

# St John's Church Hazelwood

## Annual Parochial Church Meeting

19<sup>th</sup> March 2009

### Reports for 2008/2009

#### Electoral Roll

Following publication of Statutory Notices the annual revision of the electoral role took place on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2009. At the beginning of the period under review there were 47 names on role. Since then 4 names have been removed and 9 names added to the role. This leaves a current total of 52 on the electoral role. Due notification will be sent to the secretaries of both the diocesan synod and deanery synod.

*John Morley, Electoral Roll Secretary*

#### Treasurer's Report for the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> December 2008

Financially 2008 has been a demanding year for the Hazelwood PCC accounts.

There has been a total income of - £30,278

and a total expense of - £52,131

giving a shortage of - £21,853

Plus investment income of £1,193

Results in a total of £20,660 (excluding the West End Project expense and donations received the net gain would have been £927)

It has been necessary to transfer £23,200 from the deposit account but it has been possible to return £2,000 to the deposit account.

The assets held in the current account and deposit account has therefore decreased from £34,379 Dec 2007 to £13,718 Dec 2008.

Investment Assets show a reduction from £33,281 to £24,780.

The current account stands at £2,037 on 31st Dec 2008. ( liabilities for the month of Jan 2009 amount to £2,015 including £372 for unpaid cheques issued before 31st Dec 08.)

The liabilities for the year 2009 amount to £19,354 being the parish quota of - £17,182 (£1,432 per month) and Ecclesiastical Insurance - £1,800 approx. and unpaid cheques £372.

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 £1,966. (From Regular Giving Apr – Dec 2007 was £1,274 and from the envelopes was £692).

Further amounts are due to be claimed amounting to £2,558. (£321 Envelopes, £1,180 Regular Giving and £1,058 from West End Project donations.)

The PCC has benefited this year from a total sum of £2266 in fees for weddings funerals and baptisms and £1439 in donations related to these services. Allowing for PCC expenses of £1412 this amounts to a 'one off' net gain of £2293. Most of the donations received this year were from weddings.

The total amount that was donated or passed to charities during the year amounted to £1,564.

The major expense this year has been the West End Project £26,554 that includes architects fees of £2,511 and the chairs £1,751. The Parish Share (£15,994) and the upkeep of the church (£3506) which includes the Insurance (£1,748) and Electricity.

West End donations and allocated funds amount to £9,442 (£609 sponsored chairs and £1,058 to be recovered from Gift Aid.)

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 was one formal meeting of the Deanery Synod during the year held on Feb 23<sup>rd</sup> 2009. Our representatives. John Wright and June Bowley attended the meeting on our behalf. David Perkins was in the chair probably for the last time as he is moving to become Precentor at Derby Cathedral. There was a brief discussion on the Parish Shares system followed by a talk on the Mothers Union by Mrs Christine Perkins. She gave details of some of the work carried out by the Mothers Union with its worldwide membership of 6 million. Their offices are based in London and works with governments encouraging marriage, parenting, stable family life, the treatment of children and gender equality with the UNO. The overriding theme remains "Fellowship and fun". Following the excellent and thought provoking address the meeting ended with prays.

***June Bowley and John Wright***

## **MMA Representative Report**

We are grateful to our treasurer for the feedback on the MMA share and the contribution from Hazelwood.

A number of events have taken place under the auspices of the MMA such as a banner workshop, May Day walk, All Saints feast, carol service at Christchurch Belper, a Multi Faith talk by Rev. Prof. David Thomas held at Hazelwood Church etc. Similar events are planned for this year. MMA support for the Church of North India is being considered.

The area vicar Robert Parsons left the area in January and we wish to record our appreciation of his contribution to the development of the Belper MMA and encouragement of churches to work together.

***Brian Cantrill, Belper MMA Representative***

## **PCC Report**

The PCC (20 church members including the Vicar) met 8 times during the year with good attendance at each meeting.

Steve Bacon relinquished his position as Secretary following the September meeting. He has been an excellent and professional Secretary and his efforts were greatly appreciated by his fellow colleagues on the committee. He was replaced by David Shaw

The PCC continues to be active on behalf of the Church through out the year. Each member has a key role to play and are prominent in organising Church events, representing the Church on other bodies and generating new ideas to help grow the organisation.

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

- a) Successful completion of the West End project
- b) Matters relating to the work of the Belper MMA
- c) Church and Church yard maintenance issues including rectifying leaks and resolving problems with the heating.
- d) The delivery of "Flyer" to everyone in the parish at Christmas
- e) Harvest Festival lunch
- f) Lent Communion lunches
- g) Ensuring legal compliance
- h) Planning for special services and events including the church fete

However, if people have other new ideas these are always welcome so please contact any of the PCC members.

***David Shaw, PCC Secretary***

## **Churchwardens' Report**

### **Church**

The reordering of the West End has now been completed. The area has been carpeted and upholstered chairs provided which complement the oak heating panels and carry the blue theme to the rear of the church. An extending console table will be available at the end of March. Thanks are due to all who have sponsored the chairs and contributed to the project.

It is gratifying to report that the project has been well received and enabled the church to host various meetings, lunch events for Harvest and St Valentine's Day, a Young Peoples Group 'Spring Thing' event, in addition to regular after-service coffee and biscuits. The Bishop dedicated the project in January, along with the previously installed chancel handrails.

Attention has been given to the bell rope holes in the rear church roof to avoid the problem of dampness in this area. The clock has been serviced and pendulum adjustment carried out.

### **Churchyard.**

We wish to thank all who have helped in the maintenance of the churchyard, mowing, tree pruning etc. The guttering, downpipes and drains have been routinely cleared.

### **People.**

The deaths of Lady Margaret Bemrose and John Watson were particularly sad occasions for this church, bearing in mind their support and dedication to this church over many years.

Our thanks are due to Mary Bacon and Elizabeth Turvey who ran the Sunday School until July, and to the parents who have taken on this role.

The churchwardens wish to thank the many who give help and support to the church projects maintenance and life of this church.

***David Bentley, Brian Cantrill,***

### **Report from the Vicar, Revd Robert Harris**

This is my tenth 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),

Last year two major projects were completed and celebrated.

The first was at Shottle. Much of the restoration of the church is now complete. Last year's final touches were the enlargement of the vestry [it is now also a kitchen and servery], complete decoration, the installation of additional lighting, and the laying of a new carpet [purchased with money bequeathed to the church by Vivian Lane]. The W.I. Flower Festival was excellent; and everyone made every effort for the Harvest Festival service, at which the Bishop of Derby preached and dedicated the work. We were delighted that their Graces, the Duke and Duchess of Devonshire were able to attend. I am very grateful to FOSC [The Friends of Shottle Church] for all their work, and in particular to Mr Peter Hill, who we call the "clerk of works". The building is now fit for purpose. Indeed, a marriage licence has been applied for and we hope that Shottle's first wedding, that of Ken Wigley and Sarah Green, will take place in May 2009.

The other major project was here at Hazelwood. The reordering of the welcome area in the West End is now complete and its first official use was in May when Zoe Hibbert married Steve Bywater. The work did not go as smoothly as we hoped and it has required diligence and patience to get everything right. However, I am confident that most of the teething troubles are behind us, and the project is proving itself extremely useful and worthwhile. Last year I foresaw the welcome area being useful "not just on Sundays after Divine Worship, but also at every baptism, funeral, and wedding, and for a variety of social occasions and meetings." This has proved true. I also foresaw Hazelwood being used more often as an MMA meeting place - having the advantage denied most of our sister churches - adequate and easy car parking. We had an example of this when Professor Thomas came to talk to us and our sister churches about Islam. We had an excellent and informative evening. I am very grateful to our architects [Bakewell & Partners], the Contractors [Milward's] the steering committee [and especially Brian Cantrill], and all who contributed their time, effort and money.

The death of John Watson saddened the beginning of this year. John was not only a faithful member of this church; he was also an excellent Licensed Reader. He led services with dignity. He prepared and delivered thoughtful sermons. He also, as Rev'd Peter Lyne remarked in the obituary printed in this month's church magazine, gave this parish "valuable spiritual leadership" during the "difficult and uncertain period following the retirement of Rev'd Norman Daughtry". Both Rev'd Lyne and I found John enormously helpful when we first came to serve at Hazelwood. He offered us friendship, advice, and help. Indeed, when I was new to the parish, I immediately felt able to trust him as I settled in. I am so glad that his widow, Mary, wishes to continue offering hospitality at the monthly communion service held at their house.

I offer the advice given to a village church some time ago, which was, *Do what you do well, but do it better.* Indeed, constantly look for ways of doing things better. There is no need to go looking for new tasks; instead concentrate on what is being done, and do it better than ever.

**Rev'd Robert Harris, Vicar, 2009**

### **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. Beryl Bentley continues to be in regular contact by letter with the head teacher of Zakhele Primary School, Fikile Manzini, and with Helen Smith, the Mamelodi Trust's representative in South Africa. The schools, staff and pupils are remembered regularly in church prayers. Church members have been generous in their support of the Trust. In November, Meetse A Bophelo School was presented with books, a portable teacher's whiteboard and mini white boards for children, and a sound system for use in the newly completed library. The Mamelodi Trust now supports four schools and the ongoing financial and prayer support from the church and its members is much appreciated not only here in the UK but also by the teachers in Mamelodi.

***Steve and Mary Bacon***

### **Hazelwood Sunday School**

This year Hazelwood Sunday School have met on the first Sunday of each month throughout the year. Steph Varney, Louisa Keighley, Wendy Sanby, Isobel Wagstaff, Jackie Bryan and Rachel Rogers tentatively took over the wonderful work Mary Bacon and Elizabeth Turvey have been providing over a number of years as the children were enthusiastic to continue their involvement with Hazelwood Church. Unfortunately the Young Persons group does not continue to meet.

There are currently 11 children aged from 3 to 12 on our register, the older ones assist the younger ones and they take prayers and read from the Bible. We also plan a varied programme of singing, games and activities to consolidate the Christian message and what it means to be a Christian. The children usually join the congregation at the end of the morning service. This gives them the opportunity to show off their handiwork, share their teachings and be part of the wider Hazelwood Christian community. They also delighted the Bishop with their rendition of 'Little Donkey' in January.

The Christingle Service was a highlight of the calendar so far and following excellent advice from Mary and Elizabeth, Louisa and Jackie sourced the items needed and we were able to light up the church and see the children's delight on the first Sunday of Advent.

We look forward to the next stage and progressing with our new roles in imparting the Christian message.

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

## **Parish Magazine**

The gathering together of copy and the editing of the magazine is a continual learning experience!

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

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

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

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 has 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.

***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 400 visits were made to the website which 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](http://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.

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 for selling the charity raffle tickets. This annual event was much appreciated in bringing the community together.

On Palm Sunday the augmented choir 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, filing and cataloguing the choir music. Valerie also played oboe (with organ) at the Valentine's Day lunch and hymns and music, for the first time, at Worship Together in February.

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**

An average of 17 walkers have enjoyed the monthly walk during the year. Responsibilities for selecting the routes have been shared between John Chadwick, Keith Ratcliffe and Mary Shaw. Selection of the hostels has also been very successful!

As usual the Christmas walk with lunch in Hartington was fully subscribed – 25 people attended. The meal was also up to its usual excellent standard.

Other walks have featured an interesting inner city walk in Derby, and the usual wonderful scenery of the Peak District. The only disappointment was the cancelling of the February walk due to the snow!

Several new members have joined the group and more are welcome. We do try to find walks of about 4 miles with out too many steep climbs and few styles. In addition to the exercise the topics of discussion as we move along the path are varied and topical. Unfortunately we don't seem to have solved the "Credit Crunch" yet but rest assured we are working on it! Come and join us.

***Mary and David Shaw***

## **Child Protection**

John Morley was appointed Child Protection Coordinator by the PCC on the 16<sup>th</sup> October 2008 to replace David Bentley who had relinquished the position. Thanks are due to David for the work he has done in the past. The appointment of JM has been confirmed in writing by Alistair Langton who is the Youth Advisor for the Diocese of Derby. The necessary CRB Enhanced Disclosures having been received.

The PCC has adopted the House of Bishops Policy on Child Protection (2004). New mandatory Procedures and Good Practice Guidelines were introduced by the Diocese in June 2008. The Child Protection Coordinator has implemented these in the Parish on behalf of the PCC.

The Validation Process for the Sunday School teachers is now almost complete. At the time of writing receipt of satisfactory references is still required for 3 of the Sunday School teachers.

Initial Risk Assessments have been completed for the St. John's Church Hazelwood, the 1914 / 1919 Hazelwood Memorial Hall and St Lawrence Church Shottle. Identified risks will be presented to the PCC for consideration.

The Child Protection Coordinator continues to request the appropriate training ie the Basic Child Protection Awareness course and the Child Protection Coordinators Course.

***John Morley***

**St. John the Evangelist Church, Hazelwood, 2008 - 09**

**FROM THE REGISTERS**

**HMD**

<b>Month</b>	<b>Funeral</b>	<b>Marriage</b>	<b>Baptism</b>
January 2008	Covered in last year's list	Covered in last year's list	Covered in last year's list
February 2008	Ditto		
March 2008	Ditto	Ditto	Ditto
April 2008	Ditto	Ditto	Ditto
May 2008	<p><b>Funeral Service and Burial</b> Hazelwood Church and Churchyard 1<sup>st</sup> April 2008 Peter [Pete] Ogden (76)</p> <p><b>Funeral Service</b> Markeaton Crematorium 10<sup>th</sup> April 2008 Harold John Pepper [101]</p>		<p><b>Baptism</b> <b>Hazelwood Church</b> 20<sup>th</sup> April 2008 Oliver James Keighley</p>
June 2008		<p><b>Weddings</b> Hazelwood Parish Church 17<sup>th</sup> May 2008 Stephen Michael and Zoë Elizabeth [Hibbert] Bywater</p> <p>24<sup>th</sup> May 2008 Robert Richard and Katherine Anne [Dodd] Fox</p>	<p><b>Baptism</b> <b>Hazelwood Parish Church</b> 18<sup>th</sup> May 2008 Peter George Alan Hardy</p>
July 2008			
August 2008	<p><b>Funeral Service at the Markeaton Crematorium</b> 25<sup>th</sup> July 2008 Graham Moss</p>		
September 2008		<p><b>Weddings, Hazelwood Parish Church</b> 26<sup>th</sup> July 2008 David Kevan and Sarah Elizabeth [Cogan] Brown</p> <p>9<sup>th</sup> August 2008 James Dougal and Lucy Victoria [Spall] Wilton</p> <p><b>Blessing and Dedication of a Civil Marriage</b> Hazelwood Parish Church 16<sup>th</sup> August 2008 Andrew Keith and Julia Claire [Walker] Parsons</p>	<p><b>Baptisms</b> <b>Hazelwood Parish Church</b> 16<sup>th</sup> August 2008 Harry Robert John Parsons</p> <p>17<sup>th</sup> August 2008 Molly Fox</p>

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October 2008	<b>Funeral Service</b> Hazelwood Parish Church 24 <sup>th</sup> September 2008 John <u>Roger</u> Hewitt Wilson (65)	<b>Blessing and Dedication of a Civil Marriage</b> Hazelwood Parish Church 30 <sup>th</sup> August 2008 Richard John and Louisa Jane [Marston] Keighley  <b>Holy Matrimony</b> Hazelwood Parish Church 6 <sup>th</sup> September 2008 Andrew Simon and Emily Charlotte Alice [Parkin] Powell	<b>Thanksgiving for the Gift of a Child</b> St John the Evangelist, Hazelwood 13th September 2008 Harold Charles Fearnough
November 2008			
December 2008	<b>Interment</b> Duffield cemetery 24 <sup>th</sup> October 2008 John <u>Roger</u> Hewitt Wilson (65)		<b>Baptism</b> Hazelwood Church 15 <sup>th</sup> November 2008 Freya Lillie Bowness
January 2009	<b>Funeral and Burial</b> Hazelwood Church and Churchyard 9 <sup>th</sup> December 2008 Bernard Christopher Hodgson [85]	<b>Marriage</b> S <sup>t</sup> John the Evangelist, Hazelwood 29 <sup>th</sup> November 2008 Gareth David and Toni Anne [Lee] Maw	
February 2009	<b>Funeral followed by Cremation</b> St Michael's and Markeaton Crematorium 7 <sup>th</sup> January 2009 Miss Nora Howells [85]  <b>Funeral preceded by Cremation</b> Hazelwood Parish Church and Markeaton Crematorium 8 <sup>th</sup> January 2009 Lady Margaret Bemrose [100yrs]  <b>Funeral followed by Burial</b> Hazelwood Church and Churchyard 27 <sup>th</sup> January 2009 John Watson, Licensed Reader, [84]  <b>Funeral followed by Cremation</b> Hazelwood Parish Church and Markeaton Crematorium 14 <sup>th</sup> January 2009 Mary Kathleen Barnes [89]  <b>Funeral at Bedford Crematorium</b> 2 <sup>nd</sup> January 2009 Eva May Harris [94]		<b>Baptisms</b> Hazelwood Parish Church; 3 <sup>rd</sup> January 2009 Henry Guy Charles Lambert Hazelwood Parish Church; 18 <sup>th</sup> January 2009 Lydia Gilly Beardmore

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<b>March 2009</b>	<p><b>Burial of Cremated Remains</b>  Hazelwood Churchyard  1<sup>st</sup> February 2009  Lady Margaret Bemrose [100yrs]</p> <p><b>Funeral preceded by Cremation</b>  Hazelwood Parish Church  17th February 2009  [Norrie] Norman Steel [78]</p>		