

THE ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

will take place on Wednesday 27th April 2011 at 8pm in the church

Annual Meeting of Parishioners

1. Apologies
2. Minutes and matters arising
3. Election of Churchwardens
4. Appointment of Deputy Wardens

Annual Parochial Church Meeting

1. Minutes and matters arising
2. Electoral Roll report
3. Secretary's report on the work of the PCC
4. Annual report 2010-11
5. Elections
 - Deanery Synod representatives
 - PCC representatives
 - Sidespeople
6. Appointments
 - Welcomers
7. Treasurer's report and appointment of Auditor
8. Hall's report
9. Reports from organisations (on screen and paper)
10. Report from Youth Minister
11. Report from Children's Minister
12. Report from Vicar
13. Open Discussion

ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING 2011

Secretary's Report on the proceedings of the Parochial Church Council 2010-11

The PCC held 9 meetings during the year, a mixture of business, prayer and one extraordinary meeting.

In addition to taking the minutes of each meeting a limited amount of general correspondence was dealt with.

I give thanks for the professionalism and enthusiasm of the PCC chairman and its members and would ask for your prayers on its work going forward into the new year.

Bill Belsham
PCC secretary 2010/11

Annual Accounts 2010

Summary version

The electoral roll is updated annually and in 2010 comprised 204 members, an increase of 10 since 2009. The breakdown was:

Male = 81, Female = 123;
Resident in parish = 90, Resident outside parish = 114.

The average weekly attendance during October (when the annual count is done for the Diocese) was 155 adults aged 16 or over and 46 young people aged under 16.

Income

Total receipts for the General Fund were £215,842. The proportion of donations that are gift aided was similar to that in 2009 – 85% of General Fund donations when taken together with the tax recoverable, compared with 86% in 2009. The income from the hire of the hall increased significantly in 2010 to £21,728 (10% of total receipts) and income from the café rose to £18,275 due to more catering at special functions (8% of total receipts) – this represents a 16% surplus of café income over café expenditure.

The planned giving by envelopes and standing orders to the General Fund increased by 32% to £95,118 (£118,502 with the tax recoverable). We are very grateful to those who give in this way as it enables the church to set a realistic budget. In addition the amount promised in Advent was £4,725 a year in increased or new standing orders. People also gave £3947.81 to the General Fund in a special offertory at this time.

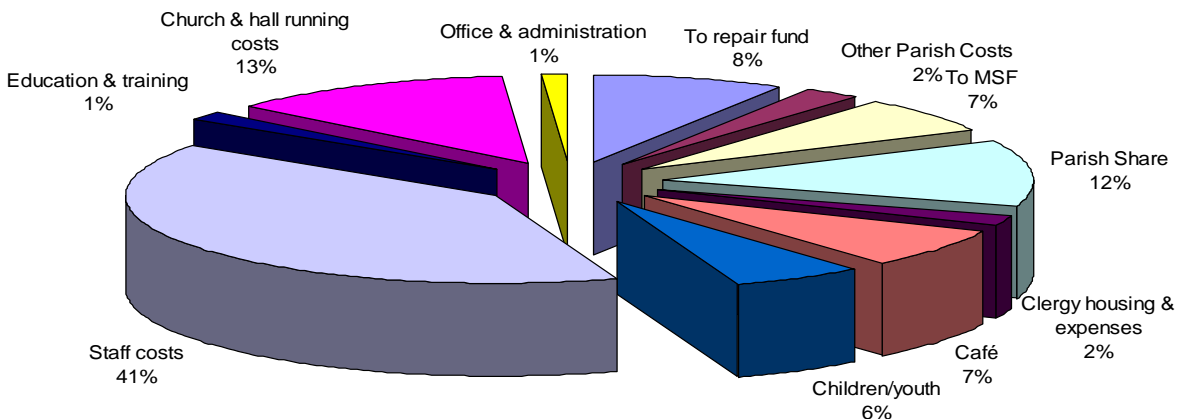
We are grateful to the estate of Miss Brigitte Schmidt for a legacy of £4668.45.

The General Fund - Year Ended 31st December 2010

2009		2010	
£	<u>Income</u>	£	
	<u>Donor Income</u>		
84,167	Gift Aid	88,292	
24,020	Tax Receivable	25,746	
16,954	Non-Gift Aid	19,970	
8,068	Open Plate	9,669	
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133,209		143,677	+7.8%
	 <u>Other Voluntary Income</u>		
5,643	Legacies	4,669	
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5,643		4,669	
	 <u>Other Incoming Resources</u>		
322	Magazines	292	
2,427	Fees	5,086	
19,338	Hall Lettings	21,728	
14,815	Café	18,275	
504	Bookstall	668	
10,280	Children/Youth	11,531	
743	Evangelism/Education	680	
1,842	Oasis College	7,186	
1,204	Miscellaneous	1,475	
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51,475		66,921	
981	Investment Income	575	
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191,308	<u>Total Incoming Resources</u>	215,842	+12.8%

Expenditure

The General Fund - Year Ended 31st December 2010



The General Fund - Year Ended 31st December 2010

2009		2010	
£	<u>Expenditure</u>	£	
36,281	Ministry Costs	38,185	
33,930	Youth Minister	34,232	
7,753	Children's Minister	9,105	
	Assistant Youth Minister	2,209	
	Children/Youth Administrator	974	
	Hall Bookings Administrator	2,605	
24,400	Parish Share	26,800	
9,676	Church	12,961	
13,648	Hall and Grounds	14,575	
13,923	Café	15,805	
464	Bookstall	488	
209	Performing Arts		
6,339	Evangelism/Education	3,637	
12,488	Children/Youth	16,517	
163	Equipment	1,937	
950	Depreciation	1,055	
449	Bank charges	61	
3,241	Other Parish Costs	2,572	
863	Independent Examiner	1,064	
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164,777	<u>Total Expenditure</u>	184,782	+12.1%
26,531	<u>NET SURPLUS/<LOSS></u>	31,060	
-51,690	Transfers, CRF + MSF	-32,500	
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-25,159	Net movement in fund	-1,440	

The net result for the year was an excess of receipts over payments of £31,060; of this £14,500 was transferred to the Mission Support Fund and £18,000 to the Church Repair Fund. The balance of the General Fund carried forward at 31st December was £131,296; down £2,400 on the previous year.

Missionary Giving.

To celebrate the 70th anniversary of Christ Church a Gift Day in June was focused upon supporting mission that has gone out from this church, or which might go out in the future. £30643.96 was raised – 30% was sent to the Light House Project in Southampton (to support Tim Hyde a former member of Christ Church), 30% was sent to Viktor Petrenko (another former member of the church) to help provide accommodation in Riga, Latvia and 10% was sent to Pat Blanchard working in Lima, Peru to help buy and adapt a building into a treatment centre for handicapped children. The remaining 30% was used to create a small fund to enable any within Christ Church to test their calling to the ministry. Other donations to missionary charities and agencies in 2010 totalled £37,315 (£27,751 in 2009).

In addition, £1,337.92 was raised by a door-to-door collection by Christ Church members in support of Christian Aid.

CHRIST CHURCH ORPINGTON - YEAR ENDED 31st December 2010

Missionary Expenditure - Restricted Fund				
2009		Specific	MSF	TOTALS
	<u>General</u>			
2,090	CPAS	319	1,500	1,819
609	Crosslinks	618		618
2,040	LCM	1,139	1,500	2,639
26	CMS	689	1,500	2,189
2,397	SAMS	-	-	-
271	Red Nose Day	-	-	-
161	Interserve	169	-	169
76	Bible Society	-	-	-
182	The Children's Society	175	-	175
1,197	Rochester Diocese for Zimbabwe	-	-	-
9,049		3,109	4,500	7,609
	<u>Support Agencies & Education</u>			
100	Churches Together in Orpington	-	100	100
293	Street Pastors (CTiO)	383	-	383
1,900	Barnabas Fund	383	1,500	1,883
185	Compassion	-	-	-
-	Book Aid	-	-	-
1,591	Spinnaker	501	1,500	2,001
2,178	Tear Fund	2,419	1,500	3,919
-	Mission Direct	2,396	2,410	4,806
1,200	Child Evangelism Fellowship of Britain	346	500	846
1,200	Chab Dai & Yejj Charitable Trust	-	-	-
-	Church Army	9,193	-	9,193
208	Release International	-	-	-
1,219	Toy Box	-	-	-
10,074		15,621	7,510	23,131
	<u>Personnel</u>			
2,253	Isobel Murphy (WBT)	1,732	1,000	2,732
672	Rob & Traci Davis (Europe Now)	-	-	-
1,460	Jim & Katie Whitear (YWAM)	419	1,000	1,419
1,519	Nick & Helen Smith (AWM)	293	1,000	1,293
2,724	Viktor & Ester Petrenko	18,018	1,500	19,518
-	Pat Blanchard	3,064	-	3,064
8,628		23,526	4,500	28,026
27,751	TOTAL	42,256	16,510	58,766

We hope this summary version of the 2010 annual accounts is helpful. A full version will be available at the APCM.

Mission Support Fund 2010

£14,510 available:

Sent to mission agencies

Spinnaker	£1,500		
Church Pastoral Aid Society	£1,500		
London City Mission	£1,500		
CMS (Lima)	£1,500		
Tearfund	£1,500		
Barnabas Fund	£1,500		
		Sub-total	£9,000

Where possible and desirable we specified particular projects to be beneficiaries of these agencies' sums. For example Tearfund's Sagoal project in Nepal, LCM's Day Centre for the Homeless at Waterloo, two SAMS projects in Lima shanty towns. We sent the full amounts to the General Funds of the other agencies - CPAS, Barnabas, and Spinnaker.

Sent to mission partners, usually former members of our fellowship, were then each awarded 2/3 of the agency figure, except for the Petrenkos, who, with an extra £500, need additional funds for a house-build. Two extra items were also added*.

Nick and Helen Smith	£1,000	Arab World Ministries, The Gulf
Jim and Katie Whitear	£1,000	Youth With A Mission, Hamburg, Germany
Isabel Murphy		£1,000 Wycliffe Bible Translators, Brazil
Victor and Ester Petrenko	£1,500	Riga International Bible Institute, Latvia
*Ufuk and Emma Demirgil	£500	Child Evangelism Fellowship, Turkey
*Mission Direct project	£410	15 CCO members to Uganda

Sub-total £ 5,410

Churches Together in Orpington **£ 100**

Grand Total **£14,510**

DEANERY SYNOD REPORT 2010- 2011

The Deanery Synod met 3 times in the year 2010 – 2011, (Vicar and Messrs Fox and Owen were your representatives).

26th May 2010 at CCO with a presentation “Using the Arts in Relational Mission”.

Dance, Flowers, Stained Glass, Banners, Murals, Photography, Audio Visual, Mosaic and Collages, Drama, Lighting, Candles, - all being used to communicate. Churches in the deanery need to transcend boundaries of tradition and spirituality to create a living history. Why should Christians engage in creative art? Bezalel filled by God for craftsmanship – creative art. The church has space to change perceptions for the wider community, and show that creativity is appreciated. Vision/creative art is needed, not a large church with a huge budget – it can build bridges between church & community.

14th October 2010 at Christ Church.

Jay was commissioned Area Dean for Orpington by the Ven. Dr Paul Wright.

Parish Pictures were given by two new incumbents:

Paul Prentice, the just licenced vicar at St Andrew’s church, described a strong sense of community in a mixed area, a liberal, catholic tradition and a with smallish congregation. God had led him to St Andrews where there was potential for growth in priesthood, and ministry to the people over the coming years.

Father Robert Lane, the new vicar at St Francis Petts Wood, a quiet and peaceful church but also full of vibrant faithful people. Having only been at St Francis for 2 weeks Father Robert felt that this is the place he is meant to be.

Jay then set out a Deanery Vision. Our churches and our geography are very diverse; very wealthy to very poor. It is good that we all live near one another; good for learning from one another, examining and reflecting on best practice.

27th January 2011 St Mary’s St Paul’s Cray

Parish Picture: Vicar Rev Chris Kitchener and Wendy Macxallister, Head of St Paul’s C of E Primary School. The parish is very diverse, including significant numbers of Travelers, some of whom are fully settled, others more mobile. The school is small but with good space and a very positive outreach.

The meeting was primarily devoted to the subject “Church and School in Community”. The main item was a presentation about Academy Status for Bishop Justice School by the Head and one of the Governors. They were very positive that Status was expected to be granted, and very clear on the advantages.

Presentations were also made about schools work, emphasising the importance of links to Community. Caroline Bailey described the involvement of CCO.

GIVE THANKS!

For continuing links with schools.

PLEASE PRAY:

For important matters ahead:

- Ordination of Women Bishops,
- Anglican Covenant,
- Strengthening relationships with neighbouring Anglican churches.

Hall Bookings/Centre Management

The post of Hall Bookings Administrator became a paid position in May 2010 when I was appointed to take on this responsibility. Many thanks to Len Gardiner for all his hard work and commitment in undertaking this role in a voluntary capacity until then. This change was instigated by a marked increase in hall bookings, by both internal and external hirers, with a corresponding expansion in administration. This trend has continued over the last year with the setting up of several youth pod groups, a Youth Alpha course, Inspire dance and prayer workshops, and the monthly evening prayer times. Two new dance classes have begun, one using traditional dance forms and another using street dance.

Our dedicated regular hirers have continued to find Christ Church a convenient and suitable venue, and I've begun to foster good relations with the leaders of these groups which include Orpington Photographic Society, Charterhouse Pre-School, Stroke Link Club, Kentish Opera, Slimming World, 4Israel and Rochester Diocese. The Maypole Project has made several bookings to use our facilities - including the Rainbow Room, which has frequently been booked by families of children with special needs. Requests from potential regular hirers are still being considered, although the capacity of the halls to offer regular times for new groups needs to be considered alongside the needs of the community already here at Christ Church.

The installation of audio visual equipment in the halls has been partially completed as I write, but has already provided us with access to high standard equipment that is user friendly. Len has continued in his role as Facilities Manager and reports that the reliability of plant and the cost of maintenance continues to be a matter of concern, though there has been some improvement and cost reduction over the last year. Intensive premise use does though come with a corresponding increase in wear and tear.

GIVE THANKS!

- The smooth handover from Len last year and his continued assistance since then,
- The support and dedication of all our volunteer caretakers,
- The fruitful relationship already developed with regular hirers,
- Our wonderful facilities and the opportunities they give us to meet new people, develop existing groups and thrive as a worshipping community.

PRAY FOR:

- Wisdom to give church members and groups the time and space they need in our facilities, at the same time as offering our facilities for the wider community,
- Time management for me, balancing the needs of church, work and family life,
- Opportunities to welcome potential hirers in a way that mirrors God's love and care for each individual.

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REPORTS FROM ORGANISATIONS

Café Mosaic

The Café has now been open for almost four years and is a great experience for our church and the local community together, with the wonderful Hall and facilities it is a great place for people to celebrate their Birthdays, Weddings, Christenings, Anniversaries and other functions.

The Café has continued to be successful in its mission with the word of our existence spreading around the local community. It is a great focal point for people to come for meetings with regard to their various ministries or just a chat with their friends. In the recent bad weather mothers and children have visited us when the schools were closed due to the snow, to meet up for breakfast or lunch

We have had many compliments about the Café as it provides a welcoming atmosphere where people come for good food from our varied menu and weekly Home Made Specials or just for a drink and a chat to my team who are always sympathetic and reassuring when needs are required.

I thoroughly enjoy my days at the Café where we have fun and gain lots of pleasure in making people happy.

I would like to thank God for his guidance in assisting me in the day to day running of the Café and any functions that we hold.

I would also like to thank my happy band of faithful volunteers most of whom have been with us since we opened, who turn up week in week out even battling their way through the recent snow to give their precious time and effort and for their assistance in making the Café such a pleasant place to visit and such a huge success.

Please pray for the continued success of the Café and all of the volunteers who have helped me in their efforts for providing such a warm and welcoming atmosphere to the community and that we continue to reach out to new people using this important church ministry.

Colin Beesley
Café Manager

Community Club

We have met most Tuesdays throughout the year apart from the annual breaks and we cater for 90 people with a membership of over 100.

We give thanks for the Community Service workers; this is our involvement with offenders which is a valuable church ministry outreach. They serve us well. It gives people an insight to part of church life and we are very grateful to Debbie Dolling who has been helping with this group for nearly 20 years.

There is always sadness when we lose a member – Angela Nganguan, Joan Sharpe and Ellen Cocks are being greatly missed. As people live longer, they still need much care, so some are going into Nursing homes and are having to leave the club.

Christmas lunch is always enjoyed with cards, presents as well as 30 children coming from the Highway School to sing to us.

This year our trip to Eastbourne was fun with a sunny day and Kent cherries on the way home. We had 2 coaches on this outing.

Coffee Mornings see about 30 people enjoying drinks and biscuits and some good talks with Jay and other interesting topics and speakers.

Our thanks are for everyone who is connected to the club. We are so aware of how God blesses each one of us. This would be such a long list of help we received and I am sorry if I don't mention everyone:

- Jo Solomon does a wonderful job with our new veggie table – there was a need for small amounts of vegetables to sell to our members and she fills this need every week. She does a great job buying and selling.
- Bill Whitman who has taken over organizing the transport, wonderful how he copes with it all, sometimes last minute arrangements,
- Continuing thanks to Jill Hemming, Joyce Emerton, Veronique Moodie, Grace Simmons and Alan Kitchener,
- Last, but not least, the Committee – Ruth Pallister, Jan Lally, Andrea and Eric Owen and Mary Kendall.

Please pray that we share God and we may all come closer to Him.

Greta Kitchener.

Christian Men's Network

In 2010 there were three key events organised for the Men's Ministry to meet the aims of –

- Offering an occasional place/activities to help men relax from the pressures of work
- Discussing real issues and seeking Christ's wisdom to lead a life he would have us lead

In April a film night was held to watch "Fight Club" and discuss the messages and meanings of the film and how they relate to Christian men in today's world. In July a Ramble was organised to give an opportunity for fellowship (and some exercise!). In November Jay and his team cooked a delicious Italian meal for 27 men which was preceded by a short film and discussion about men in the forces and their Christian faith – how can they/do they reconcile what seems to be conflicting actions and belief.

GIVE THANKS!

- for the opportunity to exercise this ministry, over the years, and look forward to seeing it grow in the future but under different leadership.

PRAY FOR:

- Wisdom and guidance for identifying new leaders for the Men's Ministry as Martin and Mike have decided to step down due to work and family pressures they both have at this time.

Mike and Martin

Create!

Create! (Art Courses for children & young people aged 7+) has continued to have contact with children & families from the church and wider community during 2010-2011.

We have run a variety of courses this year, including 'Dotty Art' (Pointilism), 'The Human Form in Motion' and currently 'Metal Magic'.

We continue to exhibit the children's work in the Gallery space in the church café, which makes the children feel very proud of their achievements.

Leaders: Jo Colwill & Mel Ketchin

GIVE THANKS!

- For continued enthusiasm from children/YP in courses and for new families enquiring
- For the support of Don Bissett, who has faithfully photographed and printed the children's work for display in the café gallery.
- The opportunity to develop children & young people's confidence through encouragement to explore materials, ideas and independent thinking.
- For Mel, who has taken on a much bigger role this year and is now an able 'partner'!

PLEASE PRAY:

- For continued and developing relationships of encouragement and support with families.
- For opportunities to demonstrate God's love through the distinctive and authentic relationships forged in the group.
- For continued inspiration for new courses

Friday Night @ the BASE

Friday Night @ the BASE continues to run fortnightly during term time – it is a Youth Group for secondary school aged young people with additional needs – ie those who find the Saturday groups too 'full-on'.

We currently have 11 boys attending the older group (school years 8+), who have gained so much confidence that we are now planning to transition them up to BASE + (on Saturdays), during the Summer Term 2011.

We also started a second group for year 6/7 YP (at Easter 2010). There are 8 boys in this group, who are settling in well.

Leaders: older group: Jo Colwill; Jackie Humphries; Coral Knight; Jenny Seares.

Leaders: younger group: Mel Ketchin, Mandy Callghan, Martin & Sarah Hayward, Brenda Bennett.

Mentors: Chris Hemming; Hannah Goddard; Sam Ketchin, Hannah & Sarah Warrington

GIVE THANKS!

- For the confidence we have seen growing in the young people as they come to the group.
- For the opportunities we have had to show God's love to the families with whom we have contact, in very practical ways.
- For the friendships that have formed in the group.

PLEASE PRAY:

- For the older boys, as they make the transition to BASE +, especially that they will be able to overcome their anxiety about meeting new people.
- For wisdom for the leaders in the younger group, as they manage tricky interpersonal issues.
- That the families we meet with, experience God's love through us.

In:spire Dance

1. Monthly Prayer/ Worship times using movement.

On the second Monday of every month 8-10pm there is space to come before God to meet together in His name, to listen to his Word, to worship, to pray and to provide time and space to meet with Him. This is done through movement, music, scripture and silence. The planning team includes Mel Ketchin, Caroline Rous, Helen Smith, Caroline Bailey and Anna Shadbolt.

GIVE THANKS!

- For the growth of this group
- The space to meet with God

PRAY FOR:

- For God's guidance and leadership in this ministry area

2. Springs Link

Our partnership with Springs Dance Company continues as we provide a weekly community placement for the students on the Springs Apprenticeship scheme, enabling them to link with a local church serving its local community.

Students visit every Thursday and on two Sundays during the Autumn and Springs terms. In the Summer Term we welcome them for a few days as part of their end of year tour. This year we have worked with two excellent teams who have served in the following areas:

- Monthly 'Outburst' sessions in our Children's Ministry on Sunday mornings
- Leading Mini-Movers sessions at the church/ Charterhouse Pre-School
- Performing dance/ drama pieces for use in Sunday worship services
- Supporting The Highway Primary School with assemblies, lessons of a Christian theme and running a dance club

This project is a great way to enable the students to learn and engage with the worship, ministry and mission of a local church in the community, and is a great way for us as a local church to support ongoing ministry inside and outside of the church. We welcome the relationships that continue to strengthen within our local community through this work.

GIVE THANKS!

- For the enthusiasm and energy of the teams of dancers who support the ministry of this church in the community
- For the continued good relationships built between Christ Church, local schools and families

PRAY FOR:

- The direction and growth of arts ministries at Christ Church
- Outreach opportunities through this ministry

Caroline Bailey

Mini-Movers

Mini-Movers runs on Thursday afternoons. Pre-schoolers enjoy singing and dancing to lively Bible based songs, and participating with interactive, movement based Bible stories in our small hall. Our themes have been 'Our God is a Great Big God: Old Testament stories' and 'Jesus' Love is Very Wonderful: All About Jesus.' This ministry is served by Sue London, Jo Gavin and Caroline Bailey with support from Springs Dance Apprentices. This is a small group with much opportunity for conversation with parents and carers, meaning that fruitful relationships can be established for the growth of God's kingdom in people's lives. We will be partnering with a local mum from The Highway School who will be offering Pilates Classes at the same time as mini-movers after Easter.

GIVE THANKS!

- Our team of volunteers: from our church community, wider local community and Springs Dance Company
- The work of God's spirit in the conversations had with parents and carers

PRAY FOR:

- A new group of families who have just joined from Tea and Toys - that the children integrate well and that fruitful conversation can develop with the mums

Caroline Bailey

Mission and Evangelism

- During 2010 there were two evening Alpha groups. Both of these groups have gone on to form the nucleus of house groups. Bob Kendall is leading the first group and Eric and Andrea Owen are using the Journeys course to continue the Alpha group which has recently completed the course.

- There has also been a day time Alpha group led by Judith Motto and Philippa Allen which has emerged from a Meeting Point group.
- The youth team have been holding a Youth Alpha course under Chris Hemming.

We continue to attract people via the Alpha website and also some newcomers to the church who want to go on this course. In the last two courses we have had fantastic days at Burrswood. This away day has often turned out to be the most significant part of the course for participants.

I want to thank the Alpha group consisting of Nelson and Ruth Pallister, Sue London, Greta Kitchener and Sarah Hayward who have planned and prayed for Alpha and other initiatives for evangelism.

- ◆ Pray for the proposed Alpha course with the invitation meal in the spring.
- ◆ Pray for those who have gone on to follow on groups that their faith may deepen.
- ◆ Pray for other initiatives to enable people to come into community and start seeking such as “Back to Church Sunday”
- ◆ Pray for the Community group as they seek to serve the older members of our community.
- ◆ Pray for tea and Toys as it provides a first point of contact for young mothers.

The mission group have planned support to the groups we are involved in locally, nationally and internationally. During the last year there has been a consultation with the congregation to ensure that the focus of the support we give reflects the passion of the congregation to support societies and individuals.

During 2010 there have been 8 visits or deputations from mission partners. £14,510 was distributed on behalf of the church to Mission Support Fund partners and special collections also raised further sums of money for specific mission partners.

During 2010 we supported the trip of Chris Hemming to Uganda and an ambitious trip of 15 young people and leaders is being supported in 2011.

The end of 2010 saw Graham Bartlett stand down from Chair of the Mission committee after 18+ years on the committee with 10 years as Chair. His passion, dedication and hard work in this role will be missed.

Alan Goddard

Pastoral Care

This year has seen many new people coming to Christ Church which has given us a wonderful job of trying to remember names, addresses, families and faces; what a great problem to have! We have followed up by inviting people to either cheese and wine evenings or Sunday afternoon teas. Jay has joined us on these happy occasions to explain a little about the different parts of church life. They are a great opportunity for new people to get to know others in a smaller group as well as feel relaxed to ask any questions they may have.

We have been able to offer some transport to cover lifts to church on Sundays or to mid-week ministries and doctors or hospital appointments. If you feel you could help in this area, please

contact one of the team; these times could arise at any moment and it would be good to have more volunteers who could help and be added to our list.

Christ Church is a caring church and many are involved in its pastoral care in many ways. We thank God for the willingness to help, sometimes it can be a long-term illness.

We are still meeting with a few other local churches for training as well as sharing with one another. We have learnt more about helping children with special needs settle into church life, as well as changing ourselves in our thinking.

On the morning of Saturday 19th March in the undercroft we had a very qualified speaker, Wendy Billington, a Christian counselor, who shared practical guidelines for pastoral care.

GIVE THANKS!

- For the pastoral care team consisting of Ruth Pallister, Pat Hemmington, Mary Kendal, Janet Bower, Eric Owen and Jan Lally who pray willingly and humbly to care for others.

PRAY FOR:

- Our future Welcomers evenings that people will feel at ease and encouraged to want to know more of what faith in God means,
- Any help with transport that people could offer.

Greta Kitchener

Prayer Ministry Report

It was a privilege and an honour to be asked to pick up the baton from Cecilia Bartlett as Prayer Co-ordinator in April 2010 – thank you Cecilia for your faithful enthusiasm and vision.

Prayer Ministry – We are blessed with a group of 20 men and women who are glad to pray with anyone in need of prayer following our morning and evening services. This is strictly confidential of course, and many have been blessed over the months by this loving ministry.

Prayer Chain – Most of the prayer requests are communicated by e-mail, but there is a group who are contacted by telephone. We are thankful for the prayer support of these dear friends. There have been additions to the Prayer Chain in recent months.

Weekly Prayer Meeting - Some of us meet for prayer between 9 am and 9.45 am on Saturday mornings, usually about 10 or 12. We would warmly welcome others who are able to join us.

Answered Prayer – We firmly believe all prayer is answered, although not always in how we would expect or hope for. However, quite apart from those who have been grateful for successful results of surgery, family problems resolved, strength in difficult circumstances, calmness when facing exams, changing lifestyles, etc., perhaps specific mention should be made of the following:- We thank the Lord for the answers to many varied needs, but in particular:

1 – Angela Nganguen. Sadly Angela died on October but during her illness, she made significant progress in her faith in the Lord. The family was supported by prayer, and also by much loving practical care, and we continue to pray for Bertrand and Benito.

2 – Jes Branscombe has been faithfully prayed for during his long dark tunnel of depression. He has now come out into the light, and (another answer to prayer) has a new job.

3 – Simon Sleath was very seriously ill with myeloma and, subsequently, kidney failure. He had considerable prayer support both within our church and also Christ Church Chislehurst and the wider Christian community. He is currently in remission so far as the myeloma is concerned, has a new kidney donated by his brother, and is back at work. Not only this, but he has felt sustained both mentally and spiritually.

Both Jes and Simon have recently publicly testified to the Lord's goodness and grace.

GIVE THANKS!

- for the flexibility that exists among the Prayer Ministry Team, when inevitably from time to time, dates have to be swapped,
- for the dependability of the Team,
- for the immense privilege of being entrusted to pray for those in need.

PRAY FOR:

- for wisdom and discernment as we listen to sometimes heart-wrenching problems.

Rainbow Room/ children with additional needs.

On a Sunday morning the Rainbow room is used by the crèche and the under threes. Mary Dalton runs a group of volunteers who supervise these sessions and keep the children safe. Numbers of children using the room each Sunday range from 5-9 and are supervised by 3 adults. The children have a lot of fun leaping around but also have a short time to listen to a bible story.

The room is also available to be used by the community so that children with additional needs can have a fun place to meet. We have a small group of regulars who meet for fun together. These sessions are supervised by a member of our SEN committee. Last year I mentioned that we had been approached by The Maypole Project who had a fabulous Christmas party in our halls. They are now regular users of the facility and hold fun days during each school holiday. We now have an arrangement with their organiser that they will provide their own supervision for children using the Rainbow Room during these days. We have also been approached by another organisation who provide respite care for families with Autistic children and we are hoping that they will be able to start using the facility very soon.

GIVE THANKS!

- All the volunteers on the SEN committee who are available for play sessions.
- For the children and families that use the room .
- For being able to serve in this way.

PRAY FOR:

- Further growth in the numbers of children using the room.
- For more volunteers.
- Safety for all using the room.
- That each family will know the love of God through our work with them.

Mel Ketchin.

Small Groups and Discipleship

During the last year, further new groups have been formed as a result of Alpha courses – one led by Bob Kendall and hosted by Andy and Jane Wood; another, about to start, hosted and led by Eric and Andrea Owen. It is so encouraging to see people growing into a deeper knowledge of the Lord Jesus and finding their place as integral parts of the Body of Christ.

A number have joined the Church and been incorporated into small groups; some have moved away or been translated into glory. We have closed one group and incorporated the members into other groups.

The Church has started a Theology Café on the 3rd Sunday and 3rd Wednesday of the month. This initiative came out of the felt need to address some of the doctrinal issues in a constructive way and draws on the wisdom and knowledge of some of the Church's wealth of Bible teaching. Some of the groups have followed up these central sessions with their own studies.

Please talk to me if you would like to look at the possibility of joining a group.

Another Marriage Enrichment Course has started, led again by Peter and Lynn Price.

GIVE THANKS!

- For the new groups that have started,
- For continuing enthusiasm for group development in the church,
- For those prepared to take on leadership and pastoral care roles.

PRAY FOR:

- wisdom and sensitivity in making changes to existing group structures,
- for the new Marriage Enrichment Course,
- for wisdom in knowing how best to grow new leaders

Nelson D A Pallister

Worship Group - Morning

In January 2010, the morning music group split into two separate teams led by Melanie and Mike Bailey, and Liesel Stanbridge. Over the last year, there has been a period of consolidation as each group has developed their own distinctive style. We try to reflect the full range of traditions and preferences of the congregation in our choice of music, but this is sometimes influenced by the musicians available each week. As a team we are grateful to Jenny Warrington for being available to play the organ for each group, although we have experimented with the organ sound on the keyboard (all constructive comments welcome!). Simon Lindley took up an organ post in Bromley and so can only join us on the first Sunday in the month, but we welcome his musical talents when he's able to come along.

Both groups have welcomed new members over the course of the year – Dave Bailey, Simon Clooney, Jes Branscombe and Philippa Allen have joined Liesel's group and Bob Haythorne has

joined Mel's group. We are very sad to report that Roy King, who has served in the morning group for many years, has withdrawn from the group because of illness. We're grateful for his dedication and faithfulness in being part of the music group, and we wish him every blessing. God's timing is perfect and, just as Roy was unable to join us, Bob offered his services as a pianist, organist and guitarist. Each group is now almost up to full strength.

GIVE THANKS!

- For the dedication of both groups and their leaders,
- For the years of service offered by Roy King,
- For growing sensitivity in worship,
- For flexibility within each group to cope with illness or holidays,
- For a willingness to try new music and arrangements, where these are appropriate, but also to maintain important traditions in musical style.

PRAY FOR:

- New members to find their place in each group, and grow in confidence,
- For a closer integration of music and technology so that there are fewer distractions for the congregation,
- God to use our gifts as he sees fit, to encourage the congregation and provide a range of musical styles to enable all to worship during our services.

Worship Group - Evening

The evening service continues to fulfil an important function within the worship life of the church. We schedule I:Gen services for families and young people alongside an evening 'service of the word'. I:Gen has increased to about one every 2-3 weeks. Our youth band now competently leads these services with one or two adults in attendance. It is great to see them grow in playing and leading in worship. In 2010, we launched a Theology Café service to encourage biblical understanding. This has been well attended by up to 70 people. There has been teaching and learning about the fundamentals of the Christian faith.

Evening Worship is led by Jay Colwill and supported by a great team of musicians and preachers. It provides a good opportunity for young people to plan and lead worship through the efforts of the IGEN planning team. The evening service is also a good environment to enable preachers to experience preaching to a smaller congregation. However, the numbers in both IGEN and Evening Worship are lower than we would hope (even when the experience in worship is very positive.) We seek God's guidance as to how we might attract members of our wider community to this service.

Jay Colwill

GIVE THANK!

- The interest in the Theology Café and the opportunity for learning it affords.
- An increasing sense of God's Spirit as we listen to Him in times of quiet and reflection

PRAY FOR:

- Discernment for the future direction of our evening services in 2011.

Volunteer Support Group (VSG)

One full year of the VSG has seen some exciting initiatives and growth.

Below are our initial aims and those areas we have made progress in so far:

- **To be approachable and available to meet the needs of volunteers within the church.** The leaders of all the identifiable groups at church have been approached and many face-to-face discussions have taken place.
- **To support, encourage and pray for volunteers both existing and potential.** We have been available for anyone to talk and have prayed as a group. We have responded to requests for training and support.
- **To demonstrate thanks to volunteers and organise an annual thank you tea.** We held a successful thank you tea in May.
- **To raise the profile of volunteers in the Church** – we have a VSG board in the cafe and developed a page on the website and produced a Volunteer handbook.
- **To ensure that volunteers and groups are regularly prayed for by the church as a whole.** Approximately twice a month a group are included in our Sunday morning intercessions.
- **To effectively communicate volunteer opportunities.** We use our board, have done displays, put notices in the notice sheet and have a page on the website.
- **To support group leaders in recruitment and training of volunteers.** Any requests have been acted upon and advertised and there has been a significant increase in awareness of training for volunteers.
- **To offer guidance on spiritual gifting as needed.** We held a Network course in October and have produced a Spiritual Gifts questionnaire that has been completed by many people in the church.

We are grateful for the encouragement of our group by so many and are keen to support the ongoing work of our many volunteers for the glory of God and extension of His kingdom.

GIVE THANKS!

- For the willingness of the church to embrace the group.
- The leaders of the groups who ably coordinate, encourage, equip and train so many.
- To all those who have taken part in the Network course and are actively seeking Your will and gifts.

PRAY FOR:

- Opportunities to help those that seek Spiritual Gift guidance
- All our volunteers; that they are both fruitful and fulfilled in the areas they are serving and will seek assistance if they are unsure.

Jenny Warrington, Mandy Callaghan, Sarah Gardiner, Janet Bower

Church Wardens' Report

The main event of 2010 affecting the fabric of the church was the programme of repairs to implement the 2009 Quinquennial Report. During the summer, a huge structure of scaffolding was installed around much of the church building, from which our chosen builder, Ross Brothers, was able to replace slipped or broken tiles on the roof and to carry out extensive repointing of the church walls. This should put an end to the water penetration which had begun to damage plaster in the chancel and balcony. The repairs also included a complete refurbishment of the church vestibule toilet.

We should like to take this opportunity to thank Betty Hatherly, who supervised the quinquennial repairs and who chaired the Fabric Committee for eleven years until her retirement in December 2010. We shall miss her commitment and expertise.

The Fabric Committee has again met at regular intervals throughout the year to review the annual maintenance schedule and to discuss minor and not-so-minor repairs. The cost of maintaining the fabric would be higher but for the many repairs which Committee members carry out themselves, for which we are very grateful. The support of other church members on work mornings is also greatly appreciated.

Completed projects include the installation of a blind over the church's round window and putting the maintenance of the church grounds out to contract. On-going projects include the installation of a new audio-visual system in the halls. There are also, as usual, a variety of further issues under discussion. In particular, we are currently seeking further advice on the upgrading of the building's lightning protection, and we are beginning a review of the state of the church's lighting, particularly in the chancel.

Finally we wish to thank our long-suffering wives, Janet and Marion, for their invaluable support during the year.

Don Bower
Derek Foxen

Youth Ministry 2010/11

This year the leadership of youth ministry at Christ Church has gone through the most change and transition of the last twelve years.

This has been an exciting time and it has been a joy to welcome Chris Hemming into a more formal role as Assistant Youth Minister, seeing him flourish within this and relishing the extra responsibility he has been given. It has also been a joy to welcome Charlotte Zeal as she joins the team as part of her placement alongside Oasis College as she studies for her Youth work and Ministry degree. We have also welcomed Marie Wicket as she supports the youth ministry through her role as administrator. It is a privilege to oversee such a gifted, able and enthusiastic team. This team has been supported by an equally gifted and enthusiastic team of volunteers, Susan Ward, Jenny Seares, Brenda Bennett, Jenny Warrington, Jonny Askham, Hannah Goddard, Len Gardener, Sarah Askham, Sara Georgiardi, Graham Bartlet, Sarah Warrington and Matt Fargie. A huge thank you to you all and all you have given and done for the youth ministry at Christ Church this last year.

The change in leadership came about because of the change in my ministry situation; I am now working 20 hours a week for Christ Church as Senior Youth Minister and 20 hours a week as Lecturer in Ministry Development at Oasis College, teaching and contributing to the degree and masters programmes within the college.

Last year we asked three very basic questions, as a simple strategy within youth ministry. What are we doing for the young people who attend regularly? What are we doing for their friends? And what are we doing for those young people in our community in which the church is based?

Let us look at these first two questions; what are we doing for the young people who attend regularly and what are we doing for their friends? We answer these through the following. We run 'Base' (ages 11-14: Saturday, 7.00pm - 8.30pm) and 'Base Plus' (ages 14+: Saturday, 8.30pm-10.30pm), which Chris oversees. In addition to these Saturday groups we run two Sunday groups: the Pathfinder group (11-14), which Charlotte oversees (Sunday mornings) and the Juice group (14-18), which I oversee (Sunday night). In addition to these, we also ran a Juice weekend away at the end of January, a great time of fellowship and learning more about the fruit, gifts and ministry of the Holy Spirit.

As well as this, we have five pod (small) groups that provide a way of going deeper for young people in their faith. The Pod groups continue to provide an environment where young people are supported and disciplined by a significant adult who demonstrates God's fidelity by 'being there' for them. Chris Hemming, Charlotte Zeal, Sara Askham, Sara Georgiardi and myself run these.

I also oversee I:gen, and this provides an opportunity for young and old to worship together; young people and the not so young (!) creatively plan, lead, speak at and facilitate these moving and sometimes profound acts of gathered worship. It is a real blessing to see God at work in young people's lives as they gain experience in leading worship, preaching and developing creative acts of response to the work of God's spirit in our lives.

We are currently reviewing this time together as although all of the above apply, we are continuing to pray and wait on God and to seek to follow the move of his Spirit, to see if this is the right 'vehicle' through which to engage young and old together through patterns of worship and teaching.

Alongside these regular groups, Chris Hemming, Charlotte Zeal and Susan Ward have been running Youth Alpha on a Saturday morning for young people to explore and ask questions about their developing faith.

An extra initiative that has grown out of Chris Hemming's gap year has been the decision to run a trip to Uganda through Mission Direct. This exciting and faith filled initiative, that Chris is heading up, will provide an opportunity of overseas Mission for ten young people and five leaders as they serve the people in Uganda. Moreover, Soul Survivor, Pathfinder and CYFA ventures and helping at Holiday Club also continues the work of God's Spirit in the lives of many young people, as He brings them in line with His word by the power of his Spirit.

At the beginning of May we ran a 'Passion' event based on Slum Survivor; here we built a giant slum for 90 y/p - in the grounds of the Oak Church in St Mary Cray. We lived for 24 hrs in poverty, living on a third world diet of lentils and water. Through this initiative we raised over three thousand pounds for Tear Fund; in addition to this, we explored God's word as we looked at his heart for justice, righteousness and the poor. Matt Fargie, Chris Warrington, Terry Seares and Lewi Colwill made an excellent DVD of this venture.

As we approach the question 'What are we doing for the young people in the community?' we find this is answered by Drop in (Thursday Afternoons 3.30pm-6.00pm). Chris Hemming, Charlotte Zeal, Jenny Sears and Brenda Bennett lead and help with this – it is now well into its second year and proves a popular and positive place for young people to come after school.

Through these many and varied groups and activities we seek to provide answers to our three questions: What are we doing for the young people who attend regularly? What are we doing for their friends? And what are we doing for those young people in our community in which the church is based? In seeking answers to these questions we are in regular contact with approximately 70 – 80 young people.

In addition to this, we have also been successful with a grant application from the Church of England's Youth Evangelism Fund. We have two thousand pounds towards a park based event that is planned to take place on June 30th 2012.

Alongside my role at Christ Church and Oasis, my doctoral research studies (DthMin) through Kings College continue to both challenge and invigorate me as it exposes me to engaging thinkers and theologians that inform my practice as a youth minister. Within this I am currently due to present academic papers on my current research, one in May amongst my colleagues and visitors at Oasis College and then in September, at Durham University, at an 'Ethnography and Ecclesiology' conference, which is both exciting and at the same time rather daunting!

Finally, none of the above would be possible without God's grace. Please pray that as we surrender this work to the sovereignty of God, His Spirit will continue to empower and move in the lives of the young people we have relationships with. Please pray with me, that the Father will be glorified and that young people will deepen their relationship with Him and be transformed to be like Christ through the power of the Spirit.

David Bailey
Senior Youth Minister

Children's Ministry Report

It is without doubt that the Children's Ministry at Christ Church is flourishing!

Sundays: The Sunday morning programme has delivered increasingly innovative and inspired teaching by committed and gifted individuals, providing children with both relevant learning and engaging ways of exploring their faith. *"This is the best time I've ever had at church!"* nine year old Max declared to his mum while bursting out of the Explorers door the other Sunday. Climbers and Explorers numbers have steadily grown and new families have sought to take an active part in the life of the church.

Mary Dalton and the Sunday crèche team continue to provide excellent care and support on Sundays. Often the first point of contact for baptism families or visitors, their faithfulness in providing a warm welcome should not be underestimated.

"Outburst!" monthly praise, has seen creative input from both our young musicians, Spring's dance apprentices, Doug Horley ministries and a number of adults from the church who are gifted in inspiring worship in children. Sharon Russo has been leading these sessions sensitively and spiritually, enabling an atmosphere where both leaders and children can worship together.

People often remark on the value of our 'Altogether Time' in church, where the children's learning theme is introduced at the beginning of the service before the children and leaders go out to their groups. Those few minutes spent together as one whole church family, help us feel connected and grow together.

Midweek: Mel Ketchin and Caroline Bailey report separately on the weekday activities of Rainbow Room 'safe place to play' bookings and Mini Movers. Café church and links with the Highway school through parents such as Sue London and Sarah Gardiner all contribute to the friendly welcome experienced by many families in our local community.

Paula Lynch and I have become rather competitive in maintaining the quiet attention of approximately 25 or more babies and toddlers (and their parents/carers) while we deliver a short Bible story during Tea and Toys. It has become a fine art and an achievement! Jay brings his guitar for a time of singing and the fun and relationship-building found in this group is rewarding. Judith Motto and Maureen Grandini form part of this lovely team. Our thanks go to Steph Fergie who has been a great team member for some time but is no longer able to join us on Wednesdays. Doreen Turvey after many years has now semi-retired (she thankfully still comes to make the tea!) and we are so grateful to Doreen for her years of faithful and prayerful commitment to mums in the community - some of whom now return with grandchildren!

Last June 2010, Joanne Gavin took a step of faith in relinquishing her regular job to follow her heart and work with children. Her courage has paid off enormously in the voluntary role of ministry to schools with Spinnaker Trust. She writes: *"One assembly was about 'sitting on the fence', I took a fence with me and we had the children debating over various choices, they loved it. Martin [Solomon] was fantastic he really had the children engaged with him, trying to decide. Caroline [Bailey] is helping to teach songs that fit the theme written by Doug Horley and we hope this will encourage them to come to his event held at Christ Church later in the year."*

Special Events: Events have been a huge part of my networking role as Children's Minister. Organising shared opportunities for children to fellowship, have fun and deepen their relationship with God alongside those from other churches both in Orpington (Big Breakfast events in July 2010

and January 2011), as well as Diocesan events (GLOW - March 2011 in Rochester Cathedral where many of our own folk were stewards). Doug Horley's "Go Wild!" Family Praise Party in September 2010 attracted 250 people from around Orpington and an exciting 35 children responded to the gospel message! This was also a timely event to invite our holiday club families to, including those who didn't manage to secure a place at holiday club 2010 due to its popularity and limit of 150 places!

Personally: The use of the vicar's vestry downstairs and the appointment of Marie Wickett in September as part time Children's & Youth Administrator have been welcome and timely. My own family has been very patient while work commitment this year has frequently taken more time and energy than I have had. Each of them has helped in some way. I am grateful to; my parents for their very creative contributions (story sacks, props/costume items and even a 'to scale' Galilean boat); to Laurence (17), Michael (15) and Daniel (6) who have stepped in either technically, creatively or physically - wherever there was a need; but most particularly to Mark - for his very practical and ongoing support and encouragement.

Looking Ahead: As we see a steady growth in our Sunday morning ministry, my third year here as Children's Minister will see a special focus on growing leaders within these groups. Also, an emphasis on nurturing each individual child through small pastoral groups and regular prayer is something that is very close to my heart, along with helping families to quickly feel connected within the wider church family.

Let us thank our God for the blessing and increase we are experiencing and continue to seek his wisdom and direction in our future work here.

GIVE THANKS!

- For continued growth in this ministry,
- For those who offer regular prayer support for individual children,
- For the many gifted and enthusiastic volunteers.

PLEASE PRAY:

- For a developing partnership between leaders and parents,
- For families recently traumatised by grief,
- For God's continued overall vision and direction.

Some written parental feedback this year:

"We find it very useful to know what the children are studying each week, so when we can, we can look at the story/passage beforehand so thanks for the flyer."

"Thank you for all you do!"

"I have been very impressed with the recent introductions – especially Outburst and the Big Breakfast."

"We love the prayer scheme, we know our children's interests are being thought of."

"Termly teaching series is logical and means some recap of previous sessions – helps learning and remembering."

"I like the story sacks in crèche as I feel the children are getting more than just play from being there."

"Registration is more efficient than the previous way, means children can quickly get on with their activities."

"Liked the Big Breakfast!"

"You all do a fantastic and important job. Thank you."

Wendy Tennant
Children's Ministry

Vicar's Report

This past year has been a period of consolidation and growth. For which I praise God! I have thought for a while that church growth should mirror the oak tree rather than a bramble! Growth may be slow and steady but it should be strong and consistent- not rapid and straggly! I thank God for my colleagues in ministry- both staff and volunteers who share the responsibility of leadership and ministry. This report is God's story in our midst.

Our year began with the most comprehensive spiritual life survey this church has ever conducted. The results of that survey are still being worked out in a variety of ways. Firstly, we found that we are quite a varied church:

Church Tenure	
Base Size	94
Less than one year	7%
One to five years	26%
Six to ten years	10%
More than ten years	57%

Secondly, we found out something about the 'make-up of our congregation:

Spiritual Continuum Profile		
Base Size	94	as %
Exploring Christ – those not yet 'crossed over' a line of faith.	17	18%
Growing in Christ – those committed Christians who are working out what it means to follow Christ	47	50%
Close to Christ – those who are following Christ closely day by day.	12	13%
Christ-centred – those who consider Jesus to be at the very centre of everything that they seek to do.	18	19%

With this, and much more information, the church leadership have considered what the needs of the church might be and how they might be met. One area that came up as a 'learning need' was greater understandings of the Christian faith. As such, we have implemented a Theology Café, which is reaching over 110 participants. We have commenced more systematic preaching of the Bible to help us route our faith in scripture. Far from scaring away new church members, it seems to be attractive when presented in an accessible manner.

In the second part of the year, Christ Church served the wider church through facilitating the Willow Creek Leadership Summit. Once again, I was proud of the amazing service that was demonstrated by so many people. That same Autumn, I took on responsibility for Anglican Deanery matters as Area Dean. This was during a great deal of change with 5 of the 11 benefices seeing minister vacancies and a further parish supporting a minister in a period of long-term ill health. As such, a great deal of my time was 'learning the ropes' and supporting my fellow clergy and parish Church Wardens. As we enter the New Year, this process continues. It reminds me how grateful I am of able and willing staff and volunteers who have compensated for me when my time was required elsewhere.

So, what does 2011- 2012 hold for Christ Church?

In a word: Mission! I believe that God is preparing Christ Church to more fully engage in mission. We have engaged in mission through our buildings and the opportunities that they provide. I believe that God is calling us to expand our horizon to engage in our community more actively. This may be through our local schools, our local sports clubs, inside or outside our shops. We need to be listening to the needs of our community and demonstrating that that these are met in Jesus Christ. I believe that we will forge stronger partnerships with like-minded churches to share the gospel in culturally appropriate language.

To fulfil this mission, we will need to commit ourselves to prayer, to sacrificial giving and generous service. I would venture to suggest that in our growth, we can become comfortable. God has blessed us with good finances, fine buildings and able people. It is tempting to enjoy those things in a self-centred way. I don't want us to become a comfortable church- not in that way. I believe that God has blessed us that we might bless others. So, that is our challenge. AS John Dunnett: Director of CPAS said to members of the PCC and Leadership Teams: "Mission should not simply be on the agenda, it is the agenda."

Yours in his service,

Jay