

St John's Church Hazelwood
Annual Parochial Church Council Meeting
19th March 2015

Reports for 2014

Electoral Roll

There are 40 names on the Electoral Roll.

Sheila Deacon

Treasurer's Report for the year ending 31st December 2014

Our payments were £606 more than income but, as our investments were up by £1901, our net increase was £1295.

We made donations of nearly £2000 to charities during the year.

Our collections in Church and Standing Orders were a lot lower than 2013 although similar to 2012.

Our insurance has a full year's charge as we pay monthly and is not twice as expensive!!

The electricity cost is down due to the mild winter of early 2014 and late 2014.

Magazine costs are down reflecting the generosity of a parishioner undertaking the printing for free.

Thanks to all of you who help with the magazine, church floodlighting, fund raising and the banking of monies that make my job a little easier.

Bryan Harris, Treasurer

Appointment of the Auditor

Deanery Synod

I attended the last meeting 2014 of the Deanery Synod at Christchurch in Belper. We were fortunate to receive a lecture by the Revd Doctor Elizabeth Thomson, the Canon Missioner of the Derby Cathedral. She talked to us about Derby Cathedral and its work. We were very impressed and inspired.

Tessa Hibbert

Belper MMA representative's report

We continue to be a part of a Mission and Ministry Area (MMA) with Christchurch, Belper, Ambergate and Heage. We join together for a number of occasions through the year – notably Ascension Day, Advent Sunday and for marriage preparation events – and this past year supported the Belper Passion with the Churches Together in Belper for the second year. The continued support of the MMA will be most valuable during the vacancy, I am sure.

Revd. David Railton

PCC Secretary's Report

The PCC has 15 members who meet every two months during the year. Meetings have been well attended and minutes of meetings are published on the website.

PCC members continue to be active in supporting Church events and in trying to ensure that the organisation operates efficiently and meets regulatory requirements. Each meeting continues to have a theological item on the agenda and progress towards our Mission Action

Plan is regularly discussed. Members monitor income and expenditure and carefully consider the feasibility of new projects.

Jennifer Thomas, PCC Secretary

Church Wardens' Report 2014

The Church Wardens, on behalf of the whole PCC and congregation, would like to thank David for his ministry, guidance, pastoral and ecumenical care throughout the past year. I think we can all agree that he has undertaken his role with sincerity, enthusiasm, humility and humour as has been appropriate. We have seen increased numbers in our congregation again this year and it is hoped that in the spirit of the Mission Action Plan (MAP) our congregation and personal spirituality will continue to flourish during the forthcoming interregnum, building on the significant impact that David has had. It is with huge regret that he is moving to another Parish but clear that our loss is a wonderful gain for his new benefice and we must take this opportunity to wish him every happiness.

The Church has also benefited from the dedication of both visiting/retired clergy and Lay Readers who have volunteered to preach at Hazelwood and Shottle throughout the year and whose continued support will be so heavily relied upon in the year to come. We would like to take the opportunity to thank them for their support and also to visiting organists and all those who undertake too many tasks to mention individually but who are the backbone of the Hazelwood church family.

Throughout the Christmas period, congregation numbers exceeded expectations with 215 people at the Carol Service with seats in the aisle and standing at the back. Thanks to all those who contributed in so many ways to this important part of the Church's calendar which attracts many people who are not regular worshippers.

There have been weddings, funerals and baptisms during the year which, whilst time consuming, are a pleasant way of bringing additional people and children into contact with the family of the church (in addition to increasing funding!).

During the year, several fund raising events were held and we would like to thank all of those who have made the effort to organise and support these occasions. (Sorry if any are missed off the list!) This tremendous effort has now completely replenished the funds used for the major works of the previous 2 years.

- Fete
- Travelling People
- Police Choir
- Blackbrook Art Group display

The maintenance of the church yard is now being successfully undertaken by the Community Payback Service (Probation Service). This is supervised by the Church Wardens and Assistant Church Wardens and has substantially reduced the workload of the previous 'gardening team'. However, thanks must still go to those who have helped with the maintenance of the church yard which, in addition to always looking tidy, is an important space for many people. A further substantial improvement to the outside area has been the new east gate which has been very generously donated by John and Eileen Chadwick and the paved path which provides access through the graveyard and to the vestry door has proved to be a great improvement.

As part of the MAP initiatives, the church has been open on a daily basis since early summer following the installation of the CCTV and securing of safes. There has been a good number of visitors during this period, many of whom are not local. It is hoped that, when the Church has been included in the Diocesan Website, there will be even more visitors. Building on this initiative, the church was the site of an art display, quiz and organ

recitals on the day of the church fete. This proved to be very successful and will be repeated.

It only remains for the Church Wardens and Assistant Wardens to request the continued and, on occasions, enhanced support of the PCC and members of the congregation throughout the forthcoming interregnum to sustain the opportunity for worship with enthusiasm and friendship.

Colin Kitchener & Tessa Hibbert

Shottle Mission Church Year Accounts 2014

Income		Expenditure	
Balance at 31/12/13	£2014.73		
Cash in hand	£10.00	Electric	£122.18
Good Friday	£115.05	Insurance	£431.45
Easter Service	£100.00	Hazelwood Church	£150.00
June Service	£59.00	Organist	£100.00
Summer Service	£124.50	Mowing of car park	£75.00
Harvest Service	£164.70	Fire extinguisher	£148.80
Carol Service	£91.00	Water Meter	£14.52
Donations (re: Mary Fletcher)	£63.00	Flowers-Janet Harris	£30.99
Heage Men's Society	£30.00	Sweets (gift)	£6.00
Donation	£5.00	Toilet Fluid	£5.99
Shottle Book	£4.00		
Book Sales	£47.50	Balance at Bank	£1731.03
Church Box	£5.50		
Windley Show Donation	£10.00	Cash in Hand	£28.02
Total	£2843.98	Total	£2843.98
Reserve account	£2020.48	Loss	£265.68

Rosemary Parkes, treasurer
January 14th, 2015

Vicar's Report – Hazelwood and Shottle

This is my fourth and final report as Vicar in this benefice as I will be moving on at the end of March. This report has a slightly different tone as it is my last report, but I begin by once again thanking everyone involved in the life of this parish church and this parish. There are many people who give of their time and talents to maintain the church building and grounds, to ensure that worship and social events happen successfully, and who are involved in the work of the church in the world. I appreciate greatly the help and support generously given by so many people, and thank in particular the Churchwardens and assistant wardens, the Treasurer and members of the PCC and the Friends of Shottle Church, who look after St Lawrence's so well. A particular thanks to Tessa Hibbert as she stands down as churchwarden this year – and I thank her on behalf of the church for her years of service and wish her well for the future. We can all be thankful for the work of the Sunday School leaders – a vital part of church life – and for the choir which gathers to accompany the special services through the year. I also wish to thank my colleagues – James Hinnells and Revd. David Rowley for their help and support over the past year. I am also grateful for the help of the various organists who have played for the regular Sunday services, a particular mention to Dave Joseph who covers the bulk of the services, to David Redfern who now regularly covers the first service of the month, and to Nigel Sherratt who helps with the services which

the choir take part in, and with the choir practices. And as I do each year, I also take this opportunity to thank Sarah, Alice and Sam for supporting me in my ministry – I couldn't do it without them!

I am pleased to report that we didn't face any major fabric works this year but during the year we had to do some remedial work on the trees around the boundary, and a new gate was installed following a generous donation from John and Eileen Chadwick. In general, the fabric of the church is in good condition and is a testament to the support of church members and the wider community. Services have been well attended throughout the year, with continued modest increases at some services while others remain broadly static. There continues to be a number of weddings, baptisms and sadly funerals – and these are all a part of the cycle of church life.

We reviewed our parish Mission Action Plan this year, having achieved some of the stated aims. Some areas were updated and amended, and others are still ongoing. We once again held house groups in Lent and Advent, and I am pleased to report that the church has been able to be open during daylight hours since the summer. Despite a very rainy run up – indeed until about 15 minutes before the opening - we were blessed with fine weather for the two hours of the Village fete, and the hard work and industry of all those involved was rewarded with another very successful event.

I continue to work with the Bishop of Derby as Assistant Chaplain – nominally for one day a week – and in this role I have continued to organise the worship for the Bishop's Staff meetings and oversee the worship in his chapel. I also act as the Bishop's representative in the process of placing curates in the diocese, attend a monthly Senior Staff meeting of the Development and Deployment Group, proof-read all the services the Bishop is invited to take, have an oversight of Clergy Wellbeing in the Diocese and various other duties.

Looking to the future, although the benefice will shortly enter in to a vacancy, the pattern of church life will continue in much the same way. And it is important at this time, for the congregation and community to continue to support the church and to come together to ensure the continued flourishing of the parish church. The ministry of the church depends on each member, each of us has gifts and skills to offer – have a look at 1 Corinthians 12 – and during a vacancy the importance of each ministry remains, and indeed may increase. My hope is that everyone will work together in each of the parishes, work together across the benefice, will support each other and affirm each other, and will remain committed to the growing of God's kingdom in this place.

As I reflect on the past three and a half years, I am grateful for the support I have received during my ministry here. It has been such a positive experience for me, and I hope that the same can be said for the parishes! Sarah and I will always look back with extreme fondness on our time in the benefice, and as my post of first responsibility, it will always be a special place to me.

Rev. David Railton

Hazelwood Sunday School

Hazelwood Sunday School has kept with the familiar routine of meeting on the first Sunday in the month over 2014.

We continue to share the involvement between Steph Varney, Wendy Sanby, Isobel Wagstaff, Lindsay Hardy and Jackie Bryan. We have also been assisted by Michael Fentem of MAST (Matlock Area Schools Trust) to which a donation of £30 was given by the church and £20 from Sunday school funds.

Monthly reminders are sent via email to invite all those who have expressed an interest in Sunday School and those who have attended over the last year. However, numbers seem to be dwindling and some of our older members have stopped coming to the meetings..

The meetings include a Bible reading along with a craft activity which the children enjoy, proudly exhibiting their work in church to the congregation. We assisted again in the making of about 80 Christingles for the Christingle service, and the children also contributed to the Harvest Festival in October.

At the Church Fete in July, some of our children helped out on various stalls.

Jackie Bryan on behalf of the Sunday School 5

Parish Magazine Report - 2015

The Parish Magazine has been issued monthly during the last year, edited by myself. To enable the magazine to be delivered by the beginning of the month it is essential that all items for the magazine are received by the 20th of the month to allow time for collating the copy ready to take to the printers. Our grateful thanks go to Ian and Judith Thomson of The Irongate Group (printers) who continue to arrange, through their company, the printing of the magazine at their expense. My thanks also go to Barry Pearn (the Print Account Manager of The Irongate Group) who expediently each month oversees the printing of the magazine. Thanks also go to all who distribute the magazine to subscribers.

Over the time I have edited the church magazine, it has grown to include many articles of interest for all who live in the parish. These articles, although not connected directly to Hazelwood Church report on matters of events and life within the Hazelwood parish. I feel this is a way, albeit small, of reaching out to the community in general.

The adverts in the magazine bring in extra revenue for the church, the present cost being £75 for a full page, £50 for a half page, £35 for a quarter page. "One line" adds are charged out at £12 for the year. The "advert year" starts in April and invoices will be sent out in February for the forthcoming year.

Mike Bowler has continued to organize the week by week sponsorship of the flood lighting and I have continued to organize the monthly front page sponsorship. Our grateful thanks goes out to all who have sponsored these during the last year.

Elaine Clarke

Children's society report 2014

Through the Children's Society boxes £652.70 was raised. The Christingle Service also supports the Children's Society through which £181.60 was raised.

Thank you to all who have taken Children's Society boxes for their generous donations and thanks also to those who support the Children's Society through the Christingle Collections.

This is my final year as Children's Society Co-Ordinator and I've enjoyed my role very much and thank you all for your valued support. There is a willing and capable volunteer waiting in the wings who will carry on the vital work.

Sarah Railton, Children's Society Co-Ordinator for Hazelwood.

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 with information about weddings, baptisms and funerals, and links to other websites, and will be an important first port of call during the vacancy.

During 2014 a total of 11,069 visits were made to the website (up from 9441 the year before) which indicates how important a website is for people to find out information about the church. Any suggestions for further information which could be provided by the website are always welcome.

The website can be found at: www.hazelwoodchurch.org.uk

Reverend David Railton, Website Editor

Hazelwood Walking Group

As in previous years, the group continues to meet on the first Wednesday of every month, weather permitting. We have been fortunate this past year to experience no adverse conditions. Assisted by Mary Shaw, Mike Beardsley and Keith Radcliffe, who took turns in organising walks, we have found different routes, both in terrain and interest. It is rewarding when members of the group have not covered any of the routes before, or find something new on a familiar route. Suitable eating places are found to relax and recharge our energy. In December the annual lunch was at the Bluebell in Farnah Green, where we had a most enjoyable meal, complemented by wine provided by Bryan Harris.

John Chadwick

Annual Health and Safety Report

(Jan 2015 for Annual Report 2014)

(Encompassing Children and Young Persons/Vulnerable Adults Report)

The table (appended) indicates any areas where ongoing monitoring or action is required from previous inspections. The only additional actions relate to safety for daily church opening. Locks have been fitted to the tower stairway and the loud speaker cupboard. Both safes in the vestry have been bolted to the floor and a CCTV has been installed.

Colin Kitchener

Children, Young Persons and Vulnerable Adult Protection Report

(Jan 2015 for Annual Report March 2014)

It has been a very quiet year with regard to any issues being raised which required action. Very little communication has been received from Church House/Diocesan Advisor although information on some specific training days was received. Unfortunately, the dates offered fell during our holiday. No information has been received on any changes in the Diocese CYP Policy with regard to the Government review of the guidelines.

I am in the process of requesting all appropriate people associated with Hazelwood and Shuttle churches who have contact with children in particular (and vulnerable adults) to resubmit their forms (Derby Diocesan Confidential Declaration Form now referred to as the Disclosure and Barring Service). The existing checks which were carried out are now out of date. This is a lengthy process which will be completed as soon as possible.

Sally Kitchener

Health and Safety (Children and Young Persons/Vulnerable Adults) Action Plan 2014

** Applies to both Hazelwood and Shuttle Churches

HAZARD (as identified in report)	ACTION REQUIRED	TARGET DATE	NAME OF PERSON	DATE COMPLETED	ONGOING ACTION/ REVIEW DATE
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**Fire evacuation notices	Update as required	3 months	JChad/ CKitch/ JHinnels	Jan 2014	Annual check March 2015
**First Aid Box	Restock according to legal requirements	3 months	CKitch/ SKitch/ JHinnels	Jan 2014	Annual check March 2015/ Ongoing restock when used
Gravestones	Regular Inspection	3 months	JChad/ CKitch	Jan 2014	Regular inspection when 'gardening'
Cellar/boiler room	Protective netting inspection	3 months	JChad/ CKitch	Jan 2014	Regular inspection when 'gardening'
Main entrance path	Treat with cleaner	As required	JChad/ CKitch + others on rota	Nov 2013	Regular maintenance when required
Advice to Sunday School	Advise Sunday School Teachers of relevant issues	ongoing	D Railton/ Church Wardens		Advise any new adults concerned with CYPs**
**Warning sign for Smart water system	Ensure notice supplied displayed in prominent position as required	ongoing	JChad/ CKitch/ JHinnels	Jan 2014	Annual check sign still viable March 2014
Electrical rewiring	Quinquennial Review	2017	CKitch/ DRailton	March - May 2012	CEK/DR to invoke quinquennial review
Disabled toilet alarm	Check annually	Annual check	CKitch/ DRailton	Jan 2014	March 2015
Graveyard Trees	Crown lift & pollard	Feb 2014	CKitch/ JChad	approx feb 2014	Feb 2015

No further H&S issues reported
List to be updated as issues arise

List updated Jan 2015 for AGM 2014 Report

Colin Kitchener