

# St John's Church Hazelwood

## Annual Parochial Church Meeting 17<sup>th</sup> March 2011 Reports for 2010/2011

### Electoral Roll

There are 52 names on the Electoral Role

*Sheila Deacon*

### Treasurer's Report for the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> December 2010

Financially 2010 has been a good year for the Hazelwood PCC accounts.

There has been a total income of - £31,038  
and a total expense of - £29,207  
giving an excess of - + £1831 (plus investment income of £1267)  
A total of - + £3,098

It has been necessary to transfer £2,000 from the deposit account but it has been possible to return £4,000 to the deposit account. This includes restricted donations of £3,000.

The assets held in the current account and deposit account has therefore increased from - £17,704  
Dec 2009 to £20,802 Dec 2010

The current account stands at £753 on 31st Dec 2010. ( liabilities for the month of Jan 2011 amount to £1,966 including £529 for unpaid cheques issued before 31st Dec 10.)

The liabilities for the year 2011 amount to £19,252 being the parish quota of - £16,923 (£1,410 per month) and Ecclesiastical Insurance - £1,800 approx. and unpaid cheques £529.

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 £2,389 (From Regular Giving Jan – Dec 09 was £1,259, West End donations was £72 and from the envelopes 2009 was £1,058).

Further amounts are due to be claimed amounting to £1,605. (£204 Envelopes, £1,401 Regular Giving.)

The PCC has benefited this year from a total sum of £1,905 in fees for weddings funerals and baptisms and £1,339 in donations related to these services. Allowing for PCC expenses of £1,255 this amounts to a 'one off' net gain of £1,989. 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 £1,089.

The major expense this year has been The Parish Share (£17,021) and the upkeep of the church (£4,411) which includes the Insurance (£1,783) and Electricity/Water (£1,146 net).

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

June Bowley and John Wright continue to represent us at the meetings. There were three meeting during the year. At the first meeting discussion focused on three issues namely a) the need for a changing church b) how to reach more church goers in the community and c) the role of the MMA versus the Deanery Synod.

The usual business was taken at the other meetings and, in addition, great emphasis was placed on Mission Action Plans (MAP). Training will need to be completed by the key people and this will be followed by preparation of the plan itself which will be presented to the Bishop.

Election of Deanery Synod representatives will need to take place at APCM.

## **MMA Representative Report**

We continue to support the MMA and have really appreciated their support during the Inter-regnum. Representation has been by rotation. Issues discussed have included the ongoing problem with Heage who remain unhappy at their new arrangement. Disappointingly, St. Peter's have withdrawn from the MMA.

## **PCC Report**

The PCC reduced to 16 members (including the Vicar) following the Annual meeting. Robert Harris left following his retirement but Colin Kitchener joined so numbers remain the same. Steve Bacon has assumed the role of Chairman following Robert's retirement.

There were 8 meetings during the year and attendance levels were good. The PCC continues to be active on behalf of the church throughout the year and has picked up the additional responsibilities caused by the Inter-regnum.

Recent activity has focused on preparing and approving the Benefice Profile as we try to move forward the replacement for Robert as quickly as possible. The Inter-regnum has also included responsibility for the Vicarage. During this period a Standing Committee has been established to help keep parish affairs moving ahead.

In addition to the normal range of routine matters the PCC has also dealt with:-

- 1) Completing work on the West Window which was led by Ean Harris.
- 2) Continued to support both the Deanery Synod and the MMA
- 3) Ensured legal compliance
- 4) Resolved a problem with an overhanging tree in the Churchyard.
- 5) Planning for special services and events including the Church Fete.

Minutes continue to be put on the Church website and can be viewed if more details are required.

***David Shaw, PCC Secretary***

## **Churchwardens' Report**

The Inter-regnum has proved to be a very busy period. With the heavy snow in November and December and the sad absence of Graham Craft the Church Wardens' role has changed significantly.

The Churchyard continues to be kept in very good shape with general maintenance and leaf collection being the key tasks. Thanks to John Chadwick and his team for their very supportive work.

Organisation of Vicars, Readers and Organists has been an important role and so far this has worked well with all services being covered. Particular thanks go to the Rev. David Rowley who has been a tremendous help and guide not only to sort services but has conducted so many as well. Elizabeth Turvey has given huge support to the musical leadership and the carol service was a great success.

The Bishop's visit was postponed in December due to the snow but we were fortunate in that we could re-book him for February and it was an excellent service with good attendance.

The April Easter lunch fundraiser was well attended and the west wing continues to be a great asset for events. The Annual Fete, which was opened by Dr Chris Brentall was well supported and a very good day was had by all.

The last Sunday in October was Rev. Robert Harris's last service which was followed by a farewell lunch and included guests from Shottle, Milford and Holbrook. It was a wonderful occasion and a real pleasure for us all to say thanks for all the efforts of Robert and Janet.

The traditional Carol singing evening took place around the village with everyone getting into the spirit of Christmas. Thanks go to Cathy and Mark Williamson, Shelia and Richard Donnelly and Wendy and Geoffrey Lambert for having us in their houses.

The Church inspection was carried out by Arch Deacon Christopher Tunniffle and all went well with complements being awarded to all involved for their efforts.

The insurance report provided a good result apart from the key list with questions being raised as to the excessive number of key holders. PCC will address this issue.

There were several weddings during the year and the year ahead looks equally business as the Church is becoming a popular venue.

For the year ahead we are hoping to raise more funds and some of the money will be used for the internal redecoration of the Church.

### **Vicarage**

1. Following the departure of Robert an inspection of the vicarage took place by Derby Diocesan Board. It was agreed that there was a necessity for small items of building work and internal redecoration to be carried out. Following discussion, an agreement was reached that small items of work would be undertaken by a parish member and additional funds would be forthcoming for the remainder of the work to be carried out by the Diocese.

To date, electrical work has been completed, alarm service taken place, building work finished and boiler room pipes lagged.

Work currently being undertaken is redecoration. The timescale for this work to be completed is the end of March.

The total amount being spent by the Diocese is approx 3250 pounds for which we are privileged and grateful.

2. Two PCC members currently hold keys and carry out regular security checks on a rota as required by insurance and the Diocese.
3. The garden will be maintained when summer arrives by the usual team of John and Colin.
4. A gas bill of £305.17 has been paid for the period since Robert left up to 18.2.11. The heat will be turned off on 1 April to minimise this cost to the PCC.

The Church Wardens would like to thank all those who have helped over the last year and hope this support will continue for the coming year.

***Tessa Hibbert, Patrica Kellogg, Colin Kitchener***

### **Support for 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.

The library at Zakhele Primary School is now virtually complete with a very large number of new books being provided by the Trust as well as being donated by other organizations. The Trust has agreed to help to refurbish the school library at Stanza Bopape Secondary School and to provide a substantial number of new books to replace the existing very old and out-of-date books that are currently on the shelves. We continue to provide a small monthly bursary for Koketsu, the first pupil from Meetse A Bophelo Primary School to reach university and this year will be helping another student from the township, Victor, to attend university.

In the summer, Thandi Mnguni from Zakhele School spent a weekend with us. She joined us at the Church Fete and at morning service the following day. She was really touched by the warmth of the welcome from people at Hazelwood and, on her return to Mamelodi, used some of the ideas from the Fete for fundraising at her own

church. Later in the year, we were invited to her church in Mamelodi where a congregation of over 500 people prayed enthusiastically for their friends in Hazelwood!

Staff, pupils and parents in Mamelodi are remembered regularly in church prayers and church members have been generous in their support of the Trust. We are very grateful to the many people who contributed in cash or in kind to the collection of bottles of wine for the Mamelodi Trust Wine Tombola the Derbyshire Food Fair. This was a great success once again and raised over £1,500 for the Trust. Thanks too are due to Valerie Thorpe for her sales of cards in church which supports the Trust. This 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 and Victor, in Mamelodi.

*Steve and Mary Bacon*

## **Sunday School and Young People's Group**

Hazelwood Sunday School has kept with the familiar routine of meeting on the first Sunday in the month over 2010/11. The meetings have included planting a sunflower seed (the seeds that grew and grew – Matthew 13), decorating eggs at Easter, making pumpkin dolls and vegetable monsters at harvest festival and making the Christingles for the Christingle service.

Upon Reverend Robert's retirement in October the children presented the vicar with photo-frames containing their own work including prayers, pictures of angels and other biblical themes.

As we finished for the summer we enjoyed outdoor games in the field and a picnic.

We continue to share the involvement between Steph Varney, Louisa Keighley, Rachel Rogers, Wendy Sanby, Isobel Wagstaff and Jackie Bryan. Fortunately there are still six of us which does keep the momentum going and makes it a real team effort.

Four of us are attending a safeguarding children educational event on March 31st to keep updated in this essential aspect of working with children.

The children are a delight making our role rather easy with no shortage of self elected volunteers to stand up in church to speak, perform or sing. The oldest girls are now 14 and youngest 4 years of age. We hope to treat them to a well deserved outing to see a musical; The Sound of Music is at the Theatre Royal Nottingham this summer.

The Church Fete in July was a sunny day and we sold children's refreshments, pretty rub on transfers, bran tub dips and a hook a duck game proved popular with the young ones contributing to the total fund raising effort.

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

## **Parish Magazine Report**

The Parish magazine has been issued monthly during the last year, edited by Graham Craft up to and including the November magazine and from December by myself. The masters are delivered to Roger Allan who has continued to look after the photocopying. These copies are then collated by John and Eileen Chadwick and then distributed by a team of volunteers.

Linda Bowley has continued to organize the magazine advertisers, who advertise in the magazine for a year, running from April to March. Linda also organizes the monthly sponsorship of the magazine covers. Mike Bowler has continued to organize the week by week sponsorship of the flood lighting.

Prior to Robert Harris retiring at the end of October he produced a framework for the services up to and including December 2011 which has been invaluable. Tessa Hibbert has provided clergy, readers and readings for inclusion within this framework. The 'vicar's' letter has continued with a different volunteer providing the contribution each month.

## **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. It also gives lots of background information about the church.

During the year the BT service we used in the past closed down and we had to relocate our website. Rather than use the alternative offering from BT, we decided to move to a new service provided by Joth Internet Solutions in Belper. Jonathan Bacon, who runs this professional website design service, provided the church with a new design for the website with updated look and feel. He gave his services free to the church and we now enjoy a “new-look” website which is easy to keep up to date. We hope that you like it and find the information provided every month useful.

During the year a total of 3,600 visits were made to the website which is over four times the figure for last year and indicates that people find this a useful means of finding out information about the church. It is interesting to note that each month an average of 200 different people use the website (i.e. this means that some people make multiple visits).

Any suggestions for further information which could be provided by the website are always welcome.

The website can be found at its new location: [www.hazelwoodchurch.org.uk](http://www.hazelwoodchurch.org.uk)

*Steve Bacon, Website Editor*

## **Hazelwood Walking Group**

The group continues to flourish and membership has increased. Our thanks go again to those who have selected the routes and the eating establishments – everyone a success.

Unfortunately the Christmas walk (including the lunch) had to be cancelled due to the weather. However, the lunch was rearranged for Feb and was, as usual, a very enjoyable event with the deserts up to their usual standard.

There continues to be great variety in the walks and we again explored new areas including a visit to the National Memorial Arboretum.

*Mary and David Shaw*

## **Children, Young People and Vulnerable Adult Protection**

This has been a year of progress and change within the process. Firstly following government elections a major review of these statutes governing this area is currently being undertaken.

In the meantime advice has been received from the Diocese that CRB checks are only for those who work directly with or supervise those who work with children. Similar advice relates to vulnerable adults. (abbreviated)

During the year both Child Protection Officers attended Intermediate Training and three members of the Sunday School teachers are programmed to undertake Initial training.

A request was received from the Diocese that Church key-holders undertake ‘confidential disclosure’ checks. Following discussion at a PCC meeting, a response was sent advising that, in our opinion, the requirements for

checks for church key-holders was not required by statute and was felt to be an intrusion. We have now been informed by the Diocesan Safeguarding Office that checks for key-holders are no longer tenable (or legal).

Regular communication as required is undertaken with the Diocesan Advisor for Child Protection.

Health and Safety (encompassing Children and Young Persons and Vulnerable Adults risk assessment)

Annual inspections took place at both St John's Hazelwood and Shottle Church. No new issues were identified which raised a H&S hazard.

- Cleaning of the main path has been undertaken and will be carried out on a regular basis as necessary.
- Smart water signs (requirement) are clearly displayed and subject to an annual check
- The cellar/boiler room remains flooded and protection remains intact.
- Gravestones checked in July and one laid flat during year.
- Shottle Church – installed 4 wall heaters and removed hazardous wiring.

***Sally and Colin Kitchener***