

in the power of the Spirit...

Christ Church, Mount Pellon Annual Parochial Church Meeting



Sunday 18th April 2010
12.15 pm in Church

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in the power of the Spirit,
awakens all people to the love of Jesus
and spreads the Gospel through words and actions.*



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1. Prayers

ANNUAL VESTRY MEETING

2. Apologies for absence
3. Minutes of last year's meeting
4. Election of Church Wardens
5. Election of Deputy Church Wardens

ANNUAL CHURCH MEETING

6. Apologies for absence
7. Minutes of last year's meeting
8. Matters arising

9. Report on the Revision of the Electoral Roll
10. Secretary's Report
11. Treasurer's Report
12. Churchwardens' Report
13. Fabric Report

14. Election of Deanery Synod Representatives
15. Election of PCC
16. Election of Sidespeople
17. Appointment of Auditor

18. Reports from organizations connected to Christ Church
(see the written reports in this booklet. These will not be read out, but questions may be asked about the reports)

19. Transforming Lives

20. Report from Vicar
21. Any other business



Christ Church Mount Pellon



Present: Kath Sharman, John Hellewell, Alister Watkins, Karen Hellewell, Norman McDonnell, Ann Cockerill, Michael Cockerill, Malcolm Houlbrook, Rosemary Power O'Mahoney, Audrey Mitchell, David Ramanauskas, Caroline Spencer, Christine Hoyle, Pamela Higgs, Lynn Lawson, Margaret Saunders, Jean Sparkes, Kathleen Griffiths, June Lockwood, Jane Webster, Kit Merrill, Anne Rollinson, Trevor Greenwood, Margaret Hulme, Sarah Hellewell, Barrie Kitchen.

CHRIST CHURCH MOUNT PELLON MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL VESTRY MEETING held on Sunday 5th April 2009, 12.30 pm in Church

1. The meeting opened with prayers
2. Apologies for absence had been received from Steve Daveney, Carol Watkins and Rosemary Wright.
3. The Minutes of the Annual Vestry Meeting held on 13th April 2008 having been previously circulated were proposed by June Lockwood and seconded by Norman McDonnell and signed as a correct record.
4. Election of Church Wardens – Steve Daveney and Jane Webster were both unanimously re-elected as Church Wardens. John expressed his thanks to Steve and Jane for their focused work over the past year.
5. Election of Deputy Church Wardens - Allister Watkins and Lynn Lumb were elected as Deputy Church Wardens

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL CHURCH MEETING held on Sunday 5th April 2008, 12.15 pm in Church

6. Apologies for absence – as for the Vestry meeting
7. The Minutes of the Annual Church Meeting held on 13th April 2008 having been previously circulated were proposed by Norman McDonnell and seconded by Pamela Higgs and signed as a correct record
8. Report on Revision of Electoral Roll - The number of people on the electoral roll stands at 151.
9. Secretary's Report – see report in booklet of reports. John Hellewell expressed thanks to Kath Sharman for her work as PCC Secretary.
10. Treasurer's Report - Commenting on the 2008 financial accounts and his report published in the booklet of reports Barrie Kitchen said that the accounts have remained static over the last 4-5 years, this year our costs for heating current stand at £500 per month, our day to day running costs are ok but £15,000 shortfall in payment on the 2008 quota makes an accumulated debt of £70,000. Covenant giving was down £2,000 on previous year (10%) which is our main core income. Income tax recovered is £9,300 as we had two payments this year this will not be the case in 2009. Main expenditure has been the repair to the leaking pipes and the projection system. CBF stands £6,373.51 (page 12) of which £1,000 designated for lighting and £1,100 for re-ordering which only leaves £4,200. Quinquennial report still to be received but we do not think there will be any major problems identified; until this is received we are unable to plan future budgeting.

Kathleen Lee has asked that donations in remembrance of Derek Lee to go to the Building Fund.

Barrie expressed his thanks to Caroline Spencer for auditing the accounts to the collection counters and the congregation for their continued support. Caroline Spencer has notified that she wishes to stand down as the Church Auditor.

John Hellewell thanked Barrie for his sterling work as Treasurer.

11. Church Wardens' Report - see report in booklet of reports

12. Fabric Report - see report in booklet of reports
13. Election of Deanery Synod Representatives: Sue Heptinstall, Karen Hellewell and June Lockwood were elected as Deanery Synod Representatives for a three year term of office and as such become ex-officio members of the PCC.
14. Election of Parochial Church Council – the following nominations had been received: Barrie Kitchen and Ann Rollinson - both nominations were accepted. It was confirmed that the following had volunteered to continue on the PCC: Michael Cockerill, Ann Cockerill, Kathleen Griffiths, Kit Merrill, Rosemary Power O'Mahoney, Kath Sharman. Steve Daveney and Jane Webster as Church Wardens and the three Deanery Synod Representatives; Karen Hellewell, Sue Heptinstall and June Lockwood, were elected as ex-officio members of the PCC. It was also reported that there would be a Youth Representative on the PCC.
15. Election of Sidespeople - Steve Daveney reported that a few people had come of the Sidespersons rota and more volunteers were required. Ann Cockerill and Kathleen Griffiths, June Lockwood volunteered to join the rota. John Hellewell expressed his thanks to those who had served as Sidespeople over the last 12 months. Karen Hellewell asked to be removed from the rota.
16. Appointment of Auditor – Caroline Spencer was thanked for her work in the role of Independent Examiner. Suggestions asked for who we could approach – John Hellewell suggested Anthony Foster as he audits the St Augustine's Accounts. John Hellewell to approach him.
17. Reports from Groups and Organisations had been handed out in booklet format prior to the meeting. John Hellewell thanked all groups for their reports and for their work over the last 12 months. Allister Watkins asked about a church Library, book sale – JH indicated that with the re-organisation at the back of church we will have locked cupboards and it would be something we are looking at.

Vicar's Report – see full report in booklet of reports. United benefice with St Augustine's came into effect on 1st April 2009 - we have at one level already integrated with St Augustine's (i.e. Services, but we still have some work to do – Joint PCC away-day planned on 20th September 2009 to see how best we can do this.

John thanked everyone for the way we have readily accepted the changes which have already taken place ie service times, LunchBox. First Sunday of the Month evening service will now be held at St Augustine's. The united benefice should also have an effect on our quota as it should reduce the amount we pay.

Lunch box – break for a couple of months to investigate how we progress in linking with St Augustine's.

Sabbatical – Tina Turner has agreed to be the main stand in for John although this will not be for every service.

18. Any other business:–

- a) *Congregation standing as the vicar comes out to start the service.* - Rosemary Power O'Mahoney asked why this did not happen.
- b) *Choir and Vicar Processing* – Jean Sparkes asked the question as to why this does not happen at the beginning of the service. John Hellewell stated that this is done at some services but not as a general rule and would consider increase the occasions this happened.
- c) *Time for reflection at the beginning of the service* – Jean Sparkes asked if this was possible. John Hellewell stated that this had been an ongoing problem and would look at different styles of starting the service.
- d) *Song/Hymn numbers being included in the service, which are not on the board* – sometimes this is due to insufficient hymns/songs being selected – usually at communion. Efforts will be made to notify people of additional hymn/song numbers and we do endeavor to put the words on the projection screen.
The congregation were asked to tell members of the PCC their views so we can discuss at PCC meetings. These comments will be discussed at the next PCC meeting and we will look at implementing a variety – both in choice of music and service starting styles.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 1.20 pm.

Christ Church Mount Pellon, Halifax

ANNUAL REPORT and FINANCIAL STATEMENT

of the P.C.C.

for the year ended 31st December 2009

Bank: Lloyds Bank plc, Commercial Street, Halifax

Independent Examiner: Paul Meredith, MAAT

ANNUAL REPORT for 2009

BACKGROUND

Christ Church P.C.C. has the responsibility for co-operating with the incumbent and any attached curates, in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. It also has the responsibilities for maintaining the church buildings and its surrounds.

MEMBERSHIP

Members of the P.C.C. are either ex-officio or elected by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting in accordance with Church Representation rules.

During the year the following served as members of the P.C.C.:

Incumbent: Rev John Hellewell

Churchwardens: Jane Webster
Steve Daveney

Deanery Synod: Karen Hellewell (till '11)
Sue Heptinstall (till '11)
June Lockwood (till '11)

Elected Members:

Ann Cockerill (till '10)	Norman McDonnell (till '11)
Michael Cockerill (till '10)	Kit Merrill (till '10)
Kathleen Griffiths (till '11)	Rosemary Power O'Mahony (till '10)
Paul Heptinstall (till '11)	Ann Rollinson (Vice-Chair) (till '12)
Barrie Kitchen (Treasurer) (till '12)	Kath Sharman (PCC Secretary) (till '10)

COMMITTEES

The P.C.C. operates with the assistance of a number of committees which meet occasionally.

Standing Committee

This is the only committee required by law. It has power to transact the business of the P.C.C. between its meetings, subject to any directives issued by the council.

Membership: Rev John Hellewell, Barrie Kitchen (treasurer), Jane Webster (Warden), Steve Daveney (Warden), Anne Rollinson (PCC Vice-Chair) and Kath Sharman (Secretary).

Finance Committee

Oversees the general financial functions of the work of Christ Church by monitoring income and expenditure, budgeting and co-ordinating the planned giving through Christian stewardship. Currently the Standing Committee form the Finance Committee.

Missions Group

To monitor the mission giving at Christ Church, including the collection and distribution of monies in accordance with their selective deliberations within the budgeted financial constraints.

Membership: Kath Sharman (Chair), Janet Abel, Trevor Greenwood, John Hellewell, Graeme Robinson

Independent Examiner's Report to the PCC of Christ Church Mount Pellon

This report on the financial statements of the PCC for the year ended 31st December 2009, which are set out on pages 10 to 13, is in respect of an examination carried out in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 ('the Regulations') and Section 43 of the Charities Act 1993 ('the Act').

Respective responsibilities of the PCC and the examiner

As members of the PCC you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements. You consider that the audit requirement of the Regulations and section 43 (2) of the Act do not apply. It is my responsibility to issue this report on those financial statements in accordance with the terms of the Regulations.

Basis of this report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 43(7)(b) of the Act and to be found in the *Church Guidance, 2006* edition, issued by the Finance Division of the Archbishops' Council. That examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the PCC and a comparison of the accounts with those records. It also includes considering any unusual items or disclosures in the financial statements and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- (1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 41 of the Act; and
 - to prepare financial statements, which accord with the accounting records and comply with the requirements of the Act and the Regulations have not been met;or
- (2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Paul Meredith, MAAT
147 Highroad Well Lane
Halifax

Date 9th March 2010

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31ST 2009

PCC RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

		2009		2008	
RECEIPTS					
	Carried forward from previous year		4,148.22		4,768.25
INCOMING RESOURCES FROM DONORS					
101	Covenants and Gift Aid	16,110.91		21,207.30	
102	Income Tax Recovered	(1) 4,966.86		9,324.57	
103	Uncovenanted Planned Giving	3,026.67	24,104.44	3,510.01	34,041.88
104	Collection at Services		5,044.26		4,475.87
105	Gift Day	665.12		1,797.00	
	Sundry Donations	-	665.12	55.00	1,852.00
OTHER VOLUNTARY INCOMING RESOURCES					
201	Grants	105.00		105.00	
202	Legacies	-		-	
203	Fund Raising	643.59	748.59	409.49	514.49
300	INCOME FROM INVESTMENTS				
301	Dividends and Interest	(2) 1,151.43			23.74
400	INCOME FROM ANCILLARY TRADING				
401	Ancillary Trading	546.19		-	
402	Church Property Hire	605.00		450.00	
403	Magazine	295.64		406.37	
404	PCC Fees	2,093.00	3,539.83	2,033.00	2,889.37
500	NON CHARITABLE TRADING				
			-		-
600	OTHER INCOME				
601	Insurances Claims/Other Income	(6) 1,399.83		197.51	
	Proceeds of Disposal of Investment Assets ⁽²⁾	2,069.98	3,469.81	-	197.51
	TOTAL		42,871.70		48,763.11
DESIGNATED/RESTRICTED INCOME					
100R	Zaouche Appeal	(3) 655.00		-	
	D Lee Donation in Memory to Fabric	625.50	1,280.50	-	-
	Anon Donation for Reordering		500.00		-
200R	CBF Deposit Account Transfer to Fabric	900.00		10,000.00	
	CBF Deposit Account Transfer to Reordering	1,100.00		-	
	Flood Damage Samuel Room from CBF	900.00		-	
	Total Transfer from CBF		2,900.00		10,000.00
	TOTAL		47,552.20		58,763.11

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PAYMENTS	2009	2008
1000 GRANTS		
1001 Missionary and Charitable Giving	1,817.50	4,011.80
2000 CHURCH ACTIVITIES		
2001 Diocesan Quota	19,000.00	24,000.00
2002 Clergy Expenses	1,022.55	1,549.73
2005 Church Running Expenses	(4) 11,387.65	8,555.82
2006 Church Maintenance	2,295.37	13,683.02
2007 Upkeep of Services	1,004.03	806.94
2008 Upkeep of Churchyard	393.66	729.66
2009 Trading	28.58	46.34
2012 Major Repairs	-	-
2013 Major Replacements & Capital Expenditure		
Reordering	(8) 1,944.92	-
Photocopier	1,363.28	-
Laptops for Projector	644.27	-
	3,952.47	3,359.33
2016 Salaries/Honoraria	-	-
2017 Support Costs - Sunday School etc	377.99	597.43
4000 CHURCH ADMINISTRATION		
4001 Printing and Stationery etc	1,362.79	2,002.69
TOTAL UNRESTRICTED PAYMENTS	42,642.59	49,614.89
RESTRICTED PAYMENTS		
Transfers to CBF	-	5,000.00
Mara Diocesan Visit	665.00	-
Fabric	1,650.00	2,315.00
Parish Weekend 2010 Deposit	150.00	-
Salem Zaouche Appeal	(3) 655.00	805.00
TOTAL PAYMENTS	45,762.59	54,614.89
SURPLUS (DEFICIT) RECEIPTS OVER PAYMENT CARRIED FORWARD	1,789.61	4,148.22
	47,552.20	58,763.11

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31ST 2009

SPECIAL PURPOSE DEPOSIT ACCOUNT – CBF (RESTRICTED - UPKEEP OF CHURCH)

	2009	2008
Carried forward from previous year	6,373.51	10,616.62
Receipts	2,315.00	5,000.00
Interest	109.92	756.89
Payments	- 2,900.00	-10,000.00
Balance ⁽⁵⁾	5,898.43	6,373.51

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AT 31ST DECEMBER 2009

	2009	2008
ASSETS		
Bank Current A/C	941.50	324.83
Bank Lloyds TSB PCC A/C B Special Purposes ⁽⁷⁾	1,734.91	3,823.39
CBF Special Purpose Deposit for Fabric ⁽⁵⁾	5,898.43	6,373.51
WDCOS Trust Funds ⁽²⁾	263.35	3,574.05
Debtor - Insurance Claim received 19 Jan 2010	521.35	-
TOTAL	9,359.54	14,095.78
LIABILITIES AND CREDIT BALANCES		
Unrestricted Receipts & Payments A/C Balance	1,789.61	4,148.22
		-
RESTRICTED FUNDS		
Salem Zaouche Appeal Fund ⁽⁷⁾	1,408.15	-
CBF Special Purpose Deposit for Fabric	5,898.43	6,373.51
Curates House (WDCOS) ⁽²⁾	-	2,273.40
Mount Pellon Repair (WDCOS) ⁽²⁾	69.66	131.29
Curate/Lay Reader (WDCOS) ⁽²⁾	193.69	260.76
Kathleen Fisher (WDCOS) ⁽²⁾	-	250.00
E & H Smith (WDCOS) ⁽²⁾	-	658.60
TOTAL	9,359.54	14,095.78

Approved by the PCC, 24th March 2010, and signed on their behalf by
Rev J Hellewell, PCC Chairman & J B Kitchen, Treasurer to the PCC

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS 2009

- (1) Income Tax recovered is from 6th April 2008 to 31st December 2008. Income Tax recovered from 2009 will be included in the 2010 accounts
- (2) Income from Investments
During 2009 the Wakefield Diocesan Church Organisation Society (WDCOS) finally completed redemption of most of the small Trust Funds and we received a final settlement as follows:

Kathleen Fisher Fund	£ 250.70
E and H Smith	£ 405.47
Curates House	<u>£1413.81</u>
	<u>£2069.98</u>
Accumulated Interest	<u>£1151.43</u>
Total	<u>£3221.41</u>

The Kathleen Fisher fund was specifically for Church Flowers and £250 was deposited in the Church Flower Account.

The Mount Pellon Repair 2.5% Treasury Stock 1912 and Curate/Lay Readers Trust 3.5% War Stock 1921 are held in Government Stocks and are pending, awaiting further legal considerations.

- (3) Donations passed through Current A/C into A/C B
- (4) Church running expenses includes £5863.00 for Gas, £688.67 for electricity, £3532.57 insurance, £1250.41 cleaning, £53.00 water.
- (5) CBF Special Deposit a/c includes the following designated funds:-
- | | |
|---------------------|------------------------|
| Lighting | £1000.00 |
| Fabric | £4243.43 |
| Mara Diocesan Visit | <u>£ 655.00</u> |
| | <u>£5898.43</u> |
- (6) Insurance Claims include burst radiator in Samuel Rooms and theft of laptop and cash.
- (7) Lloyds TSB PCC A/C Balance at 31/12/09 is £1734.91 of which £1408.15 is for the Salem Zauouche Appeal leaving the PCC balance at £326.76
- (8) Re-ordering includes removal of pulpit, moving font, removing pews, extending dais and re-carpeting
- (9) Unlisted liability to Wakefield Diocesan Board of Finance of £93,842 comprising £73,798 carried forward from previous years (2003 to 2008) plus deficit in 2009 of £19,044
- (10) The financial statement of the PCC has been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 using the Receipts and Payments basis
- (11) The following assets are recognised but not necessarily valued in the statement of assets and liabilities. Movable Church furnishings held by the Church Wardens on special trust for the PCC and which require a faculty for disposal.
- (12) The expenses paid to the clergy and the church officers may include a small immaterial proportion, which relates to their function as PCC members.



**REPORTS from
GROUPS and ORGANISATIONS
connected to**

**CHRIST CHURCH
MOUNT PELLON**

Presented in written format

at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting held
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VICAR'S REPORT

Thank you, thank you, thank you!

I could never say enough thank you's to the people of Christ Church and the parish of Mount Pellon. So many individuals need to be thanked, for they play their part in making Christ Church the place it is, in ensuring that things run smoothly (on the whole when I don't interfere!), and in keeping me on my toes!

Thank you, too, for the privilege of allowing me the luxury of having a sabbatical last year. It was a wonderful time of relaxation, reflection and listening to God.

A big thank you, too, must go to Rev. Tina Turner who did such a wonderful job covering many of the services and everything that goes with helping out in the parish at such a time.

And a big thank you to the people outside of the church as well. The most exiting things I see as a vicar are when people grow closer to God. For church members, this can be seen in so many ways – people who suddenly grasp the extent of God's love for them, who learn to pray out loud for the first time, who discover some role that fits them perfectly, who step out in faith by helping others, volunteering, and in so many other ways.

For those outside the church, it can be a conversation in the pub, the children at school, the staff at a governor's meeting, members of other churches, who find something of God's care for them in the ordinary and everyday things that we do as church – the caring phone call, going the 'extra mile' in helping with something, even just by being where people don't expect Christians to be!

A huge thank you must go to our Wardens, Steve and Jane who are both stepping down this year. They have both done such a fantastic job, often without many people seeing what they have done, and have tried their best to keep me on the straight and narrow (not always successfully!).

An even bigger thank you needs to go to Barrie Kitchen who has done an outstanding job as treasurer for Christ Church for so many years. His calm wisdom and sensible approach to finance has seen us through so much.

Inevitably, these and other changes in PCC members, etc. will mean changes at Christ Church – and that is right and proper. A church that stays the same is a church that will soon stagnate and die. What is important, however, is to make sure that any changes are in the direction that God wants us to go.

That means the pray life of us as a church and as individuals will become more and more important as the years go on. That's what sets us apart from any business – we seek not our own good, nor the good of our 'shareholders', but the will of God.

And it seems clear from the Gospels that his will is for all Christians to reach out in his name (Matthew 28.18-20), not only telling people about Jesus, but making disciples. That requires us to be disciples as well! So this coming year, pray about how you as an individual, and we as a church, may grow as disciples of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

John Hellewell

CHURCH WARDENS' REPORT

It's been a privilege and an honour (most of the time) to have served as church wardens at Christ Church. After 6 years for Steve, and 3 years for Jane we feel it is time to pass the baton onto someone else.

We can report that the Terrier (a log of church assets and belongings) is up to date. A photographic record has been made of the various rooms and their contents.

May, June and July 2009 saw our vicar on a 3 month sabbatical. We would like to thank everyone that supported us during that time to keep things ticking over.

Although we will no longer have an official role we will still be around. So as we go off on our sabbatical we wish our successors well and to thank everyone at Christ Church for the support and encouragement they have given us during our terms of office.

Steve Daveney and Jane Webster, Church Wardens

PCC SECRETARY'S REPORT

The PCC has met regularly over the past year - apart from a slight blip due to the bad weather earlier this year - and also on occasion the Standing Committee.

As a PCC we continue to work together to understand God's will for Christ Church and progress the various changes to bring this about. We continue to hold discussions on the development of the church building itself to have the right environment for us to worship God, and regularly discuss health and safety issues, our financial standing, security, the children's work including the Child Protection Policy, reviewing service patterns and re-ordering of the church building.

We continue to welcome suggestions/comments from you our church family, we listen to what you our church family feel and try to make the right decisions. If you wish to bring any matter to the attention of the PCC as a member of the congregation, then either write or email to John or myself or speak to any member of the PCC and we will bring the issue forward at the next meeting.

The PCC meetings take the form of lively debate both in general everyday running matters of the church and also where we as a church are growing. The PCC is open to any member of the church who is on the electoral role. Why not think about serving as a member. Nomination forms can be found on the desk at the back of church.

Once again, I would like to thank John and the PCC members for their continued support over the last twelve months. Especially when someone has had to stand in for me taking the minutes – your help and support have been most appreciated.

Kath Sharman

DEANERY SYNOD REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

The Deanery Synod is the next 'tier' of church government above the PCC. It consists of clergy and lay people from all the churches in our Deanery (largely Halifax), and it has the power to discuss issues raised in Parishes, and to send agenda items to Diocesan Synod.

Synod met three times in 2009, and has already met once this year, and along with reports from various churches in the deanery, and from Diocesan and General Synod, we had presentations and discussions about the council and church working together, children in the church and the international year of the child, and caring for the spiritual needs of the elderly.

Along with myself, our Deanery Synod reps are Karen Hellewell, Sue Heptinstall and June Lockwood. If you want any more details, or would like to know more of what's going on, have a word with them.

John Hellewell

AREA CO-ORDINATOR FOR ADMINISTRATION

This year we have had great changes in producing the church magazine – Graham Cole after many years service has changed jobs and now does freelance writing full time and because of this could no longer continue with the editing of the Church Magazine. Thank you Graham for all the effort and contribution you have put into editing the magazine over the years – it is much appreciated. John (the vicar) took up the slack in editing the magazine and while he has nothing else to do during the week photocopies them as well!!! – He is working on finding someone else to do the editing. Val Schofield continues to organise the distribution within church and June Lockwood looks after those copies which are posted out to people who do not attend church but have an interest in what we do.

From February this year we have changed to a bi-monthly magazine and also now incorporate items from and for St Augustine's Church. Because of this the decision was taken to remove the various rotas from the magazine and distribute these separately. These can now be found on the notice board at the back of church and each person who is mentioned on the rota will get a printed version to take home. The new name for the magazine is "The Hub" but we are open to other suggestions – let us know if you have any ideas.

My continued thanks to those who volunteer to do the readings and prayers for our services, and also those who bring the bread for Communion and serve coffee and juice after the services – too many to mention by name but you are most appreciated. We are always looking for more volunteers to undertake these varied roles – do you sit in church on Sundays and think 'I would like to do that' – just let me or any of the preaching team know – if you feel you need some training to do the job of reading or prayer leading we can help.

Kath Sharman

AREA CO-ORDINATOR FOR MISSION & EVANGELISM

Alpha

Last year we ran a START course with our neighbouring churches, held at Pellon Baptist Church. This was a great time together.

We are nearing the end of an Alpha Course at Christ Church, and we have had some really good discussions, and everyone who has taken part has grown in faith. We hope to run another in the Autumn, so why not consider joining yourself, or better still, bring someone else along with you?!

John Hellewell

Men's Breakfast Meetings

The Men's Breakfast meetings continue to be an excellent chance to get together for fellowship, study and fun, as well as an excellent breakfast!

We have watched several videos, followed by some lively discussions, and also had several guest speakers who have been very stimulating (they need to be at 8am in the morning!), telling us their faith stories, and leading us to consider how God is at work in our lives today.

We are currently meeting in The Fountainhead. Why not come and join us, and grow in your faith?

David Ramanauskas

AREA CO-ORDINATOR FOR PRAYER & WORSHIP

Prayer

The prayer board at the back of church continues to be used by some members of the congregation, but could be better used.

The focus for this year is partly on Prayer, with the encouragement to pray at home, and the production of leaflets to focus our thoughts day by day. We are also hoping to make our regular services more 'prayerful', which requires everyone's co-operation, in respecting the reverence of worship and not talking inappropriately during services, and especially during communion. When we come to worship, we should spend time before the service quietly focussing our thoughts on God. During the service our words should be directed to God, and we can talk to one another after the service has ended.

The launch of TEXTPRAYERS has been a great success, and shows how much people require prayer. If you are not part of the network, why not join today? Text "TEXTPRAYERS – YES PLEASE" to **07885-22-44-86** to join in!

John Hellewell

Worship

The worship team have grown from strength to strength. Over the last twelve months we have welcomed Diane Robinson into the team. The dedication of those who cover most of the services is greatly appreciated.

Many thanks to all in the worship team for being so faithful every Sunday in leading our congregation in Worship. As we move forward as a team we will endeavour to teach new songs from the wider church as well as leading some of the more traditional choruses.

Psalms 149 vs. 1 "Praise the LORD. Sing to the LORD a new song!"

Paul Heptinstall

AREA CO-ORDINATOR FOR PASTORAL CARE

Pastoral Care – A Gift from God

This year we welcome two new members to our pastoral team. New members means more pastoral visits.

We continue to meet bi-monthly; we have tea and cake, lots of chat, and everyone leaves with new referrals.

There are always people who need pastoral care, without a team of willing workers we would not be able to achieve this.

Once again I appeal to members of our congregation to inform me of situations I may not be aware of. Do please continue to assist me in this way.

Its birthday time for two of the team celebrating their 80th birthdays, their dedication to pastoral care is to be admired.

My grateful thanks to my wonderful, kind, caring and committed team, I am in their debt.

Thank you for such a willing team.

Rosemary Power-O'Mahony

AREA CO-ORDINATOR FOR PLANT and FABRIC REPORT

To be given at the meeting

Barrie Kitchen

AREA CO-ORDINATOR FOR VISION & STRATEGY

After a slow start, the vision and strategy group began to meet again.

We had a visit from Rev. John Lawson as we looked forward to Sue Heptinstall's ordination later this year, and to think through some of the issues that this will raise.

We also began reviewing the three year plan, and decided that this coming year will focus on "Reverence" and "Prayer".

Reverence

This year as a Church we will:

- Come to worship expecting to meet God
- Respect God & one another in our worship
- Be still and know God
- Enjoy quiet before and during services
- Develop our spirituality

Prayer

This year as a Church we will:

- Enjoy God's presence
- Start the year with prayer
- Pray daily at home
- Pray regularly in church
- Discover the power in praying with others

In future years, reviewing how the focus has gone and looking forward to the coming year will form the focus of the APCM meeting, under the title of "Transforming Lives", a diocesan initiative.

John Hellewell

AREA CO-ORDINATOR FOR YOUTH & CHILDREN'S WORK

This year saw a change in the way we organise the young people's work. Rather than one central co-ordinator, the different ages have taken responsibility for their own ages.

Starfish and Dolphins Report

Starfish and Dolphins have continued as a joint group on a Sunday morning, and now plan to meet every Sunday (except Parade) whether or not schools are running. This should give continuity to provision, and families can attend, confident that there will be appropriate provision for their children.

Jane Webster has done an excellent job co-ordinating this age group.

Sharks Report

May 2009 saw a major change to the way Christ Church provides for our young people age 10+ with the introduction of a bi-weekly, 2 hour Wednesday evening meeting to replace the traditional Sunday morning sessions that were failing to attract the youth of today.

To launch the new venture and encourage attendance a regular Shark News letter is produced and the first term was free with refreshments available via a tuck shop. The first few meetings resulted in an average attendance of 6-7.

The main emphasis of the meetings is to provide a safe Christian environment for the members to enjoy fun, friendship and games along with at least half an hour of Christian teaching in a form relevant to our young people. As well as the Church based meetings several events have already taken place outside of church such as visits to Laser Quest and a narrow boat weekend in Hebden Bridge.

At the start of the autumn term subs of £1 per meeting were introduced (including refreshments) to enable Sharks to become more self sufficient. The profits are now used to subsidise trips, this helps keep prices in reach of most parents, especially where more than one child per family are members.

Christmas saw the Sharks first involvement in services featuring drama, singing and dancing with flags which was well appreciated by the congregation. The next contribution, God willing, will take place at the Easter Sunday Service.

This term Sharks continues to go from strength to strength and currently there are about 16 members and average attendance is 11 and rising.

For many of the members Sharks is the only connection they have with a Christian environment and Christian teachings. It is very rewarding to witness their continued interest and involvement with the teachings of the Gospel.

The Sharks are also beginning to get involved in the community, they now assist in distributing small gifts to the ill or elderly members of the locality in which they live and identifying who may benefit from these gifts. Hopefully this lets the recipients know that they are not forgotten and that the majority of young people are not always portrayed fairly by the media.

All in all, the move to leisurely Wednesday evenings rather than a rather rushed 20 minutes on a Sunday morning seems to be working really well. The young people who do still attend church on Sunday morning, as well as Shark meetings, often assist the Starfish and Dolphins which is good for both the Starfish & Dolphin leaders and the members of Sharks.

If anyone is interested in assisting with Sharks either during Shark meetings or financially please feel free to come along to any meeting. Of course all who volunteer to help out on a regular basis must complete a criminal records check.

Special thanks to, Lynn Lumb, Michael Cockerill, Sharon Tyler and all who give their time, energy and commitment to the successful development of Sharks.

Norman McDonnell (Youth Leader)

BAPTISM TEAM

Baptisms are held on the fourth Sunday of the month at 12.45. The service takes place after the morning Parade Service as the candidates usually have a large number of supporters.

During the preparation and the actual service great emphasis is placed on the Church family and because of this the parents and children are invited to the next Parade Service to be formally admitted to the Church family. They also receive their Baptism candle and certificate at this event.

There is a meeting some time before the Baptism Service for parents and Godparents where the meaning of baptism is explained and the opportunity given for questions.

In 2009 we baptised 34 people in total, 26 children and 8 aged 13+.

Ann Cockerill

CELEBRATION EVENTS

The Celebration Band lead evening worship at Christ Church every second Sunday of the month and attract 60 plus people from Christ Church and people from other churches, who enjoy a contemporary style of worship. This service is predominantly modern worship with some older hymns interspersed, which may or may not have a slightly different remix. After the service there is a 'bring and share' meal at the back of church, where we share fellowship with one another. During the service there is space to receive healing prayer and many people take this opportunity. Another dynamic aspect of the worship has been the introduction of 'signed' services. Lynn Lawson has recently committed to signing at the Celebration services and this has not only added a further expression of praise and worship but has also opened the doors to the deaf community.

The band also plays at other churches throughout Yorkshire and has a very full diary of events over the next 12 months.

One of the highlights of this year was hosting the annual Celebration Halifax Event. This year the Celebration Band were the supporting team behind Noel Richards and Dave Bilbrough, two of the countries top worship leaders. It was wonderful to see the church filled with people where around 250 people attended from many churches. It was a wonderful evening of praise and worship to our Lord.

Paul and Sue Heptinstall

CHATTERBOX REPORT

2009 was a mixed year for Chatterbox. Before Summer we average 8 children per meeting and the ages range from a few weeks old to 4 years old. After summer, when several children went to school, numbers were very low, so much so that after Christmas we decided to take a break for a term before re-launching again after Easter.

As in the past we will meet on Monday afternoons from 1.00pm to 3.00pm but are happy for parents and carers to come and leave as they wish to accommodate school finishing times. Chatterbox gives mums, dads, grandmas and carers the opportunity to meet with others and enjoy a chat and take part in the craft activities.

I make the tea and coffee, prepare juice for the children and John plays with the children! John is excellent with the children and they all respond to him with enthusiasm as he makes the afternoon fun for them.

Please feel free to pop in for a drink at any session and see what a wonderful time the children (and John) have.

Ann Cockerill

FOOTBALL

Football has continued to be a success, with a large group playing—some occasionally, some more regularly. Before summer we played on Mondays at Wellesley Park. Over the summer months we played on the Moor.

When the nights began to draw in we moved to North Bridge Leisure Centre on Friday evenings, 6 – 7pm. We play indoors, so numbers are strictly limited, but if you are interested in playing, let us know and we'll make sure you get the chance. We occasionally even go for a drink afterwards...!

John Hellewell

HOME COMMUNIONS

Home Communion takes place on the first Tuesday of each month. At present I am taking communion to nine members of our church family, and at times extended to twelve members, who do not find it possible to attend church.

They are so grateful and appreciate my visit and say how much better they feel having received communion.

Even though they do not always attend church, they are still loyal to Christ Church and always have their weekly collection/donation ready to include in our giving to church.

From my point of view it is a privilege to serve the Lord in this way and to take the body and blood of Christ to those who are unable to come to the Lord's Table.

Rosemary Power-O'Mahony

HOME GROUPS

Home groups continue to be important and very much enjoyed by those who attend. Our aim in the coming year is to increase the number of people attending home groups. Having an opportunity to meet regularly together in a smaller group to look at the bible together and to ask questions is important if we are to grow and develop. My sincere thanks to all those running the groups who give of their time so willingly. Thank you too to John for providing us with such great material to reflect upon.

Karen Hellewell

LADIES FRIDAY GROUP

The Ladies Friday Group held the Annual General meeting in April 09 at Diane Gill's and the following years meetings were planned. The group has met 5 times in the last twelve months. We decided not to hold a meeting in the first two months of the year because over the last few years numbers have been low, due to adverse weather. As we had snow for much of this last winter this turned out to be a good move.

In June last year we met at Jane Webster's where 9 ladies had a lovely evening chatting over a glass of wine and nibbles.

We had our annual bring and share family barbecue, in August, at Rosemary and David's and the weather was really kind to us. 26 adults and children enjoyed eating out in the sunshine.

In October 6 ladies met at Kath Sharman's and once again enjoyed chatting over a glass of wine. At the beginning of December we went to Ann Cockerill's where 15 ladies met and we had a bring and share Christmas meal.

Our next meeting is our Annual General meeting at Ann Gardner's, 16 Arden Road and will be on Friday 7th May at 7.30 p.m. We will plan our next twelve months events. Any ladies are welcome to join us.

I would like to thank all those who have contributed in any way to the success of our meetings and look forward to seeing everyone at the Annual meeting in May. The Ladies Friday Group is open to all ladies. Details of the next twelve months venues will be found on cards at the back of church, after the annual meeting. If you would like to join us please just turn up or come along with one of our regular members.

Ann Gardner

LUNCHBOX

Lunch Box has continued to take place on occasional Mondays during the year. We meet to share fellowship and food - Santa looked in just before Christmas!

Again we have shared with St. Augustine's, and numbers have been good, although it is a struggle to do all the work necessary. If anyone else felt they were able to help on the day it would make a world of difference! My grateful thanks go to all those who help and give lifts.

Pam Higgs

MISSION GROUP

We continue to concentrate on our three main charities, Christian Aid, The Children's Society and The Mara, but also consider other appeals received and allocate some of the funds to other needy charities..

We are also continuing to sponsor a child through the BibleLands Society and our current child is Raffi Parikian. We also continue to support other charities through retiring collections throughout the year – Leprosy Mission, UNICEF (Jars of Grace), Christian Aid, The Children's Society and also our link with The Mara through the collection jar at the back of church.

We thank you all for your generosity and compassion in times of need and for being part of our missions giving from Christ Church.

The current Missions Group members are myself as Chairman, John Hellewell, Trevor Greenwood, and Janet Abel. I would like to thank them for their support and contribution to the work of the Missions Group.

Would you like to volunteer to join the Missions Group – we meet once a term to consider the appeals received and also take part in the Christian Aid Sunday Service. We are especially looking for someone to take up the role as Link Parish Co-ordinator for our link parish in the Mara. If you are interested please speak to either myself or John.

Kath Sharman, Chair of Missions Group

WEDDING AND FUNERAL VERGER'S REPORT

There were 6 weddings in 2009, all lovely and my Deputy, Kath Griffiths, and I tried to make it a memorable time for the bride and groom and made sure their guests were welcomed into our church. The first one was in February and the last one in December. We are grateful to the organists, Margaret Seed and Joan Woodall and thanks to John and Rev. Tina Turner who performed the ceremonies.

We had six funerals held in Christ Church during 2009. We were happy to work with the Funeral Directors and thank them for their assistance. Once again, thanks to John who took four services, Rev. Stephen Bradberry and Rev. Tina Turner who took one each. Once again, Margaret and Joan played the organ and put on requested CDs and our thanks go to them.

June Lockwood

RAINBOWS

Our Rainbow Programme continues to be well received by the Rainbows. The programme is based around the four words – Look, Learn, Laugh and Love, which form the basis for our opening song.

Look at the world around
Learn everything you can
Laugh as you go along
Love this world of ours

Look, Learn, Laugh, Love
Rainbows has begun
We're all here now
Come and join the fun.

We currently have 19 Rainbows, two warranted Guiders (Jane Webster and Liz Coulson), one leader in training (Sarah Gamble) and one Young Leader (Ellen Coulson). We are very fortunate that we have several Rainbow parents who are also willing to help us out when needed.

We've had a very busy and fun time over the last 12 months. Weekly Unit meetings have included a mix of games, singing, art and craft activities and our favourite activity food. The main highlights have been:

Our participation in Girlguiding's challenge to help Change the World. We chose to Help the Hospices and undertook various age appropriate activities to try and help us understand how important it is to help people especially those who are poorly or who have family or friends who are poorly. We learnt that helping others is fun and very rewarding. We met Laura from Overgate Hospice, we painted plant pots and planted sunflower seeds for Mothers' day, we decorated biscuits with happy and sad faces, we made memory pots, we led the sermon slot at the June church parade with a power point presentation of photos of activities we had taken part in and ways that everyone can Help the Hospices. We practised for our Journey Round the World concert which we performed for family and friends and raised the fantastic sum of £125 for Overgate Hospice. Thank you to all those who supported us in this.

In September we started our celebrations of 100 years of Guiding and attended the local launch party at North Bridge Leisure Centre with Rainbows from all over Calderdale. The bouncy castle, parachute games and face painting were very popular.

In November we went on the West Yorkshire West County Santa express trip on the Keighley and Worth Valley railway. We had an exciting ride on the steam train during which Santa and his helpers visited the Rainbows with a present for each of them. Throughout the day there were a total of 735 Rainbows, Brownies and leaders on the trains and as a member of the working group who had helped co-ordinate the event I was privileged to meet our Chief Guide, Liz Burnley.

With our connection to Christ Church Pellon we have Collected money for the UNICEF Jars of Grace Appeal

Brought piles of unwanted toys, games, books and videos to the church Toy Service in November.

Led the prayers at two of the parade services.

In addition to our weekly unit meetings 2010 has lots more celebrations and fun events for us to take part in including activities to gain our Adventure 100 badges. So far we have had a visit from a policeman who handcuffed Mrs Lily, had a Scottish evening, a race night, a jumping up high night which involved space hoppers, skipping ropes and tiddlywinks, and a very interesting talk by Sheelagh Hirst from St Augustine's about her visits to Mara.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Liz Coulson (Mrs Snowdrop), Ellen (Miss Daisy) and Sarah Gamble (Mrs Lily) for their support and encouragement in making Rainbows a fun place to be.

Miss Rainbow, Jane Webster (Rainbow Guider).

1ST PELLON CHRISTCHURCH BROWNIES YEAR

A District Thinking Day event was held at Highroadwell Church on 21st February 2009 and the girls got to experience crafts and activities plus sample food from around the world.

Brownies took part in the St George's Day Parade on 26th April 2009.

Brownies led the Parade service in church on 24th May 2009 the theme Changing the World - supporting the World Wildlife Fund.

A Space Adventure was held at Eureka on 14th June 2009, where Brownies sat inside an Planetarium and learnt about the stars and constellations, they also took part in a space drama and learnt the order of the planets. Brownies were presented with certificates and gained the Stargazer badge.

Took the Brownies Ten Pen Bowling for the last meeting before summer.

Girlguiding West Yorkshire West held a launch party for 100th Birthday celebrations at the North Bridge Leisure centre on 5th September 2009 and the Brownies who attended had a judo session, went on bouncy castles, completed an assault course, had an aerobics session. We had a great time and lots of fun.

A special event for the centenary was Brownies Take to the Tracks, so a number of Brownies in the unit plus the Leaders went to Keighley Station on 29th November 2009 and went on the Worth Valley Railway Santa Special, this was a really magical trip.

Brownies attended the YMCA pantomime Robinson Crusoe on 29th January 2010.

Brownies have worked towards a variety of badges within the last twelve months including centenary badges.

We have flown 7 girls up to Guides and 10 new recruits to the unit.

Thank you to Snowy Owl (Tricia Sutcliffe) and Joanne Hellowell (Trainee Assistant Brownie Guider) who give up valuable time to help run the unit and thanks to Roberta Sutcliffe and Erika Sutcliffe who help organise games, without there support the unit would not function.

Brown Owl, Tracy Jagger

1ST PELLON (CHRIST CHURCH) GUIDES

As is usual we have been busy with different craft activities; making cards for Mothers Day, Fathers Day, Easter and Christmas, and in September we again decorated a window in Church for Harvest.

In May we held a sleepover in The Barn, during the summer holidays held a weekend holiday at Bradley Wood and had a fireworks and soup party for Bonfire Night.

Most of our other activities seem to be relating to Girlguiding UKs Centenary Celebrations. In June a group of our Guides and guests joined the rest of the County at our County's Launch Party for Girlguiding UKs Centenary Celebrations – we took over North Bridge and had a fantastic time with so many different activities to take part in.

As part of our Unit's own Centenary Celebrations we organised a trip to Eurodisney and during October half term we set off with some guides from Holy Trinity and a few friends and had an exciting and tiring few days visiting the Eurodisney Theme Park and a tour of Paris. The Eiffel Tower at night is spectacular especially when you get there on the hour and the whole tower is light up with millions of tiny flashing lights. The trip to the top of the Tower during daylight was just as good looking out over the sights of Paris.

One of the many projects Girlguiding UK has implemented as part of the Centenary Celebrations is 'Changing the World'. 19 different charities joined with the Guide Association and Christ Church Guides chose 'Railway Children'. We started our project off at Easter giving the girls a small tub of Cadbury Mini Eggs. They ate the eggs then brought the tubs back filled with small change, we exchanged that for a tube of Smarties and so it went on. We also did many activities over the weeks where the girls learnt a lot about the project and why the children had left home. At our Parade service in April we did a presentation to the congregation about the work of Railway Children and we inspired a member of the congregation to add to our fundraising by donating sponsor money from a fun run. We sent off a cheque for £163.16. But the story doesn't end here – we plan to re-visit the fund-raising and send more money off to the charity later in 2010.

Our next Centenary celebration is a weekend at Whinmarleigh Hall PGL Activity Centre in February 2010 – more about this next year

Ann Cockerill, Guide Guider