

# **The Ecclesiastical Parish of All Saints, Cleadon**



**Annual Report 2010  
and  
Agenda for the  
Annual Vestry Meeting  
&  
Annual Parochial Church Meeting  
4.00pm Sunday 6 March 2011**



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## Evening Prayer

O God, make speed to save us.

**O Lord, make haste to help us.**

Lead your people to freedom, O God.

**And banish all darkness from our hearts and minds.**

Jesus says, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.' So let us turn away from our sin and turn to Christ, confessing our sins in penitence and faith.

**Most merciful God,  
Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
we confess that we have sinned  
in thought, word and deed.  
We have not loved you with our whole  
heart.**

**We have not loved our neighbours as  
ourselves.**

**In your mercy  
forgive what we have been,  
help us to amend what we are,  
and direct what we shall be;  
that we may do justly,  
love mercy,  
and walk humbly with you, our God.  
Amen.**

May the God of love and power  
forgive you and free you from your sins,  
heal and strengthen you by his Spirit,  
and raise you to new life in Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

Blessed are you, sovereign God,  
our light and our salvation;  
to you be glory and praise for ever.  
You led your people to freedom  
by a pillar of cloud by day and a pillar of fire  
by night.

May we who walk in the light of your presence  
acclaim your Christ, rising victorious,  
as he banishes all darkness from our hearts  
and minds.

Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit:  
**Blessed be God for ever.**

**Hymn** *Tune: Hyfrydol*  
**God who sets us on a journey  
to discover, dream and grow,  
lead us as you led your people  
in the desert long ago;**

**journey inward, journey outward,  
stir the spirit, stretch the mind,  
love for God and self and neighbour  
marks the way that Christ defined.**

**Exploration brings new insights,  
changes, choices we must face;  
give us wisdom in deciding,  
mindful always of your grace;  
should we stumble, lose our bearings,  
find it hard to know what's right,  
we regain our true direction  
focused on the Jesus light.**

**End our longings for the old days,  
grant the vision that we lack –  
once we've started on this journey  
there can be no turning back;  
let us travel light, discarding  
excess baggage from our past,  
cherish only what's essential,  
choosing treasure that will last.**

**When we set up camp and settle  
to avoid love's risk and pain,  
you disturb complacent comfort,  
pull the tent pegs up again;  
keep us travelling in the knowledge  
you are always at our side;  
give us courage for the journey,  
Christ our goal and Christ our guide.**

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The day is almost over, and the evening has  
come; let us pray with one heart and mind.

*Silence is kept.*

As our evening prayer rises before you, O God,  
so may your Spirit come down upon us  
to set us free to sing your praise  
for ever and ever.

**Amen.**

## Agenda for the 2011 Vestry Meeting Sunday 6 March.

1. Minutes of the Vestry Meeting 2010
2. Churchwardens Report including the Annual Report on the Terrier and Inventory
3. Election of Churchwardens

## Evening Prayer (cont.)

*The Magnificat (The Song of Mary) is said*

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,  
my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour; \*  
he has looked with favour on his lowly servant.

From this day all generations will call me  
blessed; \*  
the Almighty has done great things for me and  
holy is his name.

He has mercy on those who fear him, \*  
from generation to generation.

He has shown strength with his arm \*  
and has scattered the proud in their conceit,

Casting down the mighty from their thrones \*  
and lifting up the lowly.

He has filled the hungry with good things \*  
and sent the rich away empty.

He has come to the aid of his servant Israel, \*  
to remember his promise of mercy,

The promise made to our ancestors, \*  
to Abraham and his children for ever.

*Luke 1.46-55*

Glory to the Father and to the Son  
and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning is now  
and shall be for ever. Amen.

**Lord, for the years  
your love has kept and guided,  
Urged and inspired us,  
cheered us on our way,  
Sought us and saved us,  
pardoned and provided:  
Lord of the years,  
we bring our thanks today.**

**Lord, for that word,  
the word of life which fires us,  
Speaks to our hearts and  
sets our souls ablaze,  
Teaches and trains,  
rebukes us and inspires us:  
Lord of the word,  
receive Your people's praise.**

**Lord, for our land  
in this our generation,  
Spirits oppressed by  
pleasure, wealth and care:  
For young and old,  
for commonwealth and nation,  
Lord of our land,  
be pleased to hear our prayer.**

**Lord, for our world  
where men disown and doubt You,  
Loveless in strength, and  
comfortless in pain,  
Hungry and helpless,  
lost indeed without You:  
Lord of the world,  
we pray that Christ may reign.**

**Lord for ourselves;  
in living power remake us –  
Self on the cross and  
Christ upon the throne,  
Past put behind us,  
for the future take us:  
Lord of our lives,  
to live for Christ alone.**

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Gathering our prayers and praises into one, as  
our Saviour has taught us, so we pray

**Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Lead us not into temptation  
but deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours  
now and for ever.  
Amen.**

# **Agenda for the Annual Parochial Church Meeting 2011**

1. Apologies for Absence
2. Minutes of the APCM 2010
3. Reports of the PCC
  - 3.1. Electoral Roll
  - 3.2. Proceedings of the PCC
  - 3.3. PCC membership
  - 3.4. Treasurer's Report and Accounts
  - 3.5. Deanery Synod Report
4. Group Reports
5. Elections
  - 5.1. Elections to the PCC
  - 5.2. Appointment of Sidespeople
6. Appointment of the Independent Examiner
7. Vicar's Report

## **Evening Prayer (cont.)**

**Forth in thy name, O Lord, I go,  
my daily labour to pursue;  
thee, only thee, resolved to know  
in all I think or speak or do.**

**The task thy wisdom hath assigned,  
O let me cheerfully fulfil;  
in all my works thy presence find,  
and prove thy good and perfect will.**

**Thee may I set at my right hand,  
whose eyes mine inmost substance see,  
and labour on at thy command,  
and offer all my works to thee.**

**Give me to bear thy easy yoke,  
and every moment watch and pray,  
and still to things eternal look,  
and hasten to thy glorious day.**

**For thee delightfully employ  
whate'er thy bounteous grace hath  
given;  
and run my course with even joy,  
and closely walk with thee to heav'n.**

*Charles Wesley (1707-1788) alt.*

## **The Peace**

May the peace of God,  
which passes all understanding,  
keep our hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.  
**Amen.**

The peace of the Lord be always with you  
**and also with you.**

Let us offer one another a sign of peace,  
God's seal on our prayers.

## **Agenda for the first Parochial Church Council Meeting 2011/2012**

In the Upper Room of the Church Hall

1. Elections
  - 1.1. Lay Vice-Chair
  - 1.2. Treasurer
  - 1.3. Secretary
2. Any Other relevant Business

# Minutes of Vestry Meeting 2010

The Vestry meeting was held in the Church Hall on Sunday 25 April 2010, beginning at 4.00 pm and attended by 30 people.

The Chairman, the Rev'd Vernon Cuthbert, introduced the meeting by way of welcome.

**1. The minutes of the vestry meeting for 2009**

were approved without dissent.

**2. The Churchwardens' report,** on page 11 of the Annual Report 2009 was accepted. The Chairman thanked Mrs. Jean Higgin and Mr. Derek Bage for their services as wardens for 2009/10.

**3. Election of Churchwardens.**

There was only one nomination for Churchwarden that being Mrs. Higgin. Mr. Bage expressed a desire not to stand for re-election. The Chairman then asked if anyone would be prepared to stand as second Churchwarden. As no one volunteered, Mr. Keith Higgin indicated his willingness to stand to assist his wife.

**Mrs. Jean and Mr. Keith Higgin were duly appointed for one year as Churchwardens.**

## Churchwardens' Report

The list of Churchwardens' Duties and Responsibilities includes 'Seek to delegate many of the routine parochial tasks, not only to members of the PCC but to other willing hands'. We are indebted to many in our Church family who faithfully and reliably helped us to meet our obligations throughout the year.

We would like to express thanks to John Byers for standing in on Sunday mornings when we were unavailable and to those who undertook maintenance and developmental roles associated with our Church. Many of these tasks are taken for granted and unseen but are, nevertheless, essential. It has been particularly delightful to see evidence of the fruits of their labours. The 'mini makeover' of

the Old School Room is one example where a valuable amenity has been improved and utilised for Church functions and the wider Community; another is the magnificent improvement of the Church grounds, which resulted in a Gold Medal award from "Cleadow in Bloom". This is most pleasing and a great encouragement for our enthusiastic gardening team.

We, ourselves, have attended regular meetings with Vernon to support, advise and encourage him with his Ministry.

On behalf of church members, we presented a glass etching of the Church to Allan Bailey on his retirement as Verger to thank him for his invaluable years of service. We are most grateful to Terry Gregory for agreeing to take on this most important role. We also presented a painting of the Church to Bob Lawson on his retirement as Reader, in recognition of his dedication, years of faithful service and involvement in the life of All Saints.

The Terrier and Inventory have been checked and found to be in good order.

Thank you for your support. May God's blessing be upon you all.

**Jean Higgin and Derek Bage**

This concluded the Vestry Meeting for 2010.

## Minutes of APCM 2010

### 1. Apologies for Absence

Graham Abrahamson, Allan and May Bailey, Margaret and Gordon Bell, Dorothy Byers, Joan Day, Jenny Grant, Fiona Milburn, Susan Redpath, Eleanor Sheldon.

### 2. Minutes of the APCM for 2009

The minutes were approved and signed as a true record of the above meeting.

### 3. Reports of the PCC

#### 3.1. Electoral Roll

No comments

#### 3.2. Proceedings of the PCC

No comments.

#### 3.3. PCC Membership

No comments

#### 3.4. Treasurers Report Annual Report and Accounts

The PCC has a policy that allows for the full cost of items under £1,000 to be fully accounted for as an expense in the year of purchase. Items above £1,000 are depreciated, that is, the cost is recognised as an expense over several years and the cost of the items is held in the balance sheet with the depreciation charged. The accounts have been prepared on the basis of the trigger value for items to be held on the Balance sheet and depreciated rises to £2,500.

The Chairman asked if the meeting was prepared to accept this as a change in accounting policy. **The vote recorded is as follows: 23 in favour, 5 abstentions. The motion was carried without dissent.**

The treasurer acknowledged the help of Mr. Keith Higgin in the preparation of the accounts.

#### 3.5. Deanery Synod.

No comments

## 4. Organisation Reports for the year 2009

The following written reports were received. Comments made in addition are listed below.

### Children and Young People.

Safeguarding Children  
Toddler Group  
Young Saints  
Youth Alpha  
Cleadon Village C of E Primary School  
1<sup>st</sup> Cleadon Rainbows  
1<sup>st</sup> Cleadon Brownies  
1<sup>st</sup> Cleadon Guides  
30<sup>th</sup> South Shields Cleadon Beavers  
30<sup>th</sup> South Shields Cleadon Cubs  
30<sup>th</sup> South Shields Cleadon Scouts

### Fellowship Groups

Emmaus  
Gospel Group  
Married Couples Group  
Men's Fellowship  
Mothers' Union

### Mission

The Children's Society  
Christian Aid  
Church Mission Society  
Link Mission Partners

### Outreach

Coffee Drop-in  
Day Club  
Pastoral Care Group  
Soup and Roll Lunches

### Worship

Choir  
Coffee  
Home Communion  
Intercessions and Ministry of Healing

### Administration

Bookstall  
Communications Group  
Finance and Property Group  
Friends of All Saints'  
Gift Aid  
Health and Safety Group  
Mrs. Jean Higgin reported that Nigel Thomas had resigned as Chairman of the Group.  
Parish Hall Administration



Site Development Group

Traidcraft Stall

Mrs Val Wallbank said she was surprised to see Bookstall and Traidcraft stall come under administration. She had always considered the two to be part of Mission or to be included in Outreach. The Chairman took on board what she was saying and would bear this in mind for future years.

Transport

The Chairman thanked everyone who participates in these groups thereby serving the church and the community of which we are a part.

## 5. Elections

### 5.1.PCC

There were four vacancies due to the retirement of Mr Anthony Adamson, Mr. Walter Carr, Mr. Chris Duke and Mrs. June Roberts.

The Chairman asked if we had nominations to fill these vacancies. The Secretary reported that he had two nominations.

Mrs Linda Ross

Proposed by Mrs Ann Richardson

Seconded by Mrs. Val Wallbank

Mr. Walter Carr

Proposed by Mr. Derek Bage

Seconded by Mr. Graham Abrahamson

These two candidates were elected, Linda Ross for 3 years and Walter Carr for 2 years.

**The Chairman proposed that the PCC elect the two casual vacancies, seconded by Mr. Malcolm Fortune. The motion was carried unanimously.**

### 5.2.Election of Sidespeople.

In accordance with previous practice it was agreed that these people would be appointed by the churchwardens.

## 6. Appointment of Independent Examiner.

Mr. Gordon Coxon reported that he had approached Caroline Mulley, who has confirmed her willingness to continue in the role of Independent Examiner for the coming year. The Chairman asked if it was the wish of those present that Caroline Mulley be reappointed as Independent

Examiner. The proposal was carried without dissent.

## 7. Vicars Report

Highlights of the year 2009 included the presence of Bishop Mark who had joined us in worship. In Lent we completed the "Spot the Difference" Lent course. At the end of Lent was the Maundy Thursday foot washing.

In the Autumn we held our first Experience Harvest welcoming Key Stage 2 children from Cleadon Village School to consider a variety of fruits. The response we received was tremendous.

There was also the excitement of Youth Alpha Course in the Autumn Term and towards the end of the year we saw the development of the Coffee Drop-in. The Churchwardens, Mrs. Jean Higgin and Mr. Derek Bage, were thanked as was Mr. Bill Grant for his work as PCC Vice-Chairman. He wished good luck to Gill Helps, our Parish Administrator, who was departing after many years to take up a new position with St. Clare's Hospice. He noted with sadness that the funeral of Mr. Eric Richardson, who was for many years Secretary of All Saint's PCC, had taken place.

The retirement of Mr. Bob Lawson as Lay Reader and Mr. Allan Bailey as Verger has also happened.

The Open Doors project continues. There were financial constraints that had to be considered relating to the 'new build'. In 2008 the church was looking at a cost of approximately £150,000, of which fees would take approximately £30,000. Therefore, the building work needed to be done within £120,000. A quantity surveyor was appointed to look over the plans He had agreed that it was possible to build it for £125,000.

During the year we have applied for planning permission and this has been received from the Local Authority. The Chancellor has in principle approved the faculty. We have received tenders from interested local builders. However, the cost

will be £179,000 to build the extension. After allowing for known fees that have been paid, and those we know will be incurred, we have available £119,000 with which to build. This means there is a short fall of £60,000.

There are some options. one of which was that we could build only the shell, which would cost £122,000. We would still need to fit out the shell at a later stage. There would be no heating, electrics, internal finishing or carpets. It would be water tight and secure. There would still be a need to fundraise for the fitting out.

The Vicar encouraged discussion and invited those present to split up into small groups of three or four to talk about their reaction to this news.

- Group 1 opted for using the money to revamp the Old School Room. However, this could only be done if permission was obtained from those who had previously given money for the project.
- Group 2 wanted to build the shell and fundraise for the fitting out before the cost rises further.
- Group 3 felt that we should go ahead and build. While the building work was being done, we should start intensive fund raising, in a way which would not take away from church funds. Funds raised would purely be for the new build.
- Group 4 wanted to build the shell.
- Group 5 were in favour of building the shell.
- Group 6 considered several options. The first was to have the shell built and then going forward with installing the fittings. The second was that we should use the existing buildings and fit them out with the money we have.
- Group 7 agreed that we should build the shell and then fit it out.
- Group 8 thought that it was not a good idea to build the shell as there is a good chance that it would stand empty for a couple of years and then deteriorate. In the short term we should spend the money on refurbishing the Old School Room and provide disabled access to the existing vestry complex.

- Group 9 We should go ahead, build the facility and approach the Diocese for a long-term loan at low interest.

The Vicar restated that we have approximately £120,000 available. If we don't spend the money on the Chapter House, then we will not end up with disabled access and toilet facilities, which was one of the key elements of the Open Doors project. If the money was spent on the Old School Room, then there would be little opportunity to develop the church building in the future.

The Chancellor is happy to grant us a Faculty in principle. However, prior to the granting of the Faculty, he has asked, "How are we going to fund it?" He is concerned that we have sufficient funds to build it. We would need to pay back any money we borrowed. Currently the giving of the living does not meet our living expenses. If we increase our living expenses by having a loan then we are going to struggle.

The Vicar called for a vote. **The proposal was to build and to continue fund raising: in favour 20, against 13, abstention 1.**

The Vicar finished by saying: "We need to continue to look at how we develop the work of the church. We need to work in ways that do not waste people's time and allow that time to be put to good effect. People should be encouraged in their vocation.

There are challenges ahead but we have a great big God, for whom nothing is impossible. Are we going to allow him to be a great big God and have just a little faith in a great big God, rather than having a great big faith in a little God?

The year ahead promises to be an interesting one."

## **8. Date of Next Meeting**

The APCM next year will need to be earlier due to Easter being at the very end of April 2011. Therefore, our next APCM will be on the 6<sup>th</sup> March 2011, the last Sunday before Lent.

# Reports of the PCC

for the year ended 31 December 2010

## Administrative information

All Saints' Church is situated in Cleadon Lane, Cleadon, Sunderland. It is part of the Church of England's Diocese of Durham.

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## Objectives and Activities

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) has the responsibility of co-operating with the incumbent in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. It has responsibilities for the maintenance of the Church building; the Parish Hall and the Old School Room.

## Structure, governance and management

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. All Church attendees are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and stand for election to the PCC.

## Electoral Roll and Attendance

There are 164 parishioners on the Church Electoral Roll at 31st December 2010, 44 of whom are not resident within the parish. The weekly average adult attendance, counted during October, was 85 adults and 16 children. Attendance at Easter numbered 130; Easter Communicants was 96; attendance at Christmas was 357 and Christmas communicants numbered 59.

**Malcolm Fortune**

## Proceedings of the PCC

During 2010 the PCC continued to provide oversight and leadership to the life of the church.

The work of the Coffee Drop-in was reviewed at the beginning and end of the year and it is pleasing that this has become a focal point on weekday mornings for people to literally drop-in for a beverage or two and a natter, especially on Thursday mornings after the service.

A small group of five people appointed by the PCC studied a workbook on Children and Young People, Families and Schools. A lively discussion on their suggestions followed which would help the vicar in his future deliberations on activities and worship for young people.

The Open Doors project continued to occupy the PCC. A shortfall was identified between the funds needed to build the planned Chapter House and those held. The desire of the 2010 APCM to build the shell first before the full funds to complete were available was weighed against the Chancellor's need to have confidence the building could be completed before he would issue the faculty. It was decided to ask for pledges from those on the Electoral Roll, and others we had significant contact with. At the Christmas Day All Age Eucharist the Vicar was able to announce sufficient funds had been pledged to seek the remaining permission from the Chancellor.

Another aspect of the Open Doors project was to make available the church outside of worship times. After discussion and preparations this has been introduced from December. The church is now open between 9.30am and 3.30pm on weekdays for personal prayer and reflection.

The work and place of the Friends of All Saints was reviewed. Out of this the four people on the Friends committee felt that their ten years each had given was enough and decided not to continue. We thank Mac and Linda English, Malcolm Fortune and Gordon Coxon for the time they have given to the Friends. Ernie Balsham has become the Administrator for the Friends of All Saints.

**Anthony Adamson (PCC Secretary)**

## **PCC Membership**

Vernon Cuthbert*	Priest-in-charge
Jean Higgin*	Churchwarden
Derek Bage*	Churchwarden until 27 May 2010
Keith Higgin*	Churchwarden from 27 May 2010 and Deanery Synod to 2011
Gordon Coxon*	Deanery Synod to 2011 (Hon.Treasurer)
Bill Grant*	Deanery Synod to 2011 (Vice-Chairman until 25 April 2010)
Anthony Adamson	elected until APCM 2010 (Hon. Secretary co-opted 25 April 2010)
Walter Carr	elected until APCM 2012
June Roberts	elected until APCM 2010
Chris Duke	elected until APCM 2010
Graham Abrahamson	elected, resigned 1 Sep 2010
Malcolm Fortune	elected until APCM 2011
Ron Richardson	elected until APCM 2011
Lesley Smith	elected until APCM 2011
Cathy Barnes	elected until APCM 2012 (Vice Chairman from 25 April 2010)
Anne Hudson	elected until APCM 2012
Robina Lawson	elected until APCM 2012
Ellen Smith	elected until APCM 2012
Linda Ross	elected from APCM 2010 until APCM 2013
Helen Belsham	elected from 12 May 2010 until APCM 2013
Ernie Belsham	elected from 12 May 2010 until APCM 2013

(\* denotes an ex-officio member of the council by way of their post).

The Standing Committee consists of the Priest-in-charge, the Churchwardens, and the Vice Chairman, Hon. Treasurer and Hon. Secretary of the PCC. It meets on an occasional basis when urgent business needs to be transacted by the PCC.

## **Churchwardens' Report**

Firstly, we would like to thank Vernon for his leadership and understanding. The Easter Experience, in particular, was a blessing to children and adults alike. We ourselves have benefited greatly from weekly meetings at the

vicarage to share information, views and opinions.

It was good to welcome six new members into confirmation in November.

Secondly, we would like to thank anyone who has given the church invaluable assistance throughout this year, far too many people to mention individually. In the Church, Vestry, Parish Hall, Old School Room, kitchen and garden, countless volunteers have been giving of their time selflessly. We thank you all.

We would especially mention the members of the P.C.C., Terry Gregory for his outstanding first year as verger and all the sidesmen. Young Saints' leaders also deserve our thanks for their work with our young people and, in particular, for their nativity productions.

This year has seen the blossoming of the Coffee Drop In, the opening of the church during weekdays and the magnificent response to the pledge appeal which will result in the Chapter House building proceeding in 2011. None of this would have happened without the co-operation and generosity of our church members.

The bad weather in November unfortunately curtailed the Christmas Experience, but not the spirits of the congregation, who turned up to services and the Bazaar despite the snow.

Our Parish Administrator, Gill Helps, left us in May after years of loyal service. In July we welcomed her replacement, Yvonne Woolston. We appreciate all their hard work and that of the cleaners, in the smooth running of the Parish Hall.

The Terrier and Inventory have been checked and found to be in good order.

May God be always with us in fulfilling His work here in Cleadon.

**Jean and Keith Higgin**

## **Deanery Synod Report**

Your representatives to Jarrow, who you elected in 2008, are Keith Higgin, Gordon Coxon and Bill Grant. Jarrow Deanery

subsequently elected Keith to Diocesan Synod and the Diocesan Board of Finance; and Bill to Synod and the Diocesan Pastoral Committee; both also were elected to the Deanery Standing Committee.

Elections take place every three years and are due at our APCM this year; those elected this year will take office on June 1st, and become ex-officio members of our PCC

#### PASTORAL

Two Collaborative Areas of Ministry and Mission (CAMMs) now have a settled shape and when ready will be able to develop their ability to work together.

These are 'Jarrow and Hebburn' who have 4 priests; and 'Whitburn, Cleadon and the Boldons' whose establishment is 3.25 priests and actually has 2 priests, an NSM, a curate and a quarter of the Archdeacon of Sunderland's time

The pattern of Ministry in the South Shields CAMM has still to be established by them; and we hope will be settled soon to enable them to move forward with the reduced number of ordained ministers available to all of us.

#### FINANCIAL

The allocation and collection of Parish Share has proved difficult as always. The deanery itself is given a share by the Diocese and we then attempt to share this equitably taking into account each parish's allocation of clergy posts and income with adjustments using the relative deprivation index, and the subsidy from the Church Commissioners passed on by the diocese.

#### MEETINGS

In 2010

- February 3rd at St Lawrence , Centenary Avenue, South Shields where we discussed the progress of our CAMMs and Bernadette Atkins spoke about ecumenism and the work of 'Churches Together'.
- May 5th at Whitburn where we put forward a basis to allocate the Parish Share, and received an update from the CAMMs.
- June 15th was our annual quiet evening at St Peter's Harton,.
- October 7th at St Oswalds, Hebburn . The speaker was Canon David Kennedy

precentor of the Cathedral who spoke about the characteristics of worship.

In 2011 we are meeting on May 3rd, here in Cleadon, to discuss Women Bishops so we can report back to Diocesan Synod. On June the 15th we are holding our annual quiet evening at St Hilda's, South Shields. Our other two planned meetings on July 20th and October 6th are expected to be business meetings to discuss the 2012 Share Proposals and subsequently the Allocations.

**Bill Grant**

#### Treasurer's Report and Accounts

These appear on the following pages

**Gordon Coxon**

This annual report was adopted by the PCC on 24th February 2011 and signed on their behalf by The Rev'd Vernon Cuthbert, PCC Chairman.

## **Financial Review**

In accordance with the Charities Act 1993 and in particular the 3rd edition "A guide to the SORP 2005 revisions" 2006; the Annual Accounts for All Saints Cleadon are presented adopting the accruals basis. This is as a result of the income exceeding the threshold of £100,000 for the year 2010 allowing a consistent/comparable method of accounting to be retained.

As previously these regulations require a slightly more informative presentation of the detailed make-up of some income and expenditure streams and where this is necessary we have shown the item made up of each of its constituent parts i.e.:- "restricted and unrestricted funds".

As the Treasurer to the P.C.C. I am obliged to include in my financial review details of any and all Major movements in the "Funds". In this regard one of the major changes to the funds involves the "Open Doors" project. As a result of detailed costing of the proposed scheme exceeding the available funds an appeal was launched to raise the additional funds/pledges and this was successful. The appeal has resulted in the construction of the "Chapter House" being scheduled for commencement in May 2011 with an increase to the funds of £5,840.11p with expenditure from the fund in 2010 being £7,439.97p.

The income from the hire of the Parish Hall also shows a substantial increase and the cost of running the Hall a significant decrease. Taking these facts into account has resulted in a small increase in Incoming Resources with the Resources Expended showing a decrease of almost £7,000. The overall effect of these changes has resulted in the funds available to the PCC (held in reserve) slightly exceeding the level outlined in the Reserves Policy.

**G Coxon (PCC Treasurer)**

## **Reserves Policy**

It is PCC policy to maintain a balance on unrestricted funds (if possible), which equates to approximately three months unrestricted payments, to cover emergency situations that may arise from time to time. The balance of

£27,465 on unrestricted funds at the year-end is in excess of this target.

## **Major Restricted Fund**

The balance of £148,7580.58p in the Open Doors Restricted Fund is still being held towards the cost of the proposed extension.

## **Investment Policy**

It is our policy to invest our fund balances with the CBF Church of England Deposit Fund.

# PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ALL SAINTS', CLEADON

## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st December 2010

1.	Notes	<i>Unrestricted Funds</i> £	<i>Restricted Funds</i> £	<i>Endowment Funds</i> £	<i>Total Funds 2010</i> £	<i>2009</i> £
<b>INCOMING RESOURCES</b>						
Incoming resources from donors	2a	50,611.32	1,545.54		52,156.86	53,326.62
Other voluntary incoming resources	2b	8,027.30	13,500.10		21,527.40	12,971.22
Income from charitable and ancillary trading	2c	24,469.97	4,237.43		28,707.40	26,258.03
Other ordinary incoming resources	2d	1,709.15	1,237.15		2,946.30	2,849.13
Income from investments	2e	70.70	0.00		70.70	200.12
<b>TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES</b>		<b>84,888.44</b>	<b>20,450.22</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>105,338.66</b>	<b>95,605.12</b>
<b>RESOURCES USED</b>						
Grants	3a	1,314.00	3,329.47		4,643.47	3,387.63
Activities directly relating to the work of the church	3b	72,436.63	11,280.64		83,717.27	94,704.47
Fund raising and publicity	3c	1,157.46	0.00		1,157.46	2,987.10
Management and administration	3d	3,650.89	0.00		3,650.89	2,616.89
<b>TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED</b>		<b>78,558.98</b>	<b>14,610.11</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>93,169.09</b>	<b>103,696.09</b>
<b>TOTAL INCOMING (OUTGOING) RESOURCES</b>		<b>6,329.46</b>	<b>5,840.11</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>12,169.57</b>	<b>(8,090.97)</b>
Loss on investment assets: on revaluation		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	(26.10)
<b>NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS</b>		<b>6,329.46</b>	<b>5,840.11</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>12,169.57</b>	<b>(8,117.07)</b>
BALANCES B/FWD 1 JANUARY		23,363.04	142,910.47	4,286.00	170,559.51	178,676.58
<b>BALANCES C/FWD 31 DECEMBER</b>		<b>29,692.50</b>	<b>148,750.58</b>	<b>4,286.00</b>	<b>182,729.08</b>	<b>170,559.51</b>



## PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ALL SAINTS', CLEADON

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST December 2010

### 2. INCOMING RESOURCES

	<i>Unrestricted Funds</i>	<i>Restricted Funds</i>	<i>Endowment Funds</i>	<i>Total Funds</i>	
	£	£	£	2010	2009
	£	£	£	£	£
<i>(a) Incoming resources from donors</i>					
Planned giving:					
Gift Aid planned giving	31,957.71			31,957.71	31,954.84
Income tax recoverable	9,505.75			9,505.75	9,406.53
Uncovenanted planned giving	3,922.30			3,922.30	3,589.00
Collections	5,225.56			5,225.56	5,830.26
Sundry donations		1,545.54		1,545.54	2,545.99
			0.00		
	<u>50,611.32</u>	<u>1,545.54</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>52,156.86</u>	<u>53,326.62</u>
<i>(b) Other voluntary incoming resources</i>					
Grants	0.00			0.00	4,539.00
Legacies	1,500.00			1,500.00	1,200.00
Donations, appeals etc				0.00	300.00
Christmas Bazaar	1,797.42			1,797.42	2,069.29
Magazine Sales	3,028.54			3,028.54	3,187.44
Open Doors		13,430.10		13,430.10	1,675.49
Fundraising	1,701.34			1,701.34	
	<u>8,027.30</u>	<u>13,430.10</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>21,457.40</u>	<u>12,971.22</u>
<i>(c) Income from charitable and ancillary trading</i>					
Church Hall Lettings	15,351.00			15,351.00	11,586.39
Fees	2,780.50	2,453.50		5,234.00	6,070.00
Coffee Mornings and Socials	4,608.24	1,783.93		6,392.17	6,322.30
Friends of All Saints' Church	1,730.23			1,730.23	2,279.34
	<u>24,469.97</u>	<u>4,237.43</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>28,707.40</u>	<u>26,258.03</u>
<i>(d) Other ordinary incoming resources</i>					
Other income	1,709.15			1,709.15	1,590.00
Fund Raising				0.00	498.00
Insurance Claim		1,237.15		1,237.15	761.13
	<u>1,709.15</u>	<u>1,237.15</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>2,946.30</u>	<u>2,849.13</u>
<i>(e) Income from Investments</i>					
Dividends and Interest	70.70	0.00	0.00	70.70	200.12
	<u>70.70</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>70.70</u>	<u>200.12</u>
<b>TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES</b>	<u>84,888.44</u>	<u>20,450.22</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>105,338.66</u>	<u>95,605.12</u>

## PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ALL SAINTS', CLEADON

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST December 2010

### 3. RESOURCES EXPENDED

	<i>Unrestricted Funds</i>	<i>Restricted Funds</i>	<i>Endowment Funds</i>	<i>Total funds</i>	
	£	£	£	2009	2008
				£	£
<i>(a) Grants</i>					
Missionary and charitable giving:					
Overseas Mission		880.03		880.03	1,422.13
Relief Agencies		789.15		789.15	305.00
Home missions & organisations	651.00	1,354.65		2,005.65	1,055.00
Secular charities	663.00	717.64		1,380.64	605.50
	<u>1,314.00</u>	<u>3,741.47</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>5,055.47</u>	<u>3,387.63</u>
<i>(b) Activities directly relating to the work of the Church</i>					
Ministry:					
Diocesan and Deanery Share	44,103.55			44,103.55	44,448.00
Clergy expenses	1,292.02			1,292.02	1,906.90
Vicarage repairs and water rates	391.35			391.35	483.70
Church Heating, Lighting & Water	1,556.72			1,556.72	3,025.74
Church Ins., Maintenance & Cleaning	6,881.95			6,881.95	7,577.52
Cost of Services	950.10	150.02		1,100.12	1,269.00
Upkeep of churchyard	867.10			867.10	
Support Costs – Training	75.00			75.00	181.85
Assistant Staff	1,411.00	2,453.50		3,864.50	4,119.00
Major Church & Hall expenditure	1,708.36	1,237.15		2,945.51	7,376.68
Costs relating to insurance claims					
Hall Costs	12,647.95			12,647.95	16,315.60
Other Costs	551.53			551.53	813.00
Open Doors		7,439.97	0.00	7,439.97	7,187.48
	<u>72,436.63</u>	<u>11,280.64</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>83,717.27</u>	<u>94,704.47</u>
<i>(c) Fund raising and publicity</i>					
Costs of Bazaar and fund raising events	102.00	0.00	0.00	102.00	78.00
Friends of All Saints' Church	1,055.46	0.00	0.00	1,055.46	2,909.10
	<u>1,157.46</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>1,157.46</u>	<u>2,987.10</u>
<i>(d) Church management and administration</i>					
Printing and Stationery	1,691.33	0.00	0.00	1,691.33	1,491.01
Administration	1,959.56	0.00	0.00	1,959.56	1,125.88
	<u>3,650.89</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>3,650.89</u>	<u>2,616.89</u>
<b>TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED</b>	<u><u>78,558.98</u></u>	<u><u>15,022.11</u></u>	<u><u>0.00</u></u>	<u><u>93,581.09</u></u>	<u><u>103,696.09</u></u>

### 4. STAFF COSTS

	<b>2010</b>	<b>2009</b>
Wages, Salaries and National Insurance	7,521	10,188

During the year the PCC employed an organist, a parish administrator and cleaners.

Professional fees totalling £3,771.86 we paid to our Architect, Tony Barnes, who is the husband of a PCC member.

**PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ALL SAINTS', CLEADON**  
**BALANCE SHEET**  
**AS AT 31ST DECEMBER 2010**

	<i>Unrestricted funds</i> £	<i>Restricted funds</i> £	<i>Endowment funds</i> £	<i>Total Funds</i>	
				2010 £	2009 £
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>					
Tangible - Hall at cost in 1938	2,228.00	0.00	0.00	2,228.00	2,228.00
Investment - Sold August 2009		0.00	0.00	0.00	
	<u>2,228.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>2,228.00</u>	<u>2,228.00</u>
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>					
Debtors	8,514.00	2,591.85		11,105.85	8,987.72
Cash at Bank and CBF	20,543.65	146,158.73	4,286.00	170,988.38	161,299.10
	<u>29,047.65</u>	<u>148,750.58</u>	<u>4,286.00</u>	<u>182,094.23</u>	<u>170,286.82</u>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>					
Creditors	1,593.15	0.00	0.00	1,593.15	1,955.31
	<u>27,464.50</u>	<u>148,750.58</u>	<u>4,286.00</u>	<u>180,501.08</u>	<u>168,331.51</u>
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>					
	<u>29,692.50</u>	<u>148,750.58</u>	<u>4,286.00</u>	<u>182,729.08</u>	<u>170,559.51</u>
<b>TOTAL NET ASSETS</b>					
	<u>29,692.50</u>	<u>148,750.58</u>	<u>4,286.00</u>	<u>182,729.08</u>	<u>170,559.51</u>
<b>PARISH FUNDS</b>					
Unrestricted	29,692.50			29,692.50	23,363.04
Restricted - Open Doors		148,750.58		148,750.58	142,760.45
- Other Funds				0.00	150.02
Endowment			4,286.00	4,286.00	4,286.00
	<u>29,692.50</u>	<u>148,750.58</u>	<u>4,286.00</u>	<u>182,729.08</u>	<u>170,559.51</u>

## PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ALL SAINTS', CLEADON

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
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### 5. ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BY FUNDS

	<i>Unrestricted Funds</i>	<i>Restricted Funds</i>	<i>Endowment Funds</i>	<i>Total</i>
Fixed Assets	2,228.00	-	-	2,228.00
Current Assets	28,645.65	148,750.58	4,286.00	181,682.23
Current Liabilities	(1,593.15)	-	-	(1,593.15)
	<u>29,280.50</u>	<u>151,583.97</u>	<u>4,286.00</u>	<u>182,317.08</u>

### 6. DEBTORS

	<b>2010</b>	<b>2009</b>
Income Tax recoverable	9,482	6,800
Prepayments and accrued income	610	1,512
Debtors	396	676
	<u>10,488</u>	<u>8,988</u>

### 7. CREDITORS - amounts due within one year

	<b>2010</b>	<b>2008</b>
Accruals	1,593	1,691
Ordinary Creditors	-	264
	<u>1,593</u>	<u>1,955</u>

## **Notes to the financial statements**

For the year ended 31st December 2010

### **Accounting Policies**

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 together with applicable accounting standards and the SORP 2005.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention except for the valuation of investment assets, which are shown at market value. The financial statements include all transactions, assets and liabilities for which the PCC is responsible in law. They do not include the accounts of church groups that owe their main affiliation to another body, nor those that are informal gatherings of church members.

### **Funds**

Endowment Funds are funds, the capital of which must be maintained; only income arising from investments of the endowment may be used either as restricted or unrestricted funds depending upon the purpose for which the endowment was established.

Restricted funds represent (a) income from trusts or endowments which may be expended only on those restricted objects provided in the terms of the trust or bequest, and (b) donations or grants received for a specific object or invited by the PCC for a specific object. The funds may only be expended on the specific object for which they were given. Any balance remaining unspent at the end of each year must be carried forward as a balance on that fund. The PCC does not usually invest separately for each fund. Where there is no separate investment, interest is apportioned to individual funds on an average balance basis.

Unrestricted funds are general funds which can be used for PCC ordinary purposes.

### **Incoming resources**

Planned giving, collections and donations are recognised when received. Tax refunds are recognised when the incoming resource to which they relate is received. Grants and legacies are accounted for when the PCC is legally entitled to the amounts due. Dividends

are accounted for when receivable, interest is accrued. All other income is recognised when it is receivable. All incoming resources are accounted for gross.

### **Resources expended**

Grants and donations are accounted for when paid over, or when awarded, if that award creates a binding or constructive obligation on the PCC. The diocesan parish share is accounted for when due. Amounts received specifically for mission are dealt with as restricted funds. All other expenditure is generally recognised when it is incurred and is accounted for gross.

### **Fixed Assets**

Consecrated and benefice property is not included in the accounts in accordance with s.96 (2)(a) of the Charities Act 1993.

Movable church furnishings held by the vicar and churchwardens on special trust for the PCC and which require a faculty for disposal are inalienable property, listed in the church's inventory, which can be inspected at any reasonable time. For anything acquired prior to 2000 there is insufficient cost information available and therefore such assets are not valued in the financial statements. Subsequently no individual item has cost more than £5,000 so all such expenditure has been written off when incurred.

Equipment used within the church premises is depreciated on a straight-line basis over four years. Individual items of equipment with a purchase price of £2,500 or less are written off when the asset is acquired.

Investments are valued at market value at 31st December 2010.

## **Independent Examiner's Report to the PCC of All Saints' Church, Cleadon.**

This report on the financial statements of the PCC for the year ended 31st December 2010, which are set out on pages 12 to 18, is in respect of an examination carried out in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 ('the Regulations') and s.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 requirements of the Regulations and s.43 (2) of the Act does 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 s.43 (7)(b) of the Act and to be found in the Church guidance, 2006 edition. 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.

Signed by:

Caroline Mulley  
16 Callum Drive,  
South Shields,  
NE34 6TZ

26th February 2011

# Organisation Reports 2010

## Children and Young People

### Safeguarding Children

The group remains a sub group accountable to the PCC. Its membership had slightly changed in that Nigel Thomas has resigned and Robina Lawson has taken over as a PCC representative in the group at the same time as continuing as the 'Children's advocate'.

In February 2010 a Safeguarding Children Policy and Procedure Guidelines document was widely circulated. Although there was an attached sheet at the back of the guidelines requesting comments, none have been received.

In May 2010 a general awareness training/information leaflet was widely circulated.

A review of the groups function and achievements was undertaken in October.

The diocese had decided that Criminal Records Bureau checks should be undertaken every 5 years. All personnel at All Saint's have been CRB cleared for children and vulnerable adults according to the guidance given.

We are currently looking into ways of delivering general awareness training. The Policy Statement is being reviewed and it has been agreed to include mention of 'The missing child' and look at the changing guidelines for the designated person.

No other significant changes to mention.

Once again I would like to thank everyone for their help in keeping our children 'safe from harm'

**Jackie Gregory**

## Non-Uniformed Children's and Youth work

### Toddlers @ All Saints

During the last year we have regularly had a dozen children and their carers attending toddlers, not always the same dozen each

week which has meant more children have attended during the year.

The children have enjoyed having the space to play, run and be creative whilst their carers have had a chance to catch up and during the last term enjoy a cup of our fair-trade filter coffee or two as they chat.

During the year we have enjoyed sharing in 3 "Toddler Celebrations" at church: Summer, Harvest and Christmas. This is a short toddler friendly act of worship with praise songs to familiar nursery song tunes, stories, prayers and instruments! All those attending appear to have had a great time joining in.

After our Summer Celebration we enjoyed a 'party' in the Vicarage garden – the cream tea seemed to go down well. We also said goodbye to some of the children who were moving on to school and afternoon nursery, presenting them with a small Christian based story book. We also said a big thank you and goodbye to Maureen who had led the group for the past year.

At our Christmas Celebration we remembered the birth of Jesus by opening a very special present, a beautifully knitted Nativity . We used it to retell the story and the children loved it, so thank you very much Jean, June and Pat for lovingly knitting them for us.

Toddlers @ All Saints continues to meet on Wednesdays during term time at 1.30pm. All babies and children up to school age are welcome to bring their carers along. If anyone feels called to help myself and Jackie Scott (who deserves a great big thank you for all her help each week) please don't hesitate to ask.

**Janet Cuthbert**

### Young Saints

There are two groups of young Saints and both are following the Living Stones Books, which gives guidance notes for each lesson. The session includes a story from the Bible and either a game, drama or creative work. The groups are engaged in such a way that makes it interesting, fun and encourages them to enjoy learning about the Christian beliefs and

teaches them values in a safe, friendly environment.

Once again, the Young Saints annual coffee morning raised much needed funds and we would like to thank everyone for their support through their attendance or by separate donations. Special thanks go to Ruth who ensures all the children enjoy an Easter Egg and a Christmas selection box; Martha who provides materials though out the year and especially at Christmas; to Rob who organises our annual trip to the Customs House Pantomime (fantastic time is enjoyed by all!) and finally to our anonymous donor who regularly supports us throughout the year.

As we did last year, the two groups performed separate Nativity Plays- and after much angst by the group leaders in the weeks leading up to the performance - both were thoroughly well acted and enjoyed by the children who performed, and by the congregation who attended the two services The Christmas Party rounded off our year and we must say thank you to Santa Claus for his appearance. Finally, a special thank you is given to Rob for his enthusiasm and energy in taking his older group to extra youth activities in addition to his Sunday morning leadership.

**Debbie Whittle**

### **Cleadon Village C of E Primary School**

This year, we have been looking at ways of encouraging our children's spiritual development. One aspect of this has been to commission and build a Spiritual Garden in the school grounds. Children were involved in the design and we now have a beautiful outdoor garden which can be used by children and adults both formally and informally for a variety of activities. Our PTFA were extremely generous in helping us to finance the project and all our families have been involved in fund-raising. The garden is just about complete; we are awaiting fencing and planting is about to begin. The garden will take several years to establish itself, but in the meantime we are confident it will prove to be a creative, stimulating environment providing opportunities for reflection and heightened sensory awareness.

The Church Council is made up of children in KS2 who attend Sunday School at All Saints Parish Church. They meet frequently in school and are involved in a wide range of activities that promote the religious character of the school. They have been keen to develop closer links with the Parish and in order to keep people informed about their activities they make a monthly contribution to the Cleadon Courier.

During the coming months the Church Council are going to be involved in developing "Thoughts" for the guidance posts which are situated within the Spiritual Garden and also help to design the planting layout along with the Gardening Club. I am sure the Church Council and or Gardening Club would welcome anyone from the Parish who would like to help with this project.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Reverend Vernon, parents, governors and members of All Saints Church for their support and prayers during the last year and look forward to your continuing support in the future.

**Mrs. J. Beckett (Head Teacher)**

## **Uniformed Children's and Youth work**

### **1st Cleadon Rainbows**

We continue to have a full unit and a long waiting list, so please put your daughter's name down as soon as possible don't wait until they are 4 or 5.

Last year was our Centenary year so we had lots of extra activities, such as, a trip to Whitehouse Farm with West Boldon Rainbows. It was one of my Rainbows birthday so we had a family day at the farm with cake and party bags. One Rainbow fed the meerkats a dead chick, yuck!

We had a Princess Party at Blackfell Primary, with 300 Rainbows dressed up as Snow White, Cinderella and other Disney Princesses. They made things to take home, had a ride in either a pony and trap or a limo, played parachute games and ended the day with a magician and storyteller entertaining them. We had a



fabulous fairytale castle cake and each girl got a cake to take home.

We ended our Centenary with a party at the Stadium of Light and everyone renewed their Promise around the football pitch at 20:10 on the 20.10.2010.

We had a talent show to finish off the year. The Rainbows chose what they wanted to do so we had some doing a gymnastic show, some sang and some did a dance routine. Parents came to watch and the girls were fantastic.

Thank you for supporting us in our fundraising events and our weekly meetings. Also my thanks go to my Assistant Guiders and Young Leaders who help me every week.

**Lisa Nesworthy (Rainbow Leader)**

### **1st Cleadon Brownies**

We continue to have a full unit and a long waiting list.

Last year was our Centenary year so we had lots of extra activities, such as, a Hogwarts Express day at Tanfield Railway. We watched real owls and eagles flying and feeding; we made things to take home and had a ride on the train.

We went to a PGL Outdoor Activity Centre at Winmarleigh Hall, near Preston for a weekend. The girls rode quad bikes, had a try on the zip wire and various team building activities. They had a great time and we would certainly go back again.

A few of the Brownies joined 1500 other Rainbows, Brownies and Guides at Harewood House, Leeds in the summer to join in with lots of cultural activities. One of my Brownies volunteered her Mam to help an artist with his act, she had to hold a pole while he climbed up, undressing to a swimsuit, in the rain I hasten to add, and then dive from the top into a bucket of water head first.

We had 200 Brownies sleeping over at the Baltic in October. They made masks and mazes amongst other things and finished the night with a story, whilst settling into their

sleeping bags. They had breakfast and enjoyed a keep fit session before going home at 10.00 the next morning.

We ended our Centenary with a party at the Stadium of Light and everyone renewed their Promise around the football pitch at 20:10 on the 20.10.2010.

We had a talent show to finish off the year. The Brownies chose what they wanted to do so we had some doing gymnastics, some sang and danced and some made up a silly story. The girls were fantastic.

Thank you for supporting us in our fundraising events and our weekly meetings. Also my thanks go to my Assistant Guider and Young Leaders who help me every week.

**Lisa Nesworthy (Brownie Leader)**

### **1st Cleadon Guides**

Our Guide unit ran during 2010 with around 40 girls and we continue to have a long waiting list. Val & Lynne continued to run the unit with Lesley our Unit Helper and now 3 Young Leaders. In the autumn we were happy to welcome Marilyn to our team. Marilyn is an experienced Guide Leader from Northumberland who has moved to Whitburn.

From September 2009 through to October 2010 Girlguiding has been celebrating our Centenary Year. The highlights for us started at the Centenary Launch Party where the County's Rainbows, Brownies, Guides, Senior Section, Leaders & Trefoil Guild all came together at Bents Park in September 09 to celebrate the start of our special year. In February Val took a number of girls to York to the North East England Regional Centenary Thinking Day Event entitled "One World One Beat" which looked at music and dance from around the world. In the summer, it was time to join the County's Guides at our Centenary Camp at Moorhouse, Durham which was a weekend packed full of outdoor activities.

August saw us join in the national Centenary one day event "Fusion" at Harewood House which was a large scale event with many performances and activities to grab our attention, some of our girls even spent a night

at the International Guide Camp which was running alongside Fusion. Lastly, our Finale in October was a truly memorable night when our Division (Sunderland North) led by Val (as Division Commissioner) and her team organised an evening at the Stadium of Light which included all our members and leaders re-making their promise along with every other member in the UK and beyond at 20:10 on 20th October 2010.

Our usual weekly meetings continued with the normal badge work, games, crafts etc.

**Lynne Carr (Assistant Guide Leader)**

### **30th South Shields (Cleadow) Beavers**

Beavers continue to flourish. We have 20 enthusiastic children who continue to have lots of fun and challenges resulting in their rewards of badges. Our Beavers have gained their promise and Outdoor Challenge badges.

This involved visiting our local Methodist church, writing and sharing prayers, learning about charitable works and taking part in the village's Remembrance Sunday parade. Our Colony had a fun summer camp day with Cubs and Scouts and did a lot of fun activities ending with a camp fire and songs.

We ended the year with a fun snow tubing session ending with hot chocolates and cup cake decorating! We have recruited two new leaders to commence 2011 to ensure continuous success of our colony.

**Susan Hughes**

### **30th South Shields (Cleadow) Cubs**

We had a fantastic year, girls joined our Cubs for the first time and our numbers increased yet again to a total of 29 and this included our 3 new girl members.

We had a very busy, exciting and fun packed programme for 2010 our Cubs gained 7 Activity badges and 3 Challenge Badges. The Activity badges were My Faith; Home Help; Astronomer; Map Reader; Personal Safety; Local Knowledge and Naturalist. The Challenge badges were Promise, Community and Creative.

We had 2 activity week-ends away with our Scouts in which we camped at West Hall and had a fabulous week-end away at Thurston in the Lake District where our young people were taught how to sail, kayaking, canoeing and they went ghyll scrambling all under expert tuition by the activity centre.

A quote from one of our Cubs 'I am very lucky. I had such a great time at Thurston and am really pleased I am a Cub Scout' (Ben Feetham age 10).

A quote from one of our helpers 'Thank you for your kind invitation to Thurston, I've had a fantastic time and the kids have been brilliant' (John McDonald).

2011 full and exciting as ever. We have a District camp organised for June 2011 at Moorhouse, Houghton-le-Spring where we will join 400 other Cub Scouts for a fun packed week-end with lots of activities giving our Cubs the opportunity to gain their Outdoor Plus Challenge badge. We have a Swimming Gala, District Football match plus funday's at West Hall and much much more!

Our team consists of myself, Beverly Feetham, Jonathan West who joined our team as a Cub Leader in September 2010 together with our Scout helpers, Amy Glenn, James Milburn, Anthony Norton, Jack McDonald & Paul McDonald. Also we have Hannah Lamb and Hannah Leonard (both aged 14) helping out as part of their achievement towards their Duke of Edinburgh Award.

We are victims of our own success as we have a very long waiting list and unfortunately are unable to increase our numbers any further as we need more adult help. We would like to try to involve and encourage more parents to volunteer a little of their time to our Cub Scouting if you are interested please contact our Group Scout Leader, Gill Griffiths - 0191 5363851.

**Beverly Feetham**

### **30th South Shields (Cleadow) Scouts**

There are currently 26 Scouts, their ages range goes from 10 to 14. We have 3 leaders and couldn't manage without our excellent

Young Leaders. It is a delight to see so many young people regularly attending our meetings.

The Scouts usually meet at 7.30 p.m. on a Friday. The meetings are well attended and we try to provide a variety of activities. Our planning provides a balanced programme which endeavours to appeal to all ages and abilities and challenges the Scouts too. We teach them life skills – cooking activities, sewing buttons, wiring a plug and ironing have all recently been in our programme! The younger Scouts have been working towards their Fire Safety Badge.

Outdoor activities are always popular. Last summer we cycled from the church, to the end of the pier in Roker and back. We also enjoyed a walk over Cleadon Hills in the dark, ending at West Hall Camp Site for the District firework display.

To appeal to the creative and musical members of the troop, we visited St Andrew's Church in Fulwell and had a fascinating tour of their bell tower. Following this, one of the campanologists visited our meeting night with a set of hand bells. We rounded off the evening with a concert of Christmas carols for the parents! To satisfy another of the areas of the balanced programme we took the troop to the Buddhist Centre in Newcastle – it was quite a sight to see everyone sitting on cushions meditating and made a pleasant change from the usually noisy sessions we are used to!

The Scouts have had several nights away during the last year. We attended South Tyneside District Camp in May, which was held in West Hall. In June we held our own group camp at West Hall, the cubs camped with us and the Beavers came for the day on Saturday. The most memorable camp of the year was definitely the stay at Thurston Outdoor Centre in September. The activities were mainly water based and as the weather was kind, the Scouts were able to kayak, sail and ghyll scramble. Towards the end of 2010 an evening session was held climbing at Simonside Community Centre.

**Peter Ireland (Scout Leader)**

## **Fellowship Groups**

### **Bible Study Group (Wednesday eve.)**

In 2010 our choice from the Old Testament was the Book of Judges, which we found challenging. The New Testament studies were easier, the Gospel of Luke and Paul's Letter to the Romans.

In 2011 we will be concentrating on the Gospel of John. We study chapter by chapter.

Our discussions include politics, religion, morality and the media etc. from a Christian viewpoint.

**Dulcia Morris**

### **Emmaus (Thursday eve.)**

During this past year the Emmaus group has continued to meet on Thursday evenings for Bible reading and discussion. The subjects are varied. Sometimes taking a particular part of the Old or New Testament to read and study in some detail, at other times using a particular theme, which can be followed through in various parts of Holy Scripture.

Meetings are held at 10 Farmhill Road, and after enjoying Amanda's delicious hospitality each week, we begin with a short time of prayer, followed by a Bible reading and discussion. Everyone contributes very readily, and we find that so much of our own experience can be related to the topic under discussion, illustrating and confirming, often with amusing details and anecdotes.

Sadly our members have dropped recently due to ill health, but we would be delighted to welcome any of our friends at All Saints' who might like to join us. We can provide transport if required, and if you feel that you would like to come along do have a word with Amanda or Audrey at any time.

**Audrey Bolam**

### **Gospel Group (Monday eve.)**

The group meet every Monday evening from 6.30 to 7.15 in the Committee room of the Church Hall. We meet to read and then discuss the following Sunday's gospel. There are a small number of members but if any other person would like to come along to see the

kind of discussion we have, do not hesitate to join us, even if only for one night. The members have the knack of combining really serious discussion with light hearted asides which belie the oft thought of notion that all church people are dour and dull. In all our discussions we find that the sermon on the following Sunday brings up points that none of us has thought of. The Bible is unlimited in its scope for enlightenment and thought: our group is one of tens of thousands throughout the world who find interest and enjoyment in sampling its riches.

**Bob Lawson.**

### **Married Couples Group.**

The group have continued to meet throughout the past year. We have had the usual program of talks, activities and social affairs. The annual outing took most of the members to Barnard Castle and to the Bowes Museum. We had been before, many years ago, but the difference was startling. Almost everything had been modernised. A completely new costume area was interesting to the ladies whilst the new café was ideal for a light lunch. One member was in a wheelchair but the modern lift, along with other mobility aids, meant that nothing was missed by him.

The annual party in December, shared with our friends in the Men's Fellowship, proved to be a success even though the quiz on Christmas carols made many a brow just a little more wrinkled than usual. Possibly the most interesting talk we had during the year was by the wife and husband team of Dorothy and Ken Nicholas. They gave an illustrated presentation on bells of many types throughout the ages.

Altogether a fulfilling year with just a slight disappointment as a combination of bad weather and 'anno domini' kept the numbers attending down a little.

**Bob Lawson.**

### **Men's Fellowship**

The Men's Fellowship meet in the Church Hall Committee Room on the last Monday of the month and the season begins in September and runs through to May. Our meetings start

at 7.30pm for 7.45 and it is hoped to finish by 9.00pm.

We have 14 members and at present and we are all retired. As the name implies we are an all male organisation; however we do hold the occasional "Open Meeting" when ladies are most welcome.

We hold elections to appoint a President; Chairman; Secretary/Treasurer and three committee members and we refer to this as our AGM. To finance the provision of speakers and other nominal expenses an annual subscription of £5 is charged which becomes due in September. Not all speakers charge a fee and as a consequence we have been able in the past to support the work of the church with the occasional donation.

The purpose of the group is to promote fellowship and spirituality within the congregation at All Saints. Members and any other interested people are advised of every meeting either in the weekly sheet and or in the Courier; which regularly calls for anyone interested to attend a meeting and become a Member of our "Fellowship" group.

Speakers cover a wide range of topics and this last year (2010) were as follows :-

- Peter Talbot talked about his adventure to Greenland and his support for Prostate Cancer Research.
- We joined with the Married Couples to take part in a quiz which was organised by Anthony Adamson and greatly enjoyed by all contestants. Walter Carr and Edith provided a few tasty bites for a mid quiz break.
- Brian Bage, Derek Bage and Walter Carr told us about their 2008 visit to USA.
- Philip Curtis returned to talk about Sunderland in the 1950's when memories came flooding back.
- Our AGM was held in June when the officers were returned to their respective posts unopposed followed by a video showing life on Tyneside over a span of 2000 years.
- We were entertained by another Walter Carr video this time of "The way we were 1930-40".

- Bob Lawson gave us an insight into Egypt as seen by him and Robina when on Holiday.
- The November meeting was subject to the Snow and was therefore cancelled.
- The year 2010 as always ended with the Christmas Party hosted by the Married Couples a great way to start the Festive Season.

**Gordon Coxon (Chairman and Treasurer)**  
**Allan Bailey (Secretary)**

### **Mother's Union**

We continue as a group of 23 members with approx 15-17 attending each month on the 2nd Thursday at 2 pm in the Church Hall as well as attending the Communion Service on the 1st Thursday. Only a small group manages to attend the latter, which is followed by coffee and a committee meeting in the Hall.

We begin in February when we meet in Church for a Quiet Afternoon of prayer followed by tea and refreshments in the Church Hall.

The year was quite busy and 2010 was no exception with excellent speakers including members of our Church giving up their time, which we very much appreciate. Speakers have included Allan Bailey with DVDs of short films, Morgan Helps, Vernon our Priest in Charge, Gordon Coxon on his cross country cycle ride. Other speakers and entertainers included Andrew Grant on his expedition to Greenland. On that occasion we welcomed M.U. friends from Kimblesworth after our visit to them.

In November we hosted the Patronal Service as All Saints' West Harton no longer exist as a branch. Vernon very kindly led the service. In spite of reduced members from other branches we thoroughly enjoyed the afternoon including the fellowship and tea afterwards.

Unfortunately our Christmas party along with the Deanery Carol Service in December had to be cancelled due to the severe weather conditions.

We started the New Year in faith, hope and confidence, looking forward to the possibility of new members joining us.

**Margaret Robson**

## **Mission**

### **Children's Society.**

100,000 children run away from home or care each year. All too often they find themselves caught in a dangerous world of drugs violence and sexual exploitation. Through programmes such as SCARPA, based in Newcastle, The Children's Society provides one to one support to almost 5,000 runaways each year.

Also through influential research and campaigns they can shape government policy to ensure that children who do run away in the future will be safer.

The Children's Society is delighted to have the continued support of Metro Radio Cash for Kids who are raising vital funds for the SCARPA project.

Earlier in 2010, a nationwide appeal was made to save the Destitution Programme. Work within this project provides essential help to destitute children and their families. £108,000 was raised securing ongoing support for children who lack even life's basic essentials.

The Children's Society is working hard to raise awareness of child destitution and is lobbying government to review its current practice.

This last year has been a hard and challenging one. Despite this, your contributions continue to make childhood better for the children who come under the wing of The Children's Society.

I am so pleased to report that over the last year £870.55p was donated from our home box collections, £375 was raised from a coffee morning and further donations were received from our annual Christingle Service in December.

As Parish Co-ordinator I wish to thank you all for your generous giving to The Children's Society.

June 11th is pencilled in the diary for a morning of coffee and chat so I look forward to seeing you there.

**Anne Hudson**

## **Christian Aid**

The house to house collection for Christian Aid takes place in early May each year and the money collected nationwide enables people in poorer communities to work towards their vision of a world of justice to all. The organisation works in places like Ethiopia, India, Kenya and Honduras, providing the sorts of things we take for granted such as clean water, drainage, toilets and even fruit trees, providing food and preventing soil erosion.

In May 2010 we had 48 collectors who covered the whole of the village, collecting between them 1,122 envelopes containing £3,110.64. 128 envelopes were gift aided, allowing Christian Aid to add to the total amount. This is a fantastic result and we must thank the people who agreed to collect and those who gave so generously to the cause. We would love to have more willing helpers to collect for this year, which would lessen the load for those already involved. If you could spare an hour or two during the week May 15th until May 21st, please get in touch.

All Saints' Church also donates the proceeds of the Soup and Roll lunches on the six Tuesdays in Lent and on Good Friday, which this year amounted to an extra £377.15, while a Coffee Morning held in January raised a further £83.00.

The on-going work of this charity, providing tools and training so that people can help themselves out of poverty could not happen without input from communities like our village. Please help them to continue their wonderful work year-in year-out, by giving generously both of time and money in 2011.

**Lesley and Clive Smith.**

## **Church Missionary Society.**

We have heard this year of a number of CMS Mission partners who work in situations where publicity would leave them and their local partners at risk. Faith is spelt R-I-S-K. The issue of security has always been part of the story of MISSION. David Barrett a former CMS mission partner himself and now editor of the World Christian Encyclopaedia reckons that there were more Christian martyrs in the 20<sup>th</sup>

century than all the previous centuries of the Christian era.

October was an auspicious month for CMS headquarters in Oxford when almost a thousand people gathered for the inauguration of the new CMS community following its amalgamation with SAMS (South American Missionary Society); and closer to home, we welcomed Eric and Peter Read to our 10am Sunday Service and heard of Eric and Sandra's work in the Democratic Republic of Congo and their preparations to move to the Philippines.

In November we learnt about Andy and Susie Hart's Neema Crafts restaurant in Iringa, Tanzania, It had been accredited "best in world" in the Daily Telegraph International Competition! Since then, radio presenter Sandi Toksvig has nominated Susie for a "Window on the World" award at the prestigious "Women of the Year" lunch in London. Susie accepted the award on behalf of all the people at Neema Crafts, who train and employ marginalised deaf and disabled people.

Last year we also heard of the success of STREET SPACE – a new initiative from Frontier Youth Trust to teach young people with the Gospel. We were asked to switch on our mobile phones and text MITE to 82540 to support this initiative financially.

More recently we heard that C.M.S. mission partner Alf Cooper played an integral role during the Chile miners' 69 day ordeal. As Chaplain to Chile's President, Alf lead the country's prayers for the miners, as the search and rescue played across the world's media. He reported, "The President himself has given God the glory continually. Jesus was the 34<sup>th</sup> man down there with the miners."

**Joan Walton**

## **Outreach**

### **Coffee Pop-in**

The coffee drop in is continuing to prosper. We usually have as many people from outside our congregation as those who come to meet up with friends in the congregation. The visitors vary including, local workmen, people attending functions in the hall, walkers and others who see the notice and pop in. The range of beverages has increased to include chocolate, Bovril and a variety of teas and coffee.

If you would like to help in the coffee drop in, either on a regular basis or to cover for holidays, then please speak to any of the team. I would like to thank the group of helpers who give their time so generously week by week and for the encouragement given by so many of the congregation.

**Robina Lawson**

### **Day Club**

Cleadon Day Club continue to meet each Friday in the Church Hall from 11.00am to 2.00pm with an attendance of around 18 to 29 ladies and gentleman who enjoy a two course meal and companionship.

A transport system is provided those who have mobility problems, our thanks to Mr. Nigel Thomas and Mr. Derek Bage.

We have a willing band of helpers; some of who cook and others who prepare vegetables, set up tables and provide tea and coffee. Their efforts are much appreciated.

Unfortunately because of bad weather conditions we lost three weeks, but managed to attend the Sea Hotel on December 17<sup>th</sup> for a special Christmas lunch, which everyone thoroughly enjoyed.

We welcome new members and look forward to continuing to provide this service to our community. If you know of anyone who you think would enjoy coming along and joining us each Friday please contact me on 536 2837.

**June Roberts**

### **Pastoral Care Group**

Each year there seems to be little change to the pastoral care report. This is testimony to the constant loyalty of our members, of the Churches' Together Network and, indeed, of the whole congregation.

Twelve of us, including the Cleadon Methodist representative, Rita Sample, have met each month to discuss, pray for and take action on pastoral care matters.

Three more volunteers have now joined the Network. We did not renew the packs, but cards were readily available. In September, as well as special prayers on Pastoral Sunday, we held a Get-Together (with drinks and nibbles, of course!) for Anglican and Methodist Networkers to thank them for their caring throughout the year and for delivering cards at Christmas and Easter.

We resurrected the idea of a questionnaire to find out their opinions on where to go next. The outcome was that all seemed pleased with the design and format of the cards. Many wished to see more articles about pastoral care in leaflets or in magazines. Some favoured the idea of a get-together and a speaker meeting each year. Good suggestions for speakers were obtained.

We have assisted at eleven baptisms. Frances and Eleanor sent out anniversary cards to those baptised in the last five years. There was an excellent attendance at the Family Carols services, hopefully because of our invitations. Linda and Val have sent out wedding anniversary and bereavement cards.

We are continuing with our care lists, encompassing all those on the church electoral roll. Many visits have been made to hospitals and Homes. Bowls of hyacinths were again given at Christmas.

We are always conscious of the pastoral care many individuals give, including the Happy at Home visitors. Together, we are witnessing to God's love for us by showing our love for others.

**Jean Higgin**

## **Soup 'n' roll Lunches**

The soup'n'roll lunches roll are as popular as ever. We have over the years attracted a faithful and sociable clientele who we are more than happy to serve, with delicious home made soup, roll and butter, home made cake and tea or coffee at a very competitive price, new comers are always very welcome.

The four teams of volunteers make and serve the meals on a monthly rota, we welcome Gill Baker who joined us in November, and we are still keen to hear from anyone else who wishes to join our happy band! You don't necessarily need to cook, although that too would be an asset.

We are open for business in the Parish Hall every Tuesday at 11:45am, apart from a short break at Christmas and school summer holidays, all profits go to church funds except during Lent when all money is donated to the village Christian Aid Appeal.

During the past year we have been able to donate a grand total of £2,008.90, of which £290.20 was donated to Christian Aid.

**Edna Nichol**

## **Worship**

### **Choir**

It does not seem like 12 months since the Report for 2009 was compiled and in that period the Choir, aka Cantamus, has continued to meet generally on a fortnightly basis on a Thursday evening to rehearse the Hymns for forth-coming Services and, where necessary for any weddings when their presence has been requested.

In the main the Hymns selected from 'Complete Anglican Hymns Old & New' during the year have been fairly well-known and attention was required to be given to 'non-Hymnal' items - those that appear on the weekly Service sheet. Generally they have been reasonably straight-forward although totally new to the Choir and Congregation alike. By the time they have been used perhaps twice or thrice the Congregation has managed to get to grips with them.

The Peruvian Gloria - used at certain times of the year - has, from what I hear been quite popular and, of course, with our own Cantor - Ron Richardson - soon to be unleashed upon us by taking part in 'Metro, the Musical'.

My thanks must go to every member of the Choir for their loyalty and dedication, again, over the past year and long may it continue.

From a personal aspect 2011 marks my 50 years as an officially appointed Church Organist. In March 1961 I went to East Boldon Congregational Church to help them out for three months. The rest is history leaving in the Spring of 1968 to become Organist and Choir-Master at the then Thornhill Methodist Church (now re-named Burn Park) in Sunderland until early 1997. A break of six months and then asked to take over at Holy Trinity, High Usworth - my first excursion in to the Anglican World and in March 2000 came to Cleadon thereby entailing much less travelling. I have enjoyed my time playing 'the box of whistles' and hope to continue for a while yet.

My thanks to all at All Saints for their support.

**Gordon Trehitt  
(Organist and Choirmaster)**



## Home Communion

Holy Communion is offered to the sick / housebound on a regular basis following the 10am service on, usually, the first and third Thursdays in the month; we have several communicants whom we are happy to visit monthly.

Anyone wishing to partake in Home Communion on a short or longer term please ring the Rev'd Vernon Cuthbert so that a member of the team can get in contact and make suitable arrangements.

**Edna Nichol**

## Intercessions and Ministry of Healing

The group continue to meet on the second Monday of each month in the upper room for prayer, planning and discussion, under the chairmanship of the vicar.

Joan Walton compiles the rota for Intercession Prayers and we are very grateful to those members of the congregation who lead us in prayer.

On the 15th of September we once again attended and enjoyed a day of prayer at Minsteracres, which as last year was led by Sister Rosaria, this time the majority of the group were from All Saints' Church Cleadon, and Revd. Margaret Devine joined us. Margaret has a great interest in Wholeness and Healing, and on acceptance of our invitation, we were happy to welcome her to our January meeting as a member of our locality, we feel we can all learn from shared experience.

Our plan of services this coming year is to continue to have prayers for healing within the existing Sunday 8am and Thursday 10am services on specified dates. We shall have prayers and laying on of hands at the communion rail in the chancel, or in the pews for those who wish, following the 10am service on the second Sunday of every month.

**Edna Nichol**

## Support Activities

### Bookstall

During this year we stopped offering a bookstall because of it not being used. A big thank you to Ann Richardson for the work she put into it up until its closing.

**Vernon Cuthbert**

### Coffee

We are using ground coffee on Sunday mornings and this is generally appreciated. It is however necessary to prepare well in advance of the morning service and make up the flasks of coffee before the congregation come down to the Parish Hall.

On Saturday mornings we use instant coffee served with hot milk primarily because of the speed of service which can be achieved compared with the use of the percolator.

Over the past year the sum of £952.98 (compared with £800.00 in 2010) has been raised for church funds on Sunday mornings alone. On Saturday mornings the average takings are £150. This brings the total annual revenue generated by the operation close to £2,000.00.

And now the commercial for this equal opportunity enterprise. We need additional staff for Sunday Coffee - male or female - same rates of pay. This problem really is cause for concern. Finally I would like to thank all team members who make and serve refreshments at both Saturday coffee mornings and on Sundays after morning worship.

**Enid Bage**

### Communications Group

The committee members continue to be Brian Bage, Allan Bailey, Gordon Coxon and myself, but we would very much welcome other members to join us.

Our principal task is producing The Courier each month. We particularly welcome articles from the uniformed organisations and other groups that do not already contribute. The Thursday morning collation team includes Allan

Bailey, Charles Westerberg and Terry & Jackie Gregory. Jackie and Ann Richardson also print the advertisements.

Anne Hudson maintains the distribution lists and acts as Advertising Manager, as well as collecting the subscriptions. Our advertisers change much more frequently now, so if you know anyone who might wish to advertise, please pass on their name. When readers use businesses that advertise, please mention The Courier, so that they are aware that their contribution is appreciated.

The Twentieth edition of the Information Booklet was printed in the summer, a joint booklet with the Methodist Church which includes both church and non-church events happening on each site.

Easter and Christmas cards were again produced for village-wide distribution in conjunction with the Methodists. Margaret Westerberg painted another lovely, original water-colour for each card and we are most grateful to her for this. Yvonne Woolston assists with printing the cards and Courier fronts. Thank you to all those church members who carry out the distribution.

Our previous website has now closed down and we are therefore exploring the best way to set up a new site that will easily be able to be maintained by us. New members with expertise in this area will be particularly welcome to join our group. Even if you cannot come to the committee meetings, there is ample opportunity to have input and share the workload. Please consider carefully whether you can help in any way.

**Keith Higgin.**

### **Finance and Property Group**

Membership is the Rev'd Vernon Cuthbert, Robina Lawson, Keith Higgin, Gordon Coxon, Walter Carr, John Byers and Anthony Adamson. Bill Grant resigned during the year. We remain grateful for his work on the committee.

We monitored the expenditure against budget quarterly, reviewed the pay of the cleaner and administrator, reviewed the fees for the Hall

and the Old School Room and prepared a Budget for 2011.

- The gardening team laid a slate path and planters, financed by the Friends and a coffee morning. Thanks for this and all the other work they do in the church garden.
- Burglars twice gained access to the church roof, stealing lead and damaging slates and ridge tiles. The insurance company is aware and permission has been received for repairs to be done when the weather improves.
- External locks to the church have been changed and proposals made to move the sound system, in preparation for the new building.
- A new hot water boiler has been installed in the office and the water heater in the kitchen renewed.
- Roller blinds have been fitted, thanks to the History Society.
- Temporary repairs have been carried out to the window sills.
- The gas heaters do not function properly; they will be serviced and repaired.
- All other gas appliances have been serviced. The Fire Alarm system is regularly tested.

Walter Carr agreed to be our maintenance man. He has a diary in the office for repairs to be logged for attention. We are most grateful to him for all the unseen work he has done by way of plumbing, fixing, clearing gutters and drains and much more.

Yvonne Woolston, has settled in well and taken responsibility for hall bookings and monitoring cleanliness and condition of the buildings.

**Keith Higgin**

### **Gardening Party**

The team meet every fortnight during spring and summer to keep the gardens looking their best. About a dozen people turn up with shears and hoes, trowels and rakes, and led by John Byers do the tidying, weeding, trimming and planting needed.

This year the north side of the church has been transformed by replacing overgrown

laburnum trees and shrubs with a slate path with four stone-coloured planters containing bulbs and winter pansies. John also organised the Cubs to plant crocus bulbs in the grass beside the new path, the Brownies to plant bulbs in the planters and the Young Saints to plant them in the lawn on the other side of the path. These were gifted by Rotary to raise awareness of Polio Immunisation worldwide to try to eradicate this crippling disease. Purple crocuses reflect the purple dye used to identify the children who have been immunised.

The team is continuing to work on clearing "the jungle" at the east side of the church and replacing old shrubs with new woodland friendly plants. Bob Lawson has provided two new bird houses, and these, together with wildlife-friendly planting, should encourage the birds and butterflies to make their homes here.

Most people will know that the church has been awarded a gold certificate in the Ellis Wood Trophy section of Northumbria in Bloom for two years now, both of which are displayed on a window sill in church. Although building work might reduce our chances for this year, the team will still keep working to make visits to our church pleasurable and to achieve another gold if possible. Anyone who is able to wield a trowel or a pair of secateurs is more than welcome to come and join this group of friendly but hard-working gardeners.

**John Byers**

### **Gift Aid**

The number of people taking envelopes is now less than 70 but there has been an increase in Standing orders. Anyone wanting envelopes or Standing Order forms please see me or one of the sidespeople any Sunday morning. The money reclaimed in tax is substantial and I ask anyone who pays tax either on investments or income to fill in a Gift Aid form. This is the only form you need to fill in and providing you pay the tax we can reclaim on the amount you give. You have already paid this tax to the government so it will not cost you anything. Thank you to those who do the envelopes week by week & thanks to Gordon for getting the bank statements to me so promptly.

**Robina Lawson**

### **Parish Administrator**

Weddings, Christenings, antique fairs, parties, fund raising events, shake this up with a bit of Salsa and we have a fantastic mixture of activities that blend together to create a diverse and exciting modern parish hall.

In August the church and hall was transformed into a beautiful and elegant wedding venue which included a live band on stage, mouth-watering food and a splendid celebration for all who attended.

Another highlight of the year was the Nativity play held at the church by the local nursery. The hall itself having a stage with lighting lends itself well to such performances. It was a delight to see lots of very excited 3 year olds getting ready in costumes dressing up as stars, angels and kings etc. to put on the show. As usual with great performances there were some diva moments, a few tears, costume malfunctions and of course those ones needing their mum! But in the end they were truly wonderful in taking the courage to be on the stage, singing and remembering their songs. There were many proud parents and grandparents that day.

Activity groups such as the Exercise class, Slimming World and T'ai Chi continue to be very popular and starting in February we have a new Yoga class.

The Chapter House Appeal for the proposed extension is making excellent progress in reaching its target of £60, 000 and church members work tirelessly to raise funds through tea dances, the Christmas Bazaar, charity coffee mornings.

**Yvonne Woolston**

### **Site Development**

Established to further the Open Doors Project, the members of the group have met at regular intervals to consider the Chapter House, Old School Room and Intra Site Access projects. While all were considered to be important in their own right, the design and development of the Chapter House was given high priority throughout the past year. This strategy eventually resulted in obtaining all the required

authorisation for the commencement of construction, during 2011.

#### *Chapter House*

The design and specifications for the proposed building were distributed to local builders, requesting them to submit tenders.

Unfortunately, all were about £ 60,000 more than the anticipated cost. An appeal to raise the shortfall was launched in Autumn 2010 and thanks to generous support, sufficient pledges were realised to proceed with an extension to the Church. However, a cash flow problem within the designated timescale was envisaged. Consequently, fund raising events and a loan from the Church Building Committee may need to be investigated and implemented. On December 16th, members of the group unanimously agreed to accept the tender from Murray Construction Ltd. ( MCL) In January 2011, MCL confirmed the contract figure of £190,395.66, with a starting date of May 3rd. Should there be no unexpected delays, completion will take 16 weeks. At long last, we are about to change an idea into reality.

#### *Old School Room*

This building has proved to be an invaluable asset for All Saints' Church as well as the local and wider Community. Bookings for the use of the accommodation and facilities have been regular and variable and an incentive for maintenance and further development .However, renovation of window frames and outside walls require urgent attention before further deterioration takes place.

#### *Intra Site Access*

Access around the site has always been a concern, especially for the disabled. A number of ideas and suggestions have been discussed without deciding upon realistic solutions. Fortunately, the design of the Chapter House incorporates a permanent ramp, providing access to the Church and a toilet for the disabled.

**Derek Bage**

#### **Traidcraft Stall**

After trading for more than ten years, here in All Saints', our stall continues to help Third World producers achieve a better standard of

living, by providing them with a secure and steady outlet for their products. As the economic problems hit us here in the west, it is essential that we make extra efforts to support our brothers and sisters overseas, where things are even more difficult.

The stall could not operate without the loyalty of our customers or the commitment of those who serve week in and week out, in the hall after the 10am Sunday service and at the monthly Coffee Morning. Jan McGill, Val McIntosh, Julie Ratter and Linda Ross have recently been joined by Carol Casey on our regular rota and for each of them, I am most grateful.

Looking to the future, I appeal to everyone to try to buy at least one item of fairly traded foodstuff from the stall every week or month so that we can continue to flourish in this mission.

**Valerie Wallbank**

#### **Transport**

There is not a great deal to report on this front since the service has not been in great demand over the past three years and then mainly for hospital appointments either at the Royal and General in Sunderland or South Tyneside Hospital in South Shields. The main problem with the Sunderland Hospital is parking. If, however, the passenger has a blue parking disc, this can be very useful. Volunteer drivers should check with their insurance company that the service provided is covered by their policy. The facility is normally for seniors and usually for medical reasons only. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the volunteer drivers, many of whom have conveyed passengers at short notice and trust that they will continue to support the scheme during the coming year.

**Enid Bage**