at St Mary's Hampton Poyle and 177 at St Mary's Kidlington. It was thought the extremely cold weather during the time that the new roll was being compiled may have meant that fewer people were at the Sunday services and did not realise that this was the year for a complete revision of the Roll. Thanks were expressed to John for the work he undertakes on maintaining and reporting the details of the Roll. Thanks were also expressed to all those who had helped to ensure the return of many of the forms.

14. To consider the Annual Report

The Chairman referred the Meeting to the Annual Report which had been printed and circulated.

Michael Ling proposed that the Annual Report be approved. This was seconded by Janet Warren and agreed by the Meeting

15. To consider the Financial Statement for the year ending 31st December 2012

The Chairman referred the Meeting to the Treasurer's Report and the Financial Statements which had been circulated.

The Treasurer drew attention to the fact that reserves of £5,557 had been utilised to balance the General Fund which is used for day to day activities. Although this was a smaller amount than had been anticipated due to the success of the 2011 Stewardship Campaign if similar transfers have to be made annually the accrued savings will be used within a few years. He thanked the Giving Committee in the splendid way that it worked to arrange fund raising events.

A comment was made to the Meeting that part of our Parish Share went towards supporting those parishes that were less secure financially.

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

16. Fabric Committee Report

The Chairman referred the Meeting to the Fabric Report in the Annual Report Booklet.

The Meeting was advised that the Fabric Committee had been formalised during the year. It aimed to familiarise people with the costs of major fabric issues. It recognised the need to make public the details of goods and Items purchased through donations.

17. Deanery Synod Report

The chairman referred the Meeting to the Deanery Synod Report in the Annual Report Booklet. The meeting was advised that the Area Dean, Revd Dr Mark Butchers would be part of the interviewing panel for the post of Rector.

18. To consider any other matters of parochial or general Church interest

The chairman gave the Meeting an update on the Vacancy procedure. He explained that the advertisement had appeared in the Church Times and that there was a copy on the church notice board. The Closing Date was May 8th. The Shortlisting procedure would take place at Christ Church on May 13th. The Bishop and the new Archdeacon would be present. On May 22nd the candidates would be shown around the parish, visiting the three churches, the Rectory and the office. They would have tea with the Clergy Team and ministers of the other churches in Kidlington. They would have supper with the members of the PCC. The interviews would be the next day, May 23rd at the Bishop's House.

The Meeting was reminded about two forthcoming events. The Parish Fete to be held on Saturday 29th June inside and outside St Mary's Kidlington from 12.30 - 4.00pm. A concert to be given by the Oxsrads Singers and Oxford Jubilee Brass band in St John's on Friday 17th May.

Thanks were offered to the Clergy Team for all their hard work in the Parish particularly during the Interregnum.

19. To deal with any other business

There was no further business

20. To set the date of the Annual Parochial Church Meeting for 2014

The date of the APCM for 2014 was set for Tuesday 8th April 2014 at St John's

Closing Prayers

The meeting was closed with the Grace.

Annual Report for 2013

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

- To serve the people of Kidlington and Hampton Poyle for their own sake;
- To respond to God's call and to recognise 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 was situated at St Mary's Rectory, 19 Mill Street, Kidlington, Oxon, OX5 2EE. [Since January 2014 it has been situated at St John's Vicarage, 16, The Broadway, Kidlington, Oxon OX5 1EF.]

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, with any vacancy in the year covered by cooption. Trustees are informed of their role and responsibilities shortly after the APCM. During the year the following served as members of the PCC:

Team Rector: The Revd Felicity Scroggie (Chairman) (from 10th Nov 2013)
Team Vicar: The Revd Hilary Campbell (until 1st Sept 2013)
Assistant Curate: The Revd Dr Gillian Straine (until 7th April 2013)
Associate Minister: The Revd Dr William Whyte
The Revd Jennifer Brown

Licensed Lay Minister: Mrs Lesley Heffer
Wardens: Mrs Jean Bagnall (until APCM 2013)
Miss Philippa Burrell
Miss Margaret Day
Dr Bill Evershed

Representatives on the Diocesan Synod:
The Revd Hilary Campbell (until 1st Sept 2013)

Representatives on the Deanery Synod:
Mr Kelvin Fowler
Mr Ian Howdill
Prof. John Morris
Mrs Joyce Morris
Mr Colin Thackray

Elected Members: Mr John Amor (from APCM 2011)
Mrs Judith Baker (from APCM 2011)

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Mrs Pat Bruder (until APCM 2013)
Mr Robert Buckeldee (from APCM 2012)
Mrs Yo Davies (from APCM 2011)

Mrs Margaret Dee (from APCM 2012)
Mrs Ruth Fosdike (from APCM 2012)
Mrs Meghann Hewitt (from APCM 2012)
Ms Stephanie Hobson (from APCM 2011)
Mr Peter Ingram (until APCM 2013)
Mr Michael Ling (from APCM 2011) (Treasurer)
Mrs Pat O’Gorman (from APCM 2011)
Mrs Cherrill Seward (from APCM 2012)
Mr Malcolm Seward (From APCM 2012)
Mrs Lesley Smith (from APCM 2012)
Mrs Jean Bagnall (coopted at PCC Meeting 11th June 2013)

Secretary: Mrs Joyce Morris

Representatives on CTK: Miss Catherine Button
Mrs Janet Warren (from APCM 2013)
Miss Margaret Day (from Sept 2013)

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 2013 there were 234 names on the new Electoral Roll for the Parish of Kidlington with Hampton Poyle. There were 29 new names but 52 people from the old roll were not on the new roll. Of these 7 had died and 10 had moved away. The average attendance at the main Sunday service is 120 at St Mary's Kidlington, 50 at St John's Kidlington, 18 at St Mary's Hampton Poyle; numbers are substantially increased at festivals and special services.

During the course of the year 43 babies and young children were welcomed into the church through Baptism. The following took another step in their faith journey, being confirmed by Bishop John at a service in St John the Baptist Church Kidlington on Sunday 17th Nov: Alexandra Davies, Emma Davies, Leon Slade and Philippa Smith.

Review of the year

The full PCC met six times during the year, with an average attendance of 20. The early meetings of the year were formal meetings to comply with the Vacancy rules and the appointment of a new Rector. The PCC reviewed financial and fabric matters regularly and approved the seeking of faculties for minor changes to St Mary's Kidlington and St Mary's Hampton Poyle. Hampton Poyle was granted a faculty to proceed with the improvement work and during the year a new heating system was installed. The PCC approved the appointment of the solicitors Winckworth Sherwood to notify Exeter College of their responsibilities regarding chancel repairs at St Mary's Kidlington. Minutes of all committee meetings were received and discussed where necessary. Reports were also received from the Parish Safeguarding Officer, the Deanery Synod and Churches Together in Kidlington. At the last meeting of the year the PCC approved the moving of the Parish Office from St Mary's Rectory to St John's Vicarage at 16, The Broadway, Kidlington.

During the year there have been a number of changes in the clergy team. The Revd Felicity Scroggie was inducted as Rector of the parish in November. She was warmly welcomed and the parish is greatly looking forward to her ministry amongst us. In April 2013 the curate, the Revd Gillian Straine left to live in London and we officially record thanks here for all that she brought to our Parish during her 4-year curacy. In Sept 2013 the Team Vicar the Revd Hilary Campbell moved to become the incumbent of the Shires' Edge Benefice. We record our thanks to Hilary for her loyal and caring ministry in the parish for 8 years. Revd Dr William Whyte and the Revd Jennifer Brown serve the parish as Assistant Priests and the Revd Mervyn Puleston, the Revd Jim Turner, and the Revd Canon Barbara Doubtfire serve as retired priests. Our Licensed Lay Minister, Mrs Lesley Heffer, also provides valuable help. The interregnum was a time of a much increased work load for both the clergy team and for the church wardens and we record our sincere thanks to them all for the way that they led us through this period with inspiration and dedication.

When planning activities for the year, consideration was given to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and, in particular, the specific guidance on charities for the advancement of religion.

The pattern of our worship remained as it was in the previous year except for minor changes in the regularity of the mid-week and the Sunday 8am Communion services at St John's. In addition to specific services a number of groups met on a regular basis for fellowship, prayer, bible study and meditation. The Parish Pastoral Network was reviewed and revised during the year.

Hampton Poyle has had a new gas-fired heating system fitted. The old nave altar from St Mary's Kidlington has been given to St Bartholomew's Yarnton.

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 fees collected at occasional offices. Almost 60% of our unrestricted expenditure is taken up by the Quota

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(Parish Share) paid to the Oxford Diocese. This payment covers the cost of having two priests with incumbent status less fees earned and passed on to the Diocese, in line with the Oxford Deanery policy. Other major items of expenditure are the repair, insurance and upkeep of our three church buildings, the costs of heating and lighting and the payment of a part-time administrator and two organists. Mr Brian Blackmore the organist at St John's retired in October. We thank him for his many years of dedicated service providing music to enhance the Sunday Services. At the end of the year there was a deficit on the General Fund of £24,070. This was larger than had been predicted due to a number of substantial donors leaving the parish and some unexpected repair bills following a break-in at St Mary's Kidlington. Reserves have been used to meet the deficit.

We continued our outreach activities, trying to make a contribution to our local community and further afield. The Parish supports the Gatehouse and the Foodbank. Many church people play a significant part in the life of our communities; joint activities with fellow Christians in Churches Together in Kidlington are also a feature of our outreach. Our links with the parish of All Saints Montshiwa have continued via e-mail communication.

There have been a number of opportunities for social gatherings of church and other local people, with fund-raising events held in all three of our churches. The winter tea talks and the Sunday summer teas at St Mary's continued to be popular. A very successful fete was held both in the grounds and inside the church. An evening presented by Kidlington musicians was a new venture. A quiz evening held in St John's in February was much enjoyed as were the many activities arranged to raise funds towards St John's Building fund. Similarly Hampton Poyle continued to raise funds to complete its building development and had a successful summer fete and Christmas Fayre. There were parish visits to churches in the Cirencester area, Northamptonshire, and Worcestershire (including Worcester cathedral).

Despite the absence of a Rector until mid- November, this was a positive and generally successful year. The need for increased income is always with us as is our constant awareness of our mission as Christians to reach out further to the whole population in our area. We look forward developing a renewed vision for our Parish under our new leadership.

Signed on behalf of the PCC:
Revd Felicity Scroggie (Team Rector)

Treasurer's Report on the 2013 accounts

In the year ending 31 December 2013 there was a deficit on the unrestricted funds of £24,144 prior to transfers. After transfers this becomes a deficit of £20,371, primarily due to the re-designation of funds previously held for the Youthworker project. All restricted income for this project had been expended, and the remaining balances represented the amounts designated to the project by the constituent parishes. These balances have now been repaid, and the PCC agreed that its portion should be re-designated to support general funds. Unrestricted balances have therefore fallen in the year from £52,735 to £32,364.

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 £24,070 which was funded by savings accumulated from previous years.

The deficit was more than anticipated when the budget was originally set. This was due to a number of factors, including the loss of a number of substantial donors and unexpected repair bills following a break-in at St Mary's, Kidlington, where an insurance claim was uneconomic due to the effect on the no-claims discount.

The underlying annual deficit means that the parish will be effectively insolvent very soon unless our financial circumstances improve.

Michael Ling, Treasurer, 3 April 2014

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 2013 which are set out on pages 10 to 17.

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 Acthave 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

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**Statement of Financial Activities
for the year ended 31 December 2013**

		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	TOTAL FUNDS	
	Note	£	£	£	2013 £	2012 £
INCOMING RESOURCES						
Voluntary income	2a	118,330	39,188		157,518	161,197
Activities for generating funds	2b	9,693	2,374		12,067	9,072
Income from investments	2c	3,560	71	314	3,945	458
Church activities	2d	16,532	825		17,357	17,252
Other incoming resources	2e	1,748			1,748	9,994
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES		149,863	42,458	314	192,635	197,973
RESOURCES EXPENDED						
Cost of generating funds	3a	2,735			2,735	426
Church activities	3b	170,671	64,771		235,442	180,828
Governance costs	3c	601			601	577
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED		174,007	64,771	0	238,778	181,831
NET INCOMING RESOURCES BEFORE TRANSFERS						
		(24,144)	(22,313)	314	(46,143)	16,142
Transfers						
Transfers-in between funds		59,042	21,731		80,773	7,507
Transfers-out between funds		(55,269)	(25,504)		(80,773)	(7,507)
NET INCOMING RESOURCES BEFORE OTHER GAINS/LOSSES						
		20,371	(26,086)	314	(46,143)	16,142
Gains/(Losses) on investment assets:						
on revaluation	5		124	837	961	736
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS						
		20,371	(25,962)	1,151	(45,182)	16,878
BALANCES B/FWD 1 JANUARY						
		52,735	99,018	10,208	161,961	145,083
BALANCES C/FWD 31 DECEMBER						
		32,364	73,056	11,359	116,779	161,961

The notes on pages 14 to 19 form part of these accounts

Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2013

		TOTAL FUNDS	
	Notes	2013 £	2012 £
FIXED ASSETS (Investments)	5	9,163	8,202
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors	6	17,744	23,985
Cash at bank and in hand		106,949	139,461
		124,693	163,446
Total Current Assets			
LIABILITIES			
Creditors - amounts falling due in one year	7	17,077	9,687
		107,616	153,759
Net current assets/(liabilities)			
		116,779	161,961
TOTAL NET ASSETS			
PARISH FUNDS			
Unrestricted	8	32,364	52,735
Restricted	8	73,056	99,018
Endowment	8	11,359	10,208
		116,779	161,961
Total Parish Funds			

Approved by the Parochial Church Council on 2014 and signed on its behalf by:

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The notes on pages 14 to 19 form part of these accounts.

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.

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.

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	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	TOTAL FUNDS	
				2013 £	2012 £
2 INCOMING RESOURCES					
2a Voluntary income					
Planned giving					
Bank	69,883			69,883	72,896
Envelopes	13,443			13,443	14,904
Other	877			877	832
Collections	9,323	2,292		11,615	13,156
Donations	5,058	4,516		9,574	16,242
Tax recovered	19,746	159		19,905	23,417
Legacies		21,221		21,221	8,000
Grants		11,000		11,000	11,750
	<u>118,330</u>	<u>39,188</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>157,518</u>	<u>161,197</u>
2b Activities for generating funds					
Fund-raising	9,693	2,374		12,067	9,072
2c Investment income					
Dividends and interest	3,560	71	314	3,945	458
2d Income from church activities					
Fees	8,681	825		9,506	8,017
Church hall lettings	5,077			5,077	4,890
Letting of church buildings	2,774			2,774	4,345
	<u>16,532</u>	<u>825</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>17,357</u>	<u>17,252</u>
2e Other incoming resources					
Trips and visits	1,295			1,295	7,906
Other	453			453	2,088
	<u>1,748</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1,748</u>	<u>9,994</u>
Total incoming resources	<u>149,863</u>	<u>42,458</u>	<u>314</u>	<u>192,635</u>	<u>197,973</u>
3 RESOURCES EXPENDED					
3a Cost of generating funds					
Fundraising	2,735			2,735	426
3b Church activities					
Missionary and charitable giving:					
Missionary societies	300			300	0
Relief and development agencies	150			150	(1,168)
Home mission	300	4,242		4,542	0
Secular charities	450	627		1,077	1,194
Ministry:					
Diocesan parish share(Quota)	97,204			97,204	93,996
Churches Together in Kidlington	400			400	400
Junior Church groups	388			388	88
Music	4,821			4,821	4,337
Repairs and maintenance	7,304	601		7,905	7,831
Other major works	1,903	58,450		60,353	10,029
Heat, light and cleaning	8,682			8,682	5,891
Church hall running costs (excluding insurance)	6,524			6,524	4,845
Insurance	13,162			13,162	12,272
Office and admin costs	13,640			13,640	13,171
	<u>Unrestricted Funds</u>	<u>Restricted Funds</u>	<u>Endowment Funds</u>	<u>TOTAL FUNDS</u>	<u>TOTAL FUNDS</u>
	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2012</u>
Other supplies and services	14,159	851		15,010	20,065
Trips and visits	1,284			1,284	7,877
	<u>170,671</u>	<u>64,771</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>235,442</u>	<u>180,828</u>

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3c Governance costs					
Examination of accounts	601		601		577
Total resources expended	174,007	64,771	0	238,778	181,831

4 (a) STAFF COSTS	£
Salaries, wages and fees	16,714
Employer's national insurance contributions	<u>250</u>
	<u>16,964</u>

During the year the PCC employed a parish administrator, Director of Music, organists, cleaners and grass cutter, whilst fees were paid to the verger and for occasional services.

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

(b) PAYMENTS TO PCC MEMBERS

No payments were made in the year to PCC members for the provision of services.

5 FIXED ASSETS

Investments

	Bulford	Freeborn	Hulbert	Dodd	TOTAL	
	£	£	£	£	2013	2012
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Market value at 1 January	4,779	2,066	318	1,039	8,202	7,466
Gain/Loss on revaluation	558	242	37	124	961	736
Market value at 31 Dec	<u>5,337</u>	<u>2,308</u>	<u>355</u>	<u>1,163</u>	<u>9,163</u>	<u>8,202</u>

6 DEBTORS AND PRE-PAYMENTS

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Endowment	TOTAL FUNDS	
	£	£	£	2013	2012
	£	£	£	£	£
Tax recoverable:					
Gift Aid	13,879	34		13,913	23,418
Small					
Donations	1,250			1,250	0
Other debtors	509	1,500		2,009	567
Pre-payments	572			572	0
	<u>16,210</u>	<u>1,534</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>17,744</u>	<u>23,985</u>

7 LIABILITIES

Amounts falling due within one year:

				TOTAL FUNDS	
	Unrestricted	Restrict	Endowment	2013	2012
	£	£	£	£	£
Diocesan fees	329			329	727
Utilities	1,252			1,252	489
Other creditors	3,612	9,684		13,296	6,671
Receipts in advance	2,200			2,200	1,800
	<u>7,393</u>	<u>9,684</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>17,077</u>	<u>9,687</u>

8 FUNDS

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

Choir (Restricted) For music resources.

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 past annual surpluses on the General Fund, set-aside to ease known increases in Quota to meet the Deanery policy of meeting at least the full cost parish stipendiary clergy (less fees earned for the Diocese).

Reserve (Unrestricted) To cover sudden and unforeseen liabilities.

Social (Unrestricted) Closed in 2013 and balance transferred to General Fund. Previous balance was for use as a float for social activities (rather than fundraising), and no longer necessary.

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 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) Closed in 2013 with a transfer from General Fund of £1,085. The fund was for repairs to wooden fabric at St Mary's, Kidlington.

Youthworker (Restricted) Closed in 2013, with balance transferred to constituent parishes as transfers back to designated funds. All restricted income on this project with Wolvercote and Summertown had been utilised.

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Funds - Summary statement for year ended 31 December 2013

Fund	Balance brought forward £	Incoming resources £	Outgoing resources £	Transfers £	Gains/ (Losses) £	Balance carried forward £
Unrestricted Funds						
General	0	144,467	165,472	21,005		0
Mission	1,109		1,200	695		604
Quinquennial Survey	300			300		600
Quota Reserve	17,875			(17,875)		0
Reserve	23,334			19,309		42,643
St John's Hall	8,624	5,306	7,335	1,150		7,745
St John's Improvements	1,328	90				1,418
Social	165			(165)		0
Dodd*				(40)		(40)
Hampton Poyle Appeal*				(20,606)		(20,606)
	<u>52,735</u>	<u>149,863</u>	<u>174,007</u>	<u>3,773</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>32,364</u>
Restricted Funds						
Bell Maintenance	456	10				466
Choir	200					200
Dodd*	(225)	61		40	124	0
Donations	23,214	24,182	1,254			46,142
Flowers	324	921	825			420
Fund a Football	660					660
Hampton Poyle Appeal*	21,329	14,348	56,283	20,606		0
Keyboard	123					123
St John's Alterations	22,610	2,936	1,776			23,770
Vestments	1,275					1,275
Woodwork, St Mary's	(694)		391	1,085		0
Youthworker	29,746		4,242	(25,504)		0
	<u>99,018</u>	<u>42,458</u>	<u>64,771</u>	<u>(3,773)</u>	<u>124</u>	<u>73,056</u>
Endowments						
Bulford	6,830	210			558	7,598
Freeborn	2,953	90			242	3,285
Hulbert	425	14			37	476
	<u>10,208</u>	<u>314</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>837</u>	<u>11,359</u>
Total	<u>161,961</u>	<u>192,635</u>	<u>238,778</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>961</u>	<u>116,779</u>

*The Dodd and Hampton Poyle Appeal funds are in deficit at 31 December, 2013. At that date they are being funded by unrestricted funds, and therefore the balances are shown under unrestricted funds. The funds are not closed, as further income is anticipated to reduce the shortfalls.

9 COMPOSITION OF FUNDS

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Endowment	Total
	£	£	£	£
Investments		1,163	8,000	9,163
Debtors	16,210	1,534		17,744
Cash	44,193	59,397	3,359	106,949
Liabilities	(7,393)	(9,684)		(17,077)
Total	53,010	52,410	11,359	116,779

10 ENDOWMENTS - BREAKDOWN OF COMPOSITION OF FUNDS

	Investments	Cash	Total
	£	£	£
Bulford	5,337	2,261	7,598
Freeborn	2,308	977	3,285
Hulbert	355	121	476
Total	8,000	3,359	11,359

REVIEW OF THE YEAR

Team Report

2013 was a year of change across the team. Anthony's retirement at the end of 2012 and the transition into interregnum was followed by our Curate, Gillian Straine moving to London just after Easter, and then Team Vicar Hilary Campbell leaving in September to become Vicar of the Shires' Edge Benefice. Over the year we also welcomed new members into our congregations, and have had one of our number, Judith Ryder, begin training for ordained ministry.

Over the past few years, the team report has used the diocesan *Living Faith* initiative as a lens through which we can look back at the year. In 2013, the emphasis was on 'shaping vibrant Christian communities'. Contrary to what one might expect, the vacancies gave us the opportunity to do just that.

As with any interregnum, these changes gave us both opportunities and challenges. The first challenge that we were faced with in 2013 was where to hold the fête, as the rectory was not available to us. For what I was assured was the first time in living memory, the fête was held at St Mary's, Kidlington. It proved to be a great venue, with nearly the whole of the churchyard used for stalls, games, music and food, and people drawn into the church building for more stalls, story-telling and church tours. A great number of people from across our three churches came together as a community to contribute to the day and make it a success. Although it is only a guess, we estimate that we welcomed approximately 400 people to the church and its grounds that day, and raised more than £3000. A very great thanks to Yo and the rest of the fête committee, and all those who helped on the day, for all of their hard work.

We also continued to build up our life as a community with three days out in 2013 – one to Gloucestershire, one to Worcestershire, and one to Northamptonshire. Both were very enjoyable, and were a great opportunity for members of our congregations to get to know one another a bit more and to spend time with friends, as well as being inspired by the churches that we visited.

The reduction in clergy numbers in the team meant that we had to re-think how we approach things like baptism preparation. As it was not feasible to visit individually all of the families requesting baptism, a series of Saturday morning baptism preparation sessions was held instead. These have been very successful, providing prospective baptism families to meet different members of the church family, walk through the service, and learn about the provision that we, as a parish, offer to children and families, as well as receiving the theological input to prepare them for their children's baptisms. There has been great support from a number of lay people that has made these baptism prep mornings possible, and I'd like to thank Janis Cairns, Tilly Evershed, Ann Holland, Ann Thomas and Pam Cooper and others who have helped with these mornings for all of the time that they've given. The vacancies also opened up opportunities for curates from other parishes to come to us to gain experience of baptisms (and baptism preparation), weddings and funerals. I am particularly grateful to Richard Frith for all of the work that he did for us over the summer.

Big projects also continued throughout this period, and it is with very great pleasure that I can report that, despite some delays, the central heating was successfully installed in St Mary's, Hampton Poyle in time for winter. The entire Hampton Poyle congregation has worked very hard to make this project happen, especially in their fundraising efforts. Special thanks, however, go to Jean Bagnall, Caroline MacFarland and Andrew Smith for their work on the project, and to Janet Warren for her work as project archaeologist.

All of the things that I have mentioned above are examples (but are by no means the only examples) of how the congregations of Kidlington and Hampton Poyle are vibrant Christian communities. I hope that we can continue to build on that existing sense of community as we move into the future.

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A very special thanks also to Mervyn Puleston, Jim Turner, William Whyte, and to Bill Evershed, Philippa Burrell, Margaret Day, Jean Bagnall, Joyce Morris and Trish Friedemann, all of whom worked very hard to keep things running smoothly throughout the interregnum.

In November, we welcomed the Revd Felicity Scroggie as our new Team Rector. The service installing her as our new Rector was a joyous occasion, and it was wonderful to be able to share it with members of her previous congregation of St Andrew's, Sudbury. The future no doubt holds further challenges and opportunities for us, and we look forward to facing those with Felicity's leadership.

Jen Brown

Arriving just before Advent meant hitting the ground running, and I would like to thank the clergy and lay teams who have been and continue to be such a great support. The Christmas services in all three churches went well as usual; the seasonal visits to St Mary's from three schools and the three concerts by KAOS and the combined talent of local musicians in our first 'Kidlington in Concert' event increased the numbers through our doors by several thousand over the Christmas period.

I began a process of listening, learning, and visiting. We held rectory suppers for Children's leaders at St Mary's, and the young people of TIG, I went into the classrooms at Edward Feild School, led a Christmas service at Reeves and Paine funeral directors offices for people bereaved at Christmas, and visited individuals and church groups. We re-started weekly clergy team meetings, instituted monthly wardens meetings, and ran a small Advent group.

Over Christmas Justin, Nat and I also received much hospitality which helped us to feel welcome in a new place. Thank you for that.

The first six weeks were a positive and fruitful start. There is much more to come and I look forward to the future with all of you. God Bless you all.

Felicity Scroggie

St Mary's Kidlington Report

My last report - certainly for a while - and a chance to reflect on St Mary's in a year when it learned to manage without its regular clergy, and gained a new Rector. We started the year without Anthony, and soon learned that Gillian would be leaving earlier than thought - in April in fact. Fortunately we could draw on a big team to help us cover the services - thanks to Mervyn, William, Jen, Jim, Lesley and Hilary - but we also seemed to develop our own resources as a congregation to carry us through the vacancy, and to keep going with "business as usual".

So there were still three Tea Talks to get us through the winter; still three "church crawls" - to the Cotswolds, to Northamptonshire, and Worcestershire; still the Trinity Challenge, in which we tried to make as much as we could from an initial £5. The choir helped lead the choral evensong on Good Friday, and the Advent Carol service, and David Hewett gave an organ recital in October, and organised another "scratch choir" service with CTK. We still opened the church for Summer Sunday Teas (thanks, as always, to Peggy Harwood and her team of helpers). Quiet Space and Messy Church carried on.

I must single out the Fete (on a perfect June day) which, though involving all the parish, took place in and around St Mary's - a stripped-out, opened-up St Mary's - and in a format we'd never before attempted; so that it was more than merely keeping things going: it was something we (the parish) did for ourselves, with the church building itself as a player, and looking as it might have done centuries ago. We proved that we could cope.

I had the same feeling of being watched over by the past in November (strictly speaking, with Felicity now at the helm, though organised by David before her arrival) at "Kidlington in Concert", when I was aware that the same stones that echoed with amplified guitar music, saxophones and singing had reflected centuries of chanting, singing, and playing -

and hopefully would be good for a few centuries still to come. (Keen-eyed readers will notice I refer to the stones here, rather than the slates - their longevity is less assured.)

Behind the scenes the work around the vacancy occupied some of us for a lot of our time. The summer holidays coincided with the interview and appointment of Felicity, followed by discussions about the parish office, and the plans for the induction, which we soon knew would coincide with Remembrance Sunday, a day which I associate less with poppies and more with our chairs, which some of us saw a lot of, going back and forth into different configurations for the different services.

So - finally - Felicity. I think many of us felt a great sense of relief and joy at her arrival - not that we were giving up a responsibility, but that we could at least share it. For the first time in months I didn't have to chair a church meeting. At the Induction the Archdeacon preached on the Valley of Dry Bones. We were assured it didn't apply to us: by that point I was sure it applied to me. Then Felicity's first sermon to us with its theme of "Don't be afraid" made us aware we could take a break from keeping all the plates spinning, and move into the future.

Suddenly it was Advent - the Advent Carols and Readings, our first attempt at a Swishing Party (hopefully not our last, but next time perhaps on a warmer evening for trying on clothes), an Advent meditation at the Rectory; and at the KAOS concert - for the first time I can remember - a Rector of Kidlington welcoming the concert to our Church - a small gesture of changes on the way. Nativity, Christingle, Midnight Mass - Christmas. The year ended, and this time without a break-in.

My six years as Churchwarden have ended too, and next year I'll be reading someone else's summary of what's happened, and looking forward to recollecting the changes that have started to happen. Thank you for putting up with me and my many faults.

My repeated but heartfelt thanks to all at St Mary's, many doing lots of different things, and without whom we would struggle to be the place we are. So thanks to sidespeople, servers, intercessors, readers, flower arrangers, choir members, cleaners, coffee makers, Sunday School teachers, Messy Church organisers, creche volunteers, the Verger, not forgetting "none of the above"; and to Philippa, who really does it all while I stand and wave my arms around.

Bill Evershed, Retiring Churchwarden

St John's Report

Welcomes and Goodbyes. This year at St John's the major event in this section was saying goodbye to Vicar Hilary and her husband David after eight years with us. Hilary brought much to us, varying our worship, introducing new music, encouraging groups of all ages and generally always being there for us. We miss her, but were pleased that her farewell tea party on 1st September was a typical St John's get-together and that she is settling in well in her new life based around Cropredy. The other significant farewell was to Brian Blackmore, our organist who retired after playing for us for more than 30 years. His patience and willingness to accommodate our varying singing capabilities meant, unfortunately, that we often took him for granted, but we certainly know now how much he did to enhance services at St John's. We have had welcomes too - especially for Felicity, as Team Rector in November. However, there are a number of members of the congregation to whom we've not said formal goodbyes, but who are no longer able to worship with us regularly because of frailty or ill health. We do keep in touch with them but miss them at St John's, especially Pat & Cliff Burton, Jean Druce, Stella Shelton, Eric Whittaker.

Worship. In terms of worship our Sunday services continue much as usual, though sometimes we struggle with the singing! Especial thanks go to all the clergy who have presided for us and to Ben Cunningham, Amy Thakurdas and Pam Cooper who all played the organ for us in the last months of the year, whilst we endeavour to appoint a new regular organist. Since Hilary's departure we have (temporarily) reduced the Tuesday evening

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services to twice a month and have enjoyed welcoming a number of visitors to lead these services, though Felicity is now often able to be with us. Holy Week was a moving experience, with a variety of reflective opportunities, and the Good Friday Children's service saw nearly 30 people partaking in a special "Stations of the Cross". In Advent the Travelling Nativity, or Posada, again became part of the Advent preparation time for some. Understandably, Hilary took her Posada figures away with her, so we had a new small family travelling around our homes this year. The annual Christingle and Crib services took place, as well as a traditional service of carols by candlelight and Midnight Mass on Christmas Eve. This year we experimented with a quiet reflective service of Holy Communion on Christmas morning, held in the Lady Chapel, which worked well.

Junior Church. This continues to flourish, with a range of ages, in a limited space. The whole community at St John's enjoys all that they share with us, and we have 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 Gift*, and we were pleased to welcome live baby Toby for one performance. We were also delighted to be present when one Junior Church member, Leon Slade, was confirmed at St John's in November. 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.

Using St John's. Other groups continue to meet at St Johns. T.I.G. (Together in God) is the parish youth group for teenagers - the small but dedicated band meeting in term time has some new members and many interesting activities. They also produced T-shirts and banners for special occasions this year - the licensing of Hilary at Cropredy and Felicity at St Mary's being the most notable. 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. The increasing number of attendees is a testament to the pleasure this group finds in each other's company.

Local Community. It is also important to us that St John's provides a welcoming venue for our local community. Children from Year 2 at West Kidlington School visited to 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. The Croxford Gardens Residents Group has also continued to meet here occasionally, including a most enjoyable Easter party. The hall is hired out for regular meetings of local groups or for special occasions such as birthday parties and was again used as a Polling Station in May.

Celebrating St John's. This year we continued to organise a range of social and fundraising events. The family craft events at Easter and Harvest have become part of the calendar and are a blur of busy activities for the good number of children and carers who attend. Margaret Lang challenged us to another of her fiendish quizzes for the New Year. We welcomed about 80 people to a highly entertaining Musical Evening in May and enjoyed both a Coffee Morning and Cheese & Wine party at the home of Jenny and Malcolm Austen in June. All of these helped swell the funds towards the second phase of the renovation project at St Johns, which hopefully will come to fruition in 2014.

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, The Children's Society, Embrace the Middle East (formerly Biblelands) and The Gatehouse. We continue to support the North Oxfordshire Community Foodbank, with a boxful of food being donated every week. We are also pleased to support Edukid, providing education for children in Cambodia and Uganda, 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.

Everyone at St John's appreciates the range and variety of input and preparation from team members and we are of course particularly grateful for this aspect of team ministry

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since Hilary's departure. 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, on the fundraising group, 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 members of the St John's Hall Management Committee who deal with many aspects of the running of the building for us. Thank you to all who have helped and supported me in what would otherwise feel a rather worrying existence as the lone churchwarden. Thank you to all at St John's for being who you are and all that you bring to our life together.

Margaret Day, Churchwarden

St Mary's Hampton Poyle Report

2013 was a year of great progress for Hampton Poyle Church.

We are delighted that the long awaited heating was finally installed and we are now able to enjoy using the church in comfort. Our thanks to all those involved in bringing this project to completion. We are now raising funds to complete the next phase of the project, the building of a servery.

In the spring of 2013, three Sunday afternoon talks were held, the first given by Peter Penfold on the subject of 'Travels to India and Bhutan', followed by Julian Tranter on 'The footsteps Foundation' and lastly, Sarah Bagnall on 'The Inca Trail'. All were very stimulating and greatly enjoyed by those attending.

In August the village fete was a great opportunity for villagers to enjoy the weather and to raise funds for the church. The Christmas craft fair held in November gave us the chance to catch up with our neighbours, and to buy some beautiful and original gifts. In December some very brave parishioners braved horrible weather to raise money for the Philippines Disaster appeal and were rewarded with delicious hot food by Peggy Milne, which was greatly appreciated.

We continue to hold 10.00am services on the first and third Sundays of each month with additional services held for special festivals. Our Rogation walk in May was followed by tea hosted by the Kerwoods, which we thank them for. We held our Harvest Festival service in September with a bring-and-share supper in the church, which was enjoyed by all.

There were two funerals held during the year, for Evelyn Taylor and for Alan Savage. Henrietta Corbett's ashes were interred. A service of Thanksgiving for a child was held. Two weddings took place in the Autumn, the first of Rachel Allan and William Jaycock followed the next month by that of Kimberley Hemmings and Gary Bennett.

Many thanks to the clergy who have led services and supported us in so many ways during the last year. We are very happy to welcome Revd Felicity Scroggie to the parish and look forward to sharing our worship with her. We also wish Judith Ryder well on her journey to ordination. Thanks are also due to the organists who played for us during the year. We certainly missed their talents on the occasion when none were able to come to the service.

We are looking forward to next year with a number of events already planned, including an Open Garden Day and Songs of Praise on the village green. We are hoping to start holding 'Messy Church' services for children.

All of the committee have contributed a great deal to organising events, to maintaining the church, and church yard and to supporting the work of the church in our community and we are greatly appreciative of all their efforts. A special thank you is given to Jean Bagnall on her retirement, for her unstinting efforts throughout her six years as church warden.

Katy Smith

Fabric Committee Report

The fabric committee began the year with visits to all three churches to familiarise ourselves with the fabric of each church and various repair, maintenance and re-ordering needs. During this visit we also discussed planned works for Hampton Poyle and St John's.

Maintenance and repair issues have been dealt with as they have arisen throughout the year. Major work to install a new heating system was successfully carried out at Hampton Poyle. During this work, an area of rotten flooring in the vestry was discovered and this was replaced. Two pews normally kept in the vestry were also found to be severely affected by damp, and it was decided that these should be removed, being no longer safe to use. A DAC certificate for this was obtained, and public notice posted. It is expected that a faculty application for the permanent removal of these pews will be submitted in the first part of 2014. Things are moving forward with regard to the planned work at St John's (improvement of kitchen and toilet facilities, and improved disabled access).

Following the departure of the Curate, the Revd Dr Gillian Straine, the curate's house at 29 Anderson Close was redecorated and has been let to tenants.

During the course of the year, St Mary's Kidlington gifted their old nave altar to the parish church of Yarnton. This was done initially on a temporary basis by Archdeacon's Licence, but a faculty for the permanent transfer of the altar was submitted in December. Two other faculty applications for St Mary's were also made: one for permission to affix brass plaques to the two new prayer benches in the chancel to acknowledge that these are a gift of Tony Knox's family in his memory, and one for repair of the bell tower steps.

With the resolution of chancel repair liability at St Mary's we are now working towards a common understanding with Exeter College about any repairs needed, from time to time, in the chancel.

During the winter rains a section of St Mary's churchyard wall collapsed, and we are working with the Parish Council to ensure its repair. The PCC is not responsible for the wall, but we are still bound by faculty law, which can cause delay.

We would like to thank all of the members of the fabric committee for their work, and especially Ian Howdill, for his generous contribution of time and expertise in dealing with fabric issues. We would also like to thank Margaret Day and Jean Bagnall for the work that they have done in relation to the fabric at St John's and Hampton Poyle, respectively.

Bill Evershed & Jen Brown

Deanery Synod Report

The Deanery Synod representatives were Kelvin Fowler, Ian Howdill, Joyce Morris, John Morris and Colin Thackray.

In January we were invited to a meeting on affordable housing in Oxford at St Mary North Gate. The first Deanery meeting on Feb 13th at St Mary's Wolvercote had as its major theme 'Communicating the Gospel in the 21st century. In March there was a plea from Diocesan House for volunteers to help pack the new Deanery Share leaflets for distribution. In March we were also invited to a meeting on Prison Ministry. The June 19th meeting of Synod at St Margaret's was joint with the Cowley Deanery and focussed on the social justice theme "Good News for the Poor". Andrew Smith talked about the work of the Gatehouse and the lack of compassion for the homeless; Phil Atkinson spoke on the work of the Aldate's Community, and Carol Roberts on the Rose Hill Advice Centre. The Area Dean suggested that the Deanery might like to play a part in setting up a Debt advice centre. In October Stephanie Hobson joined me at a Diocese-arranged meeting at the new church of Emmanuel, Bicester on "Church Growth". The November meeting (at St Peter & St Paul Botley) traditionally has a financial theme, as this is when the Parish share has to be agreed. Our share, like that of most other parishes has been increased by 3%. It is the third highest in the Deanery. The talk was devoted to "Tax Justice".

John Morris

Outreach and Mission Report

This year we met in June with Hilary Campbell (vicar) to allocate funds set aside for mission, £1350. We nominated:

Three International Charities: i) US: supporting the work of Anglican churches in over 50 countries; ii) Barnabas Fund: providing hope and aid for the persecuted church; iii) Bridge2aid: a dental and development charity.

Two National Charities: i) Church Urban Fund: “a Christian organisation supporting faith-based social action in England’s poorest communities, ii) Prison Phoenix Trust: encouraging prisoners in the development of their spiritual welfare.

Three Local Charities: i) Kidlington Carers, ii) Daybreak: dementia day clubs in Oxford, iii) The Porch Stepping Stone Centre: a mission to the homeless. The amounts given were divided up evenly at £150 each. There were letters of appreciation sent from each charity.

We otherwise had a low key year as there was concentration on the Interregnum and finding a new Rector. Jennifer Brown, Associate priest, was in touch with All Saint’s Montshiwa as a new priest was installed there. His name is Father Ananias. All Saints sent a goodwill message to Felicity Scroggie and the parish at the Induction at the beginning of November. There is still hope of a visit here with the priest and a small group.

There will be leaflets and information on notice boards in the three churches about further mission giving this coming year.

Philippa Burrell

Finance Committee Report

The committee met on three occasions during the year, with permanent items on the agenda being the monitoring of the budget and updates from the Giving Committee: two vital elements in the finances of the church.

A summary of the 2013 accounts is contained in the Treasurer’s Report and the annual accounts are shown separately. The financial situation is very serious and it is vital that we bring down the annual deficit.

Several other items were dealt with during the year, including staff salaries, fees and charges, and endowments.

Several of the committee members also have specific roles as Treasurer, Gift Aid Officer and Fees Treasurer. There have been major changes in the year affecting these roles, adding considerably to the workload of those concerned.

I wish to convey my thanks to everyone who has served on the Committee.

Michael Ling, Treasurer

Giving Committee Report

The Giving Committee held five meetings during 2013. During the course of the year two members of the Committee moved on but the small team remaining has continued to work to raise awareness of the need for greater income and to encourage fund-raising activities. It initiated or supported several events, including Sunday Tea Talks, a Quiz Night, an organ recital by David Hewitt, the highly entertaining “Kidlington in Concert” also organized by David, and a Swishing Party. A new team, led by Yo Davies, organized a very successful Summer Fete using inside and outside St Mary’s Kidlington and this raised just over £3,000. We again held a Trinity Challenge inviting members of the congregation to use their own skills and imagination to raise funds in whatever way they chose given a “starter” of £5, and this added £2,425 to our funds. Other fund-raising activities, such as Summer Teas have also contributed to our finances, and we acknowledge with thanks all that others do

to help and support these efforts.

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.

The Committee considers all forms of financial giving to the parish and works to promote the Regular Giving scheme, encouraging all members of the congregations to contribute via bank standing order or weekly envelopes. One aspect of this discussed on several occasions is the need to have a way of identifying newcomers at St Mary's so that they can be encouraged in regular giving.

The level of all regular giving has been kept under review through the year, during which it has dropped because of the departure of a small number of "higher-giving" donors. The Committee has also kept under review arrangements for claiming Gift Aid, given major changes introduced by HMRC from April 2013. These included the facility for claiming Gift Aid on small cash donations without a specific Gift Aid Declaration (e.g. collections in church) up to £5,000 per year - a limit easily reached and bringing the parish an extra £1,250 from the Treasury.

Margaret Day

St John's Hall Management Committee Report

The Committee consisted of myself, as churchwarden from St John's, and three members from the congregation (Malcolm Austen, Rosemary Gardner, Charlie Winward) as well as Revd Hilary Campbell until her departure in September.

Malcolm has continued to keep a general eye on the state of the building, making arrangements for surveys and servicing, and seeing to many "odd jobs". During the year we had a major survey of all electrical installations and all problems identified have been dealt with. Charlie struggled valiantly to keep the garden under control but the unpredictable weather often prevented her from doing all that she planned. She has regrettably felt it necessary to resign as "head gardener" because of other demands on her time. A local contractor was employed to give the garden a good clear-up before the end of the year and the Committee will be considering whether to award him a contract for 2014, since we no longer have the voluntary person-power.

Malcolm has also been working with our architect to finalise the plans and schedule of works for the renovation of the kitchen, toilets, and meeting room area, so that we can apply for approval from the Diocesan Advisory Committee, put the work out to tender and then seek the necessary Faculty. As well as replacing the existing toilets and all kitchen fittings/appliances, this includes providing better access to that area and installing radiators and cavity wall insulation together with various works to bring fire exits up to standard. We are very grateful for all the support from people of the parish towards our fundraising; but we still need to raise about £5,000 to finance the work.

Last year changing our utility suppliers gave considerable savings, but costs in 2013 did rise again, effectively back to the 2011 level. Bookings from our regular users have remained comparable with last year but we continue to attract a variety of "one-off" events: bingo night, zumbathon and many children's parties. But the extra expenditure on utilities, electrical repairs etc resulted in a loss, slightly higher than the gain made in 2012.

As always I record my thanks to Wendy and Ted Plowman who have cleaned the hall and set out the church for Sunday worship until they retired at the end of December. They were always flexible in doing the cleaning to fit in with the requirements for hall usage, which enabled us to accept a few weekend bookings. We are now looking at how best to arrange for weekly cleaning, setting-up for services and regular floor polishing to enable even more use of the hall on Fridays and Saturdays.

I 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.

Margaret Day, Churchwarden

St Mary's Bell Ringers' Report

Bell-ringing at St. Mary's continues to be a popular pastime and to play a supporting role within the church community. During the past year we have rung for all Sunday services and all weddings that requested bells.

We have, in the last year, added 3 new recruits to our number and all are progressing well under Ron Burgess's teaching program. We have taken part in 6 bell-ringing competitions, and a Saturday bell tower tour which adds to everyone's skills within our group.

Our finances hold their own with local fund-raising and donations from visiting ringing groups throughout the year. Our major expenses continue to be new bell ropes and paint for the steel framework within the bell chamber, which is currently being painted during the summer months.

The tower steps still remain a major health and safety concern but I know the paperwork is proceeding, that money has been ring-fenced for these necessary repairs, and Revd Felicity Scroggie has assured us of progress in this matter.

Tim Hillsdon, Secretary

Churches Together in Kidlington Report

Owning our differences, working together to discover God's ways

Malcolm Bromhall of the Methodist Church took over the role of Chairman from the Revd Hilary Campbell following her move to Cropredy in September 2013. The cycle of yearly events followed the pattern of previous years.

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity: This centred on daily prayer at the different churches and a meal together at the Baptist Church. The meal was followed by an address from David Palmer of Torch Trust (working with disabled people in sport).

Holy Week and Easter: St John's hosted the Lent prayer morning and was also the departure point for the Good Friday walk of witness, which was more disciplined and reverent than in recent years. On arrival in the High Street, a dramatised reading of the Passion took place and then, for those who had the stamina to retrace their steps, there were hot cross buns and hot drinks at the Methodist Church. The Methodist Church also hosted an ecumenical Party on Easter Day, for the third year running.

Flower Festival (at St Mary's): The connection with Christian Aid did not feature strongly though, on a positive note, the concluding ecumenical service with a 'Come & Sing' choir of over 60 did command a good attendance from the wider community.

Christian Aid Week: Janet Makepeace (Methodist) had given 12 months notice of her intention to step down as Christian Aid organiser for Kidlington but no successor had come forward. Margaret Day and Catherine Button had taken on the roles of CA reps for their own churches. The door-to-door envelope collection took place in May though more volunteers could have been used.

Pre-Christmas events: CTK had a presence at the village Christmas Lights switch-on with tea lights to give away and activities for children inside Co-operative Travel. Carol singing at the Black Horse was very well received by the patrons there, as it was outside the Co-operative on the penultimate Saturday before Christmas. Cards, giving details of all church services over Christmas, were delivered to most, if not all, houses in the village.

As well as continuing to support the work of the Foodbank, CTK also held monthly services at Glebe House. The planning group continued to meet throughout the year working on events for the year ahead around the evangelistic initiative, 'HOPE 2014'.

Catherine Button, Margaret Day, Janet Warren; Parish Representatives

Parish of Kidlington with Hampton Poyle
THE PARISH OF KIDLINGTON WITH HAMPTON POYLE
AGENDA FOR THE ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

To be held at St John's Church, Kidlington
On Tuesday 8th April 2014 at 8.00pm
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 2014/2015
4. To approve and confirm the minutes of the Annual Parochial Church Meeting held on Wednesday 24th April, 2013 in St Mary's Church, Kidlington
5. To elect four members to serve on the Deanery Synod
6. To elect members to serve on the Parochial Church Council
7. To appoint sidespersons to serve in the current year
8. To appoint an Independent Examiner for the year 2014/15
9. To approve the membership of the Committee for St Mary's Kidlington
10. To approve the membership of the Committee for St John's Kidlington
11. To approve the membership of the Committee for St Mary's Hampton Poyle
12. To approve the membership of St John's Hall Management Committee
13. To elect four members to serve on the Committee of Churches Together in Kidlington
14. To consider a Report on changes in the Electoral Roll since the last Annual Parochial Church Meeting
15. To consider an Annual Report of the proceedings of the Parochial Church council and the activities of the Parish, generally
16. To consider the Financial Statements of the Parochial Church Council for the year ended 31st December 2013 independently examined
17. To consider a Report on the fabric, goods and ornaments of the Churches of the Parish
18. To consider a Report on the proceedings of the Deanery Synod
19. To consider any other matters of parochial or general church interest
20. To deal with any other business
21. To set the date of the Annual Parochial Church Meeting for 2015
22. 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.