

St John's Church Hazelwood

Annual Parochial Church Meeting

15th April 2010

Reports for 2009/2010

Electoral Roll

Following publication of Statutory Notices the annual revision of the electoral role took place on Tuesday 30th March 2010. Last year we began with 52 names on the Electoral Roll since then 3 names have been removed and 3 added leaving a current total of 52. Notification has been sent to the Secretaries of both the Diocesan Synod and Deanery Synod.

John Morley, Electoral Roll Secretary

Treasurer's Report for the year ending 31st December 2009

Financially 2009 has been a good year for the Hazelwood PCC accounts.

There has been a total income of - £30,852

and a total expense of - £28,095

giving an excess of - + £2757 (plus investment income of £1,193)

A total of - + £3,950 (excluding the West End Project expense and donations received
the net gain would have been £3,047)

It has been necessary to transfer £4,500 from the deposit account but it has been possible to return £8,000 to the deposit account. This includes a restricted donation of £1,000.

The assets held in the current account and deposit account has therefore increased from - £13,718
Dec 2008 to £17,704 Dec 2009

The current account stands at £1,207 on 31st Dec 2009. (liabilities for the month of Jan 2010 amount to £1,806 including £285 for unpaid cheques issued before 31st Dec 09.)

The liabilities for the year 2010 amount to £19,105 being the parish quota of - £17,021 (£1,419 per month) and Ecclesiastical Insurance - £1,800 approx. and unpaid cheques £285.

Income from Gift Aid Tax recovered, Gift Aid donations, magazines, floodlighting and fund raising events have all been maintained to a high level. Income tax recovered from Gift Aid amounted to £3607 (From Regular Giving Jan – Dec 08 was £1292, West End donations was £1,119 and from the envelopes 2009 was £1,196). Further amounts are due to be claimed amounting to £1,421. (£241 Envelopes, £1,116 Regular Giving and £64 from West End Project donations.)

The PCC has benefited this year from a total sum of £3,449 in fees for weddings funerals and baptisms and £3,132 in donations related to these services. Allowing for PCC expenses of £1,278 this amounts to a 'one off' net gain of £5,303. Most of the donations received this year were from funerals.

The total amount that was donated or passed to charities during the year amounted to £1,818.

The major expense this year has been The Parish Share (£17,182) and the upkeep of the church (£4,569) which includes the Insurance (£1,765) and Electricity/Water (£1,496). The excellent result is thanks again to all the efforts of everyone who contribute in all that they do for the Church.

John Chadwick, Treasurer

Deanery Synod

There were no meetings during the year. However three are now planned for the coming year.

MMA Representative Report

The Belper MMA [Mission and Ministry Area] Council met a few times in the past year, and both Tessa Hibbert and the Vicar attended, representing St John 's.

This year, the work of the MMA has been somewhat inhibited. There was an interregnum at both Belper Christ Church [and its sister churches of Turnditch and Ambergate] and Belper St Peter's [and it's sister Churches of Belper St Swithun's, Belper St Mark's and Heage St Luke's. The number of working stipendiary priests was down from three to one. The Bishop has yet to appoint an MMA Vicar after the retirement of Canon Parsons of St Peter's.

Ishbel Rapkin of Turnditch Parish Church chaired meetings, and together, the Council

- organised both the annual May Bank Holiday Walk and a meal in October at the Nailers;
- participated in the Carol Service at Christ Church on the Sunday after Christmas
- supported the lecture given by Bishop Alistair at Hazelwood on 1st July 2009, entitled "My vision for the Diocese of Derby".

The MMA Banner Making Group displayed several items at Bishop Alistair's lecture. The Licensed Readers met quarterly with clergy [full time and retired] to ensure ministry for the Sunday services in all the parishes.

Chiefly, The MMA Council is presently wrestling with a review of the workload shared by the Stipendiary Priests in the MMA. Until recently, the Priest at Belper St Peter's ministered Heage St Luke's. With the Bishop's permission, this will not continue. However, St Luke's needs identifiable leadership - preferably from within the MMA - but no one yet knows who will take on this task. Maybe the responsibilities of each of the stipendiaries will have to be reconfigured. To help the discussion, the Archdeacon of Derby, the Ven. Christopher Cunliffe, attended the last MMA meeting and will attend the next meeting also.

Late last year, St Peter's PCC wished to "explore the implication of belonging to the MMA". There were rumours of their pulling out. The discussion continues.

Two full time stipendiary priests have been appointed to serve at Christ Church and St Peter's. The Revd Jonathan Page [who is also to be Rural Dean of Duffield Chapter] was licensed at Christ Church on Friday 5th February 2010; Revd Anne Stratton JP will be licensed to St Peter's on Thursday 22nd April.

Rev'd Robert Harris, Vicar, 2010

PCC Report

The PCC (19 church members including the Vicar) met 7 times during the year. Attendance levels were down on the previous year.

David Bentley and Brian Cantrill resigned during the year and the new Churchwardens attend on an alternate basis. Steve Bacon was appointed Vice Chairman.

The PCC continues to be active on behalf of the Church throughout the year.

During the year the PCC dealt with a range of routine matters and also with :-

- 1) Agreeing a programme of work following completion of the Risk Assessments
- 2) Matters relating to the work of the Belper MMA
- 3) Agreeing proposal for the West Window
- 4) Ensuring legal compliance
- 5) Easter Sunday Lunch
- 6) Rhymes and Wines evening
- 7) Musical events
- 8) Planning for Special services and events including the Church fete

Minutes are on the Church website for more details.

David Shaw, PCC Secretary

Churchwardens' Report

Church

The West End Project continues to be a great facility. The hospitality it generates from the various functions it holds is a great asset to the Church and the Community.

The Bell rope continues to need frequent attention and thanks are due to John Chadwick and Robert Walker for their help in this area.

The Clock has been serviced and keeps reasonable time but still requires the odd adjustment from Robert Walker.

Following the Risk Assessments some important issues have been resolved namely a new mat, door catch to the clock tower and outside safety work to prevent people falling down into the area around the tank.

A new lock has been fitted to the Vestry door and key holders have been agreed, listed and signed for their keys.

Churchyard.

The Churchyard continues to be well cared for and thanks to all those involved and particularly to John Chadwick for the masterful way he coordinates the activities.

People.

Thanks are also expressed to the Sunday School team who continue to do an excellent job.

The new Churchwardens wish to thank all the people who gave their help and support to the Church projects, maintenance and life of the Church.

Tessa Hibbert

Report from the Vicar, Revd Robert Harris

Vicar's Report

APCM, Hazelwood, 2010.

You will need to hear my intentions for the next few months, and the consequent responsibilities of the Churchwardens and PCC.

My final service in the Benefice will be on 31 October. On 1st November, I shall be retired. I suggest, and I will similarly suggest to the Church Councils at both Holbrook and Milford, that there be only one service on 31 October - at Hazelwood at 11.00am. This will be an opportunity for each of the congregations to gather in one place, and for all of us to say good-bye together.

Before that date, I suggest that our services and events proceed as normal, but with one exception. I can foresee that during the interregnum there could be trouble in engaging a priest to celebrate on the third Sunday of each month at 9.45am. It is difficult because many priests like to make as much use of a Sunday morning as possible: it is too early with an 8.00am before, and too late to fit in with an 11.00am after. I will suggest at the next PCC meeting that we retime the service to 11.00am, commencing in July 2010.

From July 2010 [with the exception of August and with the PCC's permission], we could have a series of special services at 11.00am on the third Sunday of each month. On 18th July, a service with an invitation to those Baptised at Hazelwood in the last 10years. On 19 September inviting those married at Hazelwood in the past 10years. On 17 October inviting those bereaved in the past year.

In August, we could have our usual series of outdoor services. For family reasons, I would prefer Harvest Festival to be celebrated at 3.00pm on 3 October and not on 26 September.

I will make for the PCC and Churchwardens a diary of services for the next year. To cover the first three months of the interregnum, I will endeavour to appoint someone [a priest or licensed reader] to conduct worship each Sunday - and at Christmas. I will approach the Bishops and the Archdeacon asking if they are also willing and able to help.

Thereafter, I suggest that the PCC asks the Churchwardens [or someone else] to take on the task of finding a priest/licensed reader. I recommend that, when someone comes to church to help, they be invited to return before they go home!

Regarding my retirement, I will follow the recommendation offered from the experience of the past: that for the first six months of my retirement I will not conduct any Sunday services. It will be an invaluable time of adjustment - both for Janet and for me. If I am able and available, I may be approached to conduct a funeral - but I sincerely hope this will not arise.

During November 2010, Janet and I will be clearing the Vicarage of all our trantlements, to clear it by 30 November.

Regarding the future of this parish, I believe the following to be true: that the Bishop [who is also the Patron] will appoint a new incumbent who will live in Hazelwood Vicarage; the new incumbent will be priest of Hazelwood [with Shottle], Holbrook, and Milford. I guess that the next priest may be given additional responsibilities - but I am only guessing.

Regarding the Churchwardens and PCC, they will have additional responsibilities before and after 31st October, guided and steered by the Rural Dean and the Diocese's senior staff [to whom the Churchwardens may always turn for advice]. Later this year, the Bishop will ask the PCC to hold one or more special meetings [jointly with representatives from Holbrook and Milford, but excluding "the outgoing incumbent, his spouse, and the patron"] chiefly to:

1. Prepare a statement describing the conditions, needs and traditions of the benefice;
2. Appoint representatives who will act on behalf of the PCC in the interview and selection process.

I am sure that someone will think the Benefice is an important and acceptable opportunity. I am certain, also, that this Parish will welcome and support the new incumbent as well as it did for me.

Saying goodbye will not be easy. Adapting in times of change is easier for some than for others. Together and individually, we have a period of upheaval to go through. Janet and I will have our own support networks to turn to. You, the congregation, PCC and Churchwardens will need to turn to each other for your support. This is not a time for withdrawal. Instead, it is a time for supporting one another, helping one another, and encouraging one another. Each of you, please offer to help when and where you can. And I promise you this, that it will be worth it.

I firmly believe that that this is the right time for me to move on - and I believe this is also the right time for this Parish and Benefice to move on. It is the right time for the Parish/Benefice to seek new leadership and new direction. And here is another promise: it will be worth it. The Church here in Hazelwood will be stronger and better, and able to build on the strengths and achievements of the past.

This is my eleventh and final report; and I have said the following at each APCM and it is worth repeating:

"I want to express my thanks to everyone who helps with the running and maintenance of this parish and its two churches. I am very grateful, because each person generously contributes to our worship and mission."

I should like to especially thank the following:

- ❖ The Churchwardens, and the Assistant Wardens
- ❖ members of the PCC and our Church Officers;
- ❖ and the Friends of Shottle Church (FOSC),

Rev'd Robert Harris, Vicar, 2010

Support for Zakhele and Meetse A Bophelo Primary Schools, Mamelodi, South Africa

Support for our link schools in Mamelodi, South Africa has continued through the year. The Mamelodi Trust now supports five schools – three primary schools, one school for children with special educational needs and one secondary school. Staff, pupils and parents are remembered regularly in church prayers and church members have been generous in their support of the Trust. As well as developing a new library in Zakhele School, we have continued to provide resources for all the schools and are now supporting, on a regular monthly basis, a feeding scheme for pupils in Stanza Bopape secondary school. We continue to provide a small monthly bursary for Koketsu, the first pupil from Meetse A Bophelo Primary School to reach university. The ongoing financial and prayer support from the church and its members is much appreciated, not only by the Trust but also by the teachers and young people, including Koketsu, in Mamelodi.

Steve and Mary Bacon

Sunday School and Young People's Group

Hazelwood Sunday School

Hazelwood Sunday School has kept with the familiar routine of meeting on the first Sunday in the month over 2009-10. The fact there are six of us really helps to spread the work load, maintain enthusiasm, get ideas and always be able to meet when others may be on holiday or away. We have stayed the same team of Steph Varney, Louisa Keighley, Wendy Sanby, Isobel Wagstaff Rachel Rogers and Jackie Bryan.

We have 13 children currently on the register and their enthusiasm to participate makes our role a delightful one. They often bring prayers to read sometimes writing their own and we usually have a bible story. They love coming over to the church to share the service and show everyone their work. The eldest is 13 and the youngest 4.

Highlights from the year were the Church Fete in July where money was raised from soft drinks, sweets and pictures transfers were sold, along with the Christingle service in December when the church was illuminated with 80 christingle candles. Everyone helped make the christingles which Sunday school organised.

The children have also performed some memorable music pieces at the front of the church.

Imparting the Christian message to the children is an honour for us and we look forward to more of the same in 2010-11

Jackie Bryan & Isobel Wagstaff on behalf of the Sunday School 6

Parish Magazine

The gathering together of copy and the editing of the magazine is a continual learning experience and we appreciate the contributors who supply entries by the copy date.

Thank you to Valerie Thorpe for her able assistance with the magazine, the newsletter and all the work in amending, editing existing advertisements and creating new ones.

Thank you to Linda Bowley for the organization of the monthly sponsorship of the magazine covers, the business work with those who have renewed their advertisements, and also with the new sponsors.

Thank you to Mike Bowler for the organization of the monthly sponsorship of the flood lighting.

Roger Allan's programming of the photocopier has continued to assist in the reproduction quality of the magazine, covers and the quarterly newsletter.

In various months the magazine has continued in its enlarged format and we are grateful to Steve Bacon, Ashley

Franklin, John Harris and Robert Walker for cover and inside photographs.

Robert and Steve have also taken certain photographs and produced some of the outside covers prior to printing.

Digital photographs are welcome of different events or for use on the front cover.

Special thanks go to the production and distribution team without whom there would be no magazine, or newsletter.

Graham Craft

Church website

The Hazelwood Church website continues to be updated on a monthly basis and always shows details of all the church services and other events for the current month. Some changes to the format and content of the website were made during the year to ensure that it remains up to date. During the year over 800 visits were made to the website which is double the figure for last year and indicates that people find this a useful means of finding out information about the church. Any suggestions for further information which could be provided by this means are always welcome.

The website can be found at: www.stjohnshazelwood.ik.com

Steve Bacon, Editor

Church Music Report

The augmented choir again assembled for Harvest Thanksgiving service and the Christmas service of Lessons and Carols. We are pleased that more members have joined and that we have some younger singers. In the last few months we have marked, with sadness the passing of two of our choir members, Les Millington and Norman Brooks. We give thanks for loyal support, contribution and friendship.

At Christmas time singers visited three homes, in the village, to lead hosts and guests in carol singing; thank you to the hosts and to Tricia Kellog for co-coordinating these visits and Robert Walker's final year for selling the charity raffle tickets. This annual event was much appreciated in bringing the community together.

On Palm Sunday the augmented choir, now 19 in number, with three members not available, led the traditional service marking the beginning of Holy Week.

We put on record our thanks and appreciation to all who contribute to the worship, music and liturgy at Hazelwood and Shottle Churches.

Also thanks to those members of the augmented choir, from Belper, Duffield, (Hazelwood) and Turnditch, many of whom are members of their local churches and chapels, but who still find time to support us at St. John's and turn out to choir practices in all weathers.

I also record special thanks to Valerie Thorpe for assisting in sorting out and filing the choir music. During the year Valerie played oboe (with organ), in chamber music and hymns, for 19 services.

A final thank you to our vicar Robert Harris for his support, encouragement and, when possible, attendances at choir practices.

Graham Craft, Organist

Hazelwood Walking Group

The group continues to flourish and thanks goes to those who have selected the routes and more importantly the hostellers.

The Christmas walk continues to be a great success and was again fully subscribed. The meal and particularly the sweets help to make it a very enjoyable occasion.

The weather this winter presented a few challenges but even in the thickest of the snow John Chadwick organised an excellent walk finishing at the Hanging Gate. The variety of the walks continues and the various parts of the county still give us interesting and different aspects to experience.

Everybody is welcome to come and join us.

Mary and David Shaw

Children and Young People Protection Officers

Safeguarding Training – 25 February 2010

Officers attended the above training which highlighted identification of issues, situations which might arise via information from others and the process and cascade of information for dealing with these. This was extremely useful, well presented and interesting.

Initial Training – 29 April 2010

This will be attended by both officers.

New legal duty to refer information to the Independent Safeguarding Authorise (ISA)

From Oct 2009, organisations, including PCCs will have a new statutory duty to refer information to ISA where there is a change of officer or where the officer has acted inappropriately. Failure to comply with this is a criminal offence. This has superseded previous police checks for officers and those in contact with CYPs. Further information will be provided on this when training is organised.

Health and Safety

With regard to the Health and Safety of CYPs (which forms part of the duties of officers) a survey was undertaken by the current officers and an action plan for issues identified presented to the PCC in Aug 09. Items on this list have now all been actioned by the PCC. Those with an ongoing nature have a review date. A current concern is the slippery state when wet of the main path to the church (item 3a of the aforementioned report) and a proposal for an ongoing solution will be raised with the PCC at the next opportunity (ie: the use on a regular basis of a 'Dairy Cleaner' – hypochlorite which kills moss and algae. Health and safety re storage is being investigated).

Reporting issues

Members of the congregation (and also the wider community if issues are brought to the attention of any congregation member) are urged to report any suspicions to a designated officer or to the vicar. Contact details are displayed in the vestry.

Sally and Colin Kitchener

St. John the Evangelist Church, Hazelwood, 2009 - 10

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April 2009	-	-	Baptism Hazelwood Church 15 th March 2009 Joshua James Clarke
May 2009	-	-	Baptism Hazelwood Church 28 th March 2009 Ludo Arthur Bywater
June 2009	Funeral and Burial Hazelwood Church and Churchyard 7 th May 2009 Francis [Frank] Wright [82]	Marriage St Lawrence, Shottle 7 th May 2009 Kenneth Charles and Sarah Jaqueline Elizabeth [Green] Wigley	-
July 2009	-	-	-
August 2009	Funeral and Burial Hazelwood Church and Churchyard 8 th July, 2009 Henry Bowman [64]	Marriage Hazelwood Church 11 th July 2009, Stephen John and Emily Jane [Warren] Seals	-
September 2009	Funeral Services and Cremations: Hazelwood Church and Markeaton Crematorium 29 th July 2009, Margaret Nancy [Peggy] Stocks (92) 13 th August 2009 Mavis Walker [76] Burial of Cremated Remains: Hazelwood Churchyard 27 th August 2009 Mavis Walker [76]	-	-

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October 2009	Funeral Markeaton Crematorium followed by Service at Hazelwood Church 16 September 2009, Leslie Thomas Millington [78] [Les]	-	Baptisms Hazelwood Church 29 th August 2009 Jacob John Painter 12 th September 2009 Harry James Edward Gray
November 2009	Burial of Cremated Remains: Hazelwood Churchyard 26 th September 2009 Margaret Nancy [Peggy] Stocks Funeral Service: Followed by Cremation Hazelwood Parish Church 1 st October 2009 Marion [Morag] Mackinnon Hay [84] Funeral Service: Followed by Burial Hazelwood Parish Church and Churchyard 5 th October 2009 James William Norton CBE [91]	Marriages: Hazelwood Church 2nd October 2009 Matthew Paul and Vicky Adele [Kellogg] Watts 17 th October 2009 Stephen Michael and Claire Eunice [Felstead] deLaunay	-
December 2009	Burial of Cremated Remains Hazelwood Churchyard 24 October 2009 Marion [Morag] Mackinnon Hay [84] Funeral Service Hazelwood Church Followed by committal at Markeaton Crematorium 27 th October 2009 William Ralph Cockain [77]	-	-
January 2010	-	-	Baptism St Lawrence, Shottle <i>Sunday 20 December 2009</i> Edward Isaac Thor Slack
February 2010	-	-	-
March 2010	-	-	-