

**ALL SAINTS' CHURCH, CHILTON**  
**ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2010**

**Background**

All Saints' Chilton PCC co-operates with the Rector, the Rev Chris Stott (retired October 2010) in promoting in the parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. This is summed up in our Vision "Sharing life at the heart of the Community, making followers of Jesus". We are also responsible for All Saints' Church building and churchyard.

The Church is located on Church Hill, Chilton and a Church Office, shared with St Matthew's Harwell, is situated in the Church extension at Harwell. The main address for correspondence with the PCC is that of the PCC Secretary, 9 The Orchids, Chilton, Didcot, Oxon OX11 0QP.

The PCC banks with Lloyds TSB in Curie Avenue, Harwell and its Independent Examiner is Jane Moreton of Harrow House, Burr Street, Harwell, Didcot OX11 0DT.

**Membership**

Members of the PCC are 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:

***Incumbent:***

The Rev Chris Stott (retired October 2010)

***Assistant Curate:***

The Rev Bruce Keeble  
The Rev Pam Rolls

***Wardens:***

Mr Andrew Hayes  
Mrs Elizabeth Morris

***Representatives on Deanery Synod:***

Mrs Naomi Gibson  
Mr John Pigott

***Elected Members:***

Dr John Berry	3 years from 2009
Mr Stuart Gibson	Treasurer
	3 years from 2008
Mrs Hazel King	3 years from 2010
Mr Jeff Nesbitt	1 year from 2010
Mrs Carol Pigott	3 years from 2009
Mrs Ruth Poole	2 years from 2009
Mr Alex Reich	3 years from 2009

***Co-opted Member***

Miss Avril Butler                      Secretary

**Committees**

The PCC operates through a number of committees, which meet between full meetings of the PCC.

***Standing Committee***

This is the only committee required by law. It meets occasionally when there are urgent or emergency decisions to be made between PCC meetings.

***Joint PCC***

The representatives of Chilton PCC to the Joint PCC (should one be required) are: the Rev Pam Rolls, Dr John Berry and the 'standing members' (the rector, the churchwardens, the secretary and the treasurer).

***Finance Committee***

Oversees the general financial dimensions of the work of All Saints' by monitoring income and expenditure, budgeting and reviewing the planned giving.

***Missions Committee***

Attends to matters relating to the support (both prayer and financial) of missionaries, missions and relief agencies.

***Fabric Committee***

Takes care of the Church building and surroundings.

***Ministry Leadership Team***

Comprises the Rector, the churchwardens from both Chilton and Harwell, the church administrator and those authorised to lead services. It is guardian and champion of the Churches' Vision.

***Worship Group***

A joint Chilton and Harwell Group with responsibility for all worship issues.

Two ad hoc Working Parties have met during the year. The ***Audio and Visual Resources*** working party which continues to meet to work on improving our sound and vision equipment. The ***Community Mission Steering Group*** led by the Rev Bruce Keeble, which seeks to find ways of building up better relationships between the Church and the community.

### **Church Attendance**

There are 81 parishioners on the Church Electoral Roll, the same as the previous year. Of these, 10 are not resident within the Parish. 2 names have been added to the roll and 2 removed. The average Sunday attendance, counted during October 2010, was 40 adults and 7 children. This excludes Harvest Festival when the attendance swelled to 76 adults and 32 children.

### **Review of the Year**

2010 was a year of mixed blessings. We said goodbye to our Rector Chris Stott who retired at the end of October after 25 years of ministry. Chris not only provided spiritual leadership and encouragement to the members of All Saints' Chilton and St. Matthew's Harwell but he was also very much involved in the life of both communities as a whole and he and his wife Eva were loved and respected and will be greatly missed. To celebrate Chris's 25 years of leadership a Thanksgiving Songs of Praise service was held at St. Matthew's Harwell on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> September 2010. The service was followed by a Celebration Tea in Harwell Village Hall. It was a wonderful, joyful service and St. Matthew's Church was full to overflowing with well wishers from both churches. We were very fortunate to have such a strong Ministry Leadership Team to guide both Churches during the time of vacancy.

However on the plus side on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2010 Pam Rolls was ordained as a Deacon at Christ Church Cathedral in Oxford. About 40 members of our two churches attended the service and many more came to enjoy a sumptuous celebration tea which was provided by the Chilton Wives Group. Pam felt very blessed by all the love, prayers and support which came from members of both churches and villages. She is now serving as non-stipendiary Assistant Curate on a part-time basis, offering approximately 25 hours per week to the ministry, and continues in Curacy training over the next 3 to 4 years. She is looking forward to being ordained to the priesthood at the end of June 2011. It will not just be a special day for Pam but for all who worship at All Saints' Church.

Once Chris retired the following steps were taken to find his replacement. A Parish Profile was drawn up describing the qualities we were looking for in a new Rector. The vacancy for the position of Rector was advertised and the

churchwardens from both parishes, together with the patrons, began the process of interviewing candidates. Now we are looking forward to welcoming to our parishes as our new Rector the Rev Dr Jonathan Mobey his wife Dawn and their four young children.

Prayer continues to be an essential part of the life of our Church, a weekly prayer meeting is held on Saturday mornings and once a month evening prayer, led by the Choir, is held on a Wednesday evening. All are very welcome to join these times of prayer. We also have a small group of people who are part of a prayer chain. This enables emergency and continuing prayer for anyone within the church or for issues known to church members. 3 Home Groups have met during the year for prayer, Bible study and mutual support.

Children are a very important part of our church family. Discoverers, which is for children between 3 and 11 years, continues to thrive with 12 children on the roll and on average 6 attending the weekly sessions. This last year the children have looked at stories in the Old and New Testament including David, Jonah and Jesus' miracles. The "Check it out" group for older children at Secondary School continues with 4 children attending regularly. They have a chance to explore the Christian faith further, ask questions, discuss topics of interest and nurture their relationship with God. Our children have also continued to enjoy taking part in Activity Days, which take place in Harwell. Discoverers continue to support World Vision, a Christian organisation working to alleviate the effects of poverty, hunger and injustice in over 100 countries, by buying gifts from their giving each week. The children are very aware of those affected by the natural disasters that occurred such as the Pakistan flooding. We are very grateful to the leaders and helpers who faithfully support these groups.

During the past year the numbers of children in Y-Club (our After-School Club in Chilton School) have grown from 8 to 16. Most of these children come from Chilton and 3 come from Harwell, 1 from Didcot and 1 from Grove. The children take part enthusiastically and some are definitely growing spiritually and talking about what they have learned in their homes. Some are learning to take responsibility for helping to set out the chairs, to take the register, or to set up for our 'candle and prayer time' at the end of our meetings. We continue to be grateful to the 6 people who join with Pam Rolls on a rota basis to help in

leading the group. They bring an enormous wealth of gifts from craft to puppetry and the ability to share their faith naturally. Over the last term the club have used some new materials from 'All in One Bible Fun' which gives craft ideas to accompany the Bible story each week. This resource has helped the group to consider Jesus' birth, childhood and early life.

Both children and adults were invited again to a "Light Party" which was held last autumn as an alternative to Hallowe'en. Approximately 23 adults and 18 small children attended and threw themselves into a number of fun party games, great activities (candle making was particularly enjoyed) and a short act of worship at the end. Although the event drew a good number of 2 to 6 year-olds, the competition from Hallowe'en and 'Trick and Treating' seemed too strong for the older children. However, we will keep trying to develop this event.

The Community Mission Group whose purpose is to promote and coordinate activities designed to extend the range of contacts All Saints' Church has with people living in Chilton organised a variety of outreach events. Daniel Cozens, an artist, spoke at a Men's breakfast on 19th February 2011. Daniel talked about the Walk of a thousand men and gave a very clear Gospel message. 19 men attended the breakfast. The Men's group meets once a month in the Rose and Crown pub and from 2011 the monthly meeting had a new format where the group looked at a short passage from the Bible, looked at an example of the message being worked out today and then discussed the implications and opportunities for themselves as individuals. Daniel Cousins also gave a talk entitled "An Afternoon of Colour" in the afternoon of 19<sup>th</sup> February. It was held in the Village Hall and was open to all. A Big Brew/Cream Teas event was held at the inauguration of the new play area in May 2010 and raised £110 for the charity See Saw which helps children and their families after a major bereavement. More Cream Teas were served on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> August 2010. They attracted over 100 people and raised £240 for the Didcot Train Youth Project. Chilton Evergreens and the Wives Group continued to flourish. The Wives Group in March 2011 held their Quiz Evening which as well as being a great fun evening raised over £1,000 for Home Farm Trust and End Polio Now.

Our Harvest service held on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup>

October 2010 was very well attended. Pam Rolls lead a very good service and Vicky MacArthur from St Matthew's Harwell gave an excellent talk about being thankful for God's Harvest. The Church was full and pupils from Chilton School contributed with some very good singing. Lots of items were donated to the Porch Steppin Stone Centre as well as produce to be auctioned at the Harvest Tea. 35 adults and 9 children attended the Harvest Tea. £290 was raised for Tear Fund. The Carol Services and Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Services were well attended considering the dreadful snowy and icy conditions in December 2010.

We have so much to thank God for and look forward to the future with our new Rector and the Ministry Leadership Team to support and guide us.

### **Financial Review**

The main financial income of the Church (pledges, plate and tax recovered from pledges) rose in 2010 by 9% on that received during 2009, mainly due to a successful stewardship campaign in 2009. Pledged, plated and the tax recovered have all increased. The increase in tax recovered was due to the rise in pledged giving in the previous year. Donations and Fund raising were both down on the previous year, however Fees were up. All of these types of income are difficult to predict and control. The net result being a 10% increase in income.

The expenditure for the year increase by 5.5% over that of 2009 with moderate increase in most areas. The largest increase was in Church Fabric as a result of fabric repairs. Also under the Fabric fund it can be seen that both a laptop and projector were purchased during the year but these were funded from the Church Hall account. The parish share is our contribution to the Diocese and our main expenditure representing 62% of our expenditure and accounts for 64% of our income. The increase was marginally below the average increase applied by the Diocese to all Deaneries as we are now approaching paying our target share, which is determined by the Deanery. In 2011 this is expected to rise again by around 2%, which is the average as we will have reached our correct level of contribution. In future years we can expect a rise in line with the Diocesan trend which is moving steadily upwards at somewhere between 2 to 5% annually. This will continue for the foreseeable future as the parishes

continue to meet the full cost of their clergy.

The headline for 2010 was that the General fund showed a loss of just under £1,400, which is around £1,000 less than the previous year. Under a new financial policy adopted by the PCC in 2009 a transfer from the Church Hall fund can be made to reduce losses. In 2010 a transfer was made to cover losses in both 2010 and 2009 as no transfer was made in the previous year. £4,000 was transferred, however £1,773 of that was taken to cover the cost of a fabric project. Following the transfer there will still be a resulting deficit in the General fund, which will be covered from one of the existing funds until it can be paid back.

It is standard practice for the PCC to give 15% of its income to Charities & Missions, divided into overseas based (10%) and home based (5%). A further 2.5% is normally allocated to an Emergency Aid Fund. The latter was suspended for the year, as it was in the previous three years but during the year a payment was made in respect of the Haiti disaster. Once we return to a positive position the fund will be reinstated. The total payments to Charities & Missions for the year totalled £4,504 from the General fund. In addition to this £1,247 was paid out of the Charities & Mission fund which represents all the restricted gifts made through the Church during the year for specific charities.

As stated over the past few years the focus for the future is still to ensure that expenditure is balanced by regular giving and other income with a move to a mindset where particular activities of the Church are funded by a specific campaign/appeal. This year we have failed to meet this objective for the reasons stated however we are very grateful to all those that have supported this initiative. We are also most grateful to all those that support the Church through both regular and spontaneous giving.

#### Reserves Policy

It is the policy of the PCC to maintain a balance on unrestricted funds, where possible, which equates to at least six months of running costs to cover emergency situations that might arise from time to time.

As indicated previously this was not achieved through the General fund as there was not sufficient money available but it was achieved through the use of the Church Hall fund

because although this is a restricted fund it is restricted to funding furthering the work of the Church in Chilton. This represents a change in financial policy whilst delivering our objective within the given constraints.

The Carterton House fund is a designated fund and has been ring fenced for specific project. The PCC felt this was the correct treatment as the origin of the money for the fund was donations given for a particular cause and not for general use.

It is the policy of the PCC to invest our funds with the CBF Church of England.