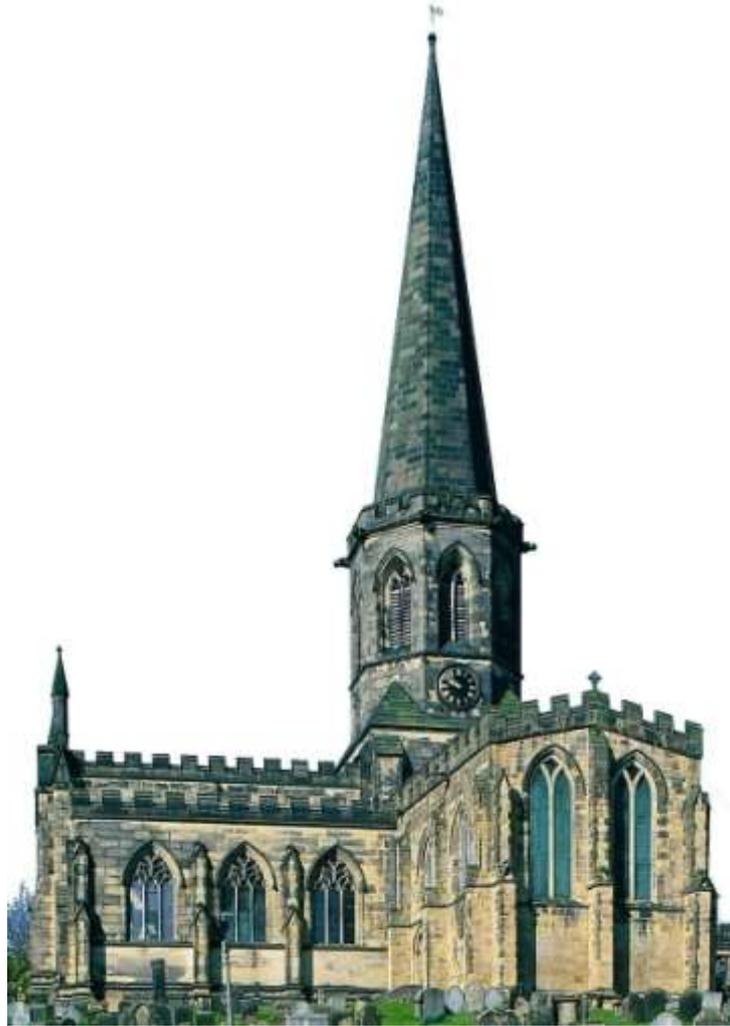


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**All Saints', Bakewell &
St Anne's, Over Haddon**



**Annual Report
2015**

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Vestry Meeting for the Election of Churchwardens 24th April 2016 at 12 noon

Agenda

1. Opening Prayers and Introduction to the Meeting.
2. Minutes of the Meeting held on 26th April, 2015
3. Election of Churchwardens
4. Vicar's Consent.
5. Date of next Vestry Meeting

Annual Parochial Church Meeting 24th April 2016

1. Members present and apologies (List in circulation)
2. Minutes of the last meeting held on 26th April, 2015
3. Matters arising from the minutes
4. Electoral Roll
5. Reports (circulated in the APCM booklet)
6. Accounts and Treasurer's Report (circulated in the APCM booklet)
7. Appointment of Independent examiner
8. Elections
 - a. PCC Members (3 places 3 for 3 years)
 - b. ABC Representatives (3 places)
 - c. Deputy Churchwardens
 - d. Sides team
9. Needed – Health & Safety officer, Rick will do one more year only, so someone is needed to shadow him this year with the intention of taking over next year
10. Any other business
11. Date of the next Annual Parochial Church Meeting

Review of new services: FUSION & The Gathering

Minutes of the Vestry Meeting held on 6th April 2014 at All Saints Church Bakewell

The Revd Canon Tony Kaunhoven was in the chair.

Present: Andrea Banks, Angela Bird, Pat Bryant, Bill Bryant, Dot Bushen, Mary Chaplin, Richard Chaplin, Barbara Davies, Glyn Davies, Rev'd Peter Davis, Simon Ennals, Joyce Glencross (Treasurer and Administrator), Revd John Hargreaves, Susan Hillam, Brenda Jackson, Rachael Kaunhoven, Jeff Marsh, Sue Marsh, Kath Naylor, Rick Naylor, Marilyn Nicholls, Philip Proctor, Tanya Ralph, Ben Roper (Secretary and Churchwarden), Alyse Ross, Ian Ross, Tony Short, Ruth Short, Revd Aron Simpson, Michael Siveyor Colin Smith, Neil Spaven, Penelope Spaven, John Wickham, Susan Wickham,

Apologies were received from: Hillary Bartlett, Nigel Bartlett, Stella Brocklehurst, Mary Buchan, Joanna Bunting, Judith Hargreaves, Tony James, Jo Longland-James, Susan Park, Brian Paterson, Christel Paterson, Shirley Plant, Jane Proctor, Liz Shepley, Chris Shepley, Bella Simpson, Vivien Stephenson, Shirley Stubbs, Ashdon Toombs, Olga Truscott, Roger Truscott, Janet Turner, Sid Turner, Judith Twigg, Leonard Twigg, Diane Walmsley, Carol Wicksteed, David Wilbur, Julia Zamoyski.

1. Canon Tony opened the meeting with Prayer, welcoming those present and observing that the meeting was a continuation of the Service preceding the meeting. He noted that the purpose of the meeting is to appoint churchwardens for the coming year and that it is open to all who are on the civil electoral roll for the area of the Parish of Bakewell.
2. The Minutes of the Vestry Meeting held on 6 April 2014, following a proposal by Rick Naylor seconded by Ruth Short, were agreed as a true and accurate record and were signed by the Chairman.
3. Election of churchwardens: Canon Tony said that over the past year he and Ben had been continuing the work of analysing the work of churchwardens and observed that, with the development of the role of deputy wardens taking responsibilities at the main Services, the load of work is now wider spread than has been the case previously.

Canon Tony thanked Ben for his support and work over the past year.

Dot Bushen and Ben Roper had been nominated to be churchwardens for the coming year and as there were no other nominations they were appointed. Canon Tony confirmed his consent to the appointments.
4. The next vestry meeting will be held during April 2016, not later than the 30th.

Minutes of the APCC Meeting held on 26 April 2015 at All Saints Church Bakewell

The Revd. Canon Tony Kaunhoven was in the chair.

Present: Andrea Banks, Angela Bird, Pat Bryant, Bill Bryant, Dot Bushen, Mary Chaplin, Richard Chaplin, Barbara Davies, Glyn Davies, Rev'd Peter Davis, Simon Ennals, Joyce Glencross (Treasurer and Administrator), Revd John Hargreaves, Susan Hillam, Brenda Jackson, Rachael Kaunhoven, Jeff Marsh, Sue Marsh, Kath Naylor, Rick Naylor, Marilyn Nicholls, Philip Proctor, Tanya Ralph, Ben Roper (Secretary and Churchwarden), Alyse Ross, Ian Ross, Tony Short, Ruth Short, Revd Aron Simpson, Michael Siveyor Colin Smith, Neil Spaven, Penelope Spaven, John Wickham, Susan Wickham,

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1. Minutes of the Last Meeting
 - 1.1 The Minutes of the 2014 APCM following a proposal by Tony Short seconded by Kath Naylor, were agreed as a true and accurate record and were signed by the Chairman.
2. Matters Arising from the Minutes.
 - 2.1 No matters raised.

3. Electoral Roll Report:

- 3.1 Mary Chaplin reported that the present roll is 125 of whom 24 are resident outside the parish. Four people joined the new electoral roll in March 2014, over the past year, 4 people have died, 4 joined the roll during the year and 2 have moved away from the area.
- 3.2 Mary observed that she had found difficulty in finding space for the necessary legal display of the Electoral Roll prior to the APCM and suggested that the PCC should consider an additional external notice board dedicated to display of legal notices for example, those associated with Faculty Applications.
- 3.3 Mary was thanked for her work on the Electoral Roll.

4. Reports

- 4.1 Canon Tony introduced the item by confirming his grateful thanks to all who contributed to drafting of the documents and those who served on the various committees and working groups. He said that the reports gave a good overview of the work of the parish during 2014.
- 4.2 The content of each report was noted by the meeting.
- 4.3 On commenting upon the Vicar's Report, Canon Tony confirmed his thanks to Ashdon Tombs for his work in co-ordinating readers. Additionally he thanked the cleaning team for their works over the year.

Canon Tony confirmed thanks to Tony and Ruth Short who have retired from the task of co-ordinating the distribution of 'Good News'. The task is taken up by Neil Spaven with John Wickham assisting.

Canon Tony commented upon his and Rachel's recent visit to Zababdeh following upon the links built by Bill and Pat Bryant. Effective support arises from buying small crafts and gifts made in Zababdeh and Angela Bird noted that Traidcraft support the parish by stocking goods from it.

- 4.4 In response to a question from Angela Bird, Ben confirmed that the Faculty documentation is lodged with the Registrar's Office and clearance should be effected soon. Additionally he confirmed that the proposals concerning the conservation display and interpretation of our collection of Pre-conquest Sculptures is waiting for a meeting to be arranged with Historic England (formally English Heritage) to discuss the way forward.
- 4.5 Canon Tony noted that Bill Bryant and Hilbre Marriott had retired from the PCC and confirmed grateful thanks to their contributions to the work of the PCC over the years.
- 4.6 Canon Tony confirmed that he has stood down as Rural Dean following appointment of a Rural Dean for the Peak Deanery which incorporates the Rural Deaneries of Bakewell and Eyam, Buxton and Glossop.
- 4.7 Angela Bird expressed thanks to the Rev'd Aron for his positive input in relation to the Deanery Youth Work including the Youth Bible Study and Nurture Group which meets at Aron and Bella's house.
- 4.8 The Mission Action Plan was considered following conclusion of the formal matters on the Agenda.
- 4.9 Canon Tony confirmed that the Mission Group is open to any member of the congregation who wishes to take part in discussing the Mission of the church.
- 4.10 Canon Tony reported that Pauline Boyle has retired as Publicity Officer and thanked her for her work over the years. Pauline has provided Tony with some notes toward preparation of a Job Description for the post which should help in recruiting someone to it.

After significant delay, we now have full control of our Website which is being managed by Tanya Ralph.

- 4.11 Canon Tony thanked all those involved in the Roof Appeal initiative and particularly for the generosity resulting from the involvement of Peter Stone, Mark Ramsden and Chris Shepley. The success of the Appeal results in the work being put in hand earlier than initially thought would be practical.

Bill Bryant observed that repair work currently benefits from a scheme whereby VAT is refunded. Application of VAT has a significant influence upon the cost of repair works which would apply if the refund facility is withdrawn after the Election this year.

Bill Bryant confirmed that thanks are due to members of the groups which participated in the

Appeal, Co-ordinating Group, Grants Group and Communications Group.

- 4.12 The team that organised the Christmas Tree Festival 2014 was congratulated upon its success.
- 4.13 Pat Bryant confirmed that help in manning the Open Door coffee shop is required and she would welcome ideas regarding developing the use of the facility.

In response to a question from Angela Bird, Canon Tony confirmed that he had notified the local Infants and Junior Schools regarding the proposed 10.00 a.m. short Service which will be held once a month.

- 4.14 Canon Tony reported that the Scout Movement have moved away from being formally linked with the Church toward being a more Secular based organisation.

5. Accounts and Treasurer's Report

- 5.1 No questions were raised regarding the content of the accounts and report. Joyce was thanked for her work on the accounts over the year and for the preparation of the documentation illustrating the parish finance. Rick and Kath Naylor, as assistant Treasurers were also thanked for their work.
- 5.2 Following a proposal by Mary Chaplin, seconded Bill Bryant, by the accounts for All Saints were approved.
- 5.3 Following a proposal by Brenda Jackson, seconded by Angela Bird, the accounts for St Anne's were approved.

6. Appointment of Independent Examiner

- 6.1 Following John Foster's agreement, the meeting agreed that he should act as the independent examiner of the accounts for the coming year.

7. Elections

- 7.1 Deanery Synod: Marilyn Nichols was nominated in relation to the one place available for two years. There being no other nominations an election was not necessary and the appointment of Marilyn approved.
- 7.2 PCC Members: Five nominations were put forward for the five places available therefore no election was necessary. The new members approved by the meeting were Pat Bryant, Simon Ennals, Jeff Marsh, Jane Proctor, Tanya Ralph.

Three will be elected for 3 years, one for two years and one for one year. The selection of terms will be decided by drawing lots.

- 7.3 ABC representatives: Marilyn Nicholls volunteered to be a representative on the ABC and Jeff and Sue Marsh, Christian Aid Representatives on the ABC Committee will continue to represent the parish.
- 7.4 Deputy Church Wardens: Nigel Bartlett, Angela Bird and Rick Naylor having confirmed their willingness to continue as deputy churchwardens were approved in the appointment together with the appointment of Roger Truscott for St Anne's.

7.5 Sides-team:

- 7.5.1 The following appointments to the sides-team were confirmed:
Andrea Banks, Angela Bird, Rachel Kaunhoven, Rick Naylor, Christel and Brian Paterson, Ben Roper, Chris and Liz Shepley, Neil Spaven, Shirley Stubbs, Tony Short, Jeff and Sue Marsh, Carol Wicksteed.

8. Any other business

- 8.1 Grateful thanks to Canon Tony and Rachael for their work in the Parish was enthusiastically confirmed by the meeting. Also the thanks due to the support provided by the Clergy and Readers.
- 8.2 Pat Bryant indicated that she would welcome a short paragraph from members to put in Parish Pump toward increasing the variety of the publication.

9. Date of next meeting.

- 9.1 The next Annual Parochial Church Meeting will be held during April 2016, not later than the 30th.

10. Map update and discussion on the Restoring Hope Conference.
- 10.1 Canon Tony commented upon the 2015 MAP confirming that there will be a trial Family Service 10.00 – 10.30 a.m. on the third Sunday of the month to bridge the gap between Messy Church and the more formal Eucharist/Liturgical Services. It is anticipated that the Service will be favourably received by parents with young children.

Mary Chaplin questioned the need for a lunch meeting with key people in the community. It was noted that members of the church are involved in many of the groups within the community which resulted in the church being widely represented. The proposed meeting is an ABC initiative and ecumenical. A similar meeting was held a few years ago and found to be constructive.

It is anticipated that the use of the church website as a tool for Mission needs to be explored together with Facebook and Social Media.

In relation to the use of the church building, Canon Tony observed that we are desperate for storage provision and a meeting place. It was noted that there was no space within the church suitable for counselling. An overall problem we have is lack of parking which affects many potential events where our church is a suitable venue. Notwithstanding, the ecumenical spirituality day was a success and participants asked when the next one might be held.

Philip Proctor indicated that Bishop Alastair has stated that the MAP should provide a clear sense of vision and purpose helping us to establish priorities. Outreach initiatives are very important including engagement with community concerns. Michael Mitton, the Diocesan Fresh Expression's Officer is to be invited to make a presentation to the church.

11. The meeting closed with the Grace at 13.45

The Vicar's Report

We are a holy nation, a royal priesthood, the Family of God, called through faith, trust and obedience in God to share how we are part of God's story of redemption and salvation. We are called to share with others how we encounter Jesus and how he transforms our life and being. There is a call for the Church to grow numerically, prayerfully and spiritually- for us all to see that evangelism is the work of God and that we all have a share in this work.

The Mission Action Plan continues to be an important tool to help us prioritise our Mission and Ministry aims and objectives, and is working towards the 2020 Vision that aims for us to be a growing, confident, inclusive, welcoming and prayerful Church- a hub for Mission within the Benefice and Deanery. The PCC are grateful to the time and commitment of Philip Proctor to the MAP process. During the last year we have welcomed the new Church Website (www.bakewellchurch.co.uk) and we are grateful to Grafika for working on this, and for Tanya Ralph agreeing to coordinate the uploading of material etc. Many people now look at the site in order to get an idea about what the Parish Church is doing, as well as picking up information about getting married etc. Tanya urges you to use the site to communicate events etc, as well as to add photographs, ideas for developing the site etc.

FUSION and The Gathering as two opportunities for interactive bridging Services and welcoming families, people enquiring or wanting a shorter Service have been slowly evolving and growing over the past year. The challenge is to grow them more- the best way of all is by word of mouth, personal endorsement and personal invitation to people to come. We have embraced some modern technology to enrich our worship, and whilst this may be a personal challenge for some of us to use, or even receive, it is the way forward and we are very much playing catch up. A screen should not be a threat to those who enjoy traditional worship, but a way of adding to what we do well and in places, enriching our senses and ways of worshipping God.

Messy Church continues to be served well by a committed and imaginative team, coordinated by Brenda. It is a joy to see the team flourishing through sharing worship, planning activities and welcoming people of all age for each session, which ends with an enjoyable breakfast. There is room for further growth and promotion of the whole concept, which is never far from the team's thoughts and plans. Tots and Teds under the leadership of Julia and Kath continues to welcome pre-school children and their carers on the 3rd Tuesday of the month for a story, crafts, tea and singing. Sadly, we have not managed to get an 'Explorers' type session going once or twice a month on a Sunday morning. I don't think we

should despair, but concentrate for now on growing Messy Church and Fusion as two opportunities to welcome and nurture families, and from time to time, plan to hold a united act of worship as 'The Family of All Saints'- please watch out for details of a Farm Harvest Festival in the Autumn.

Our commitment to the Association of Bakewell Christians continues to be strong, especially with regard to the opportunities for outreach, through the Town Nativity; the Town Passion and the Carnival Float. Thank you to our reps on the ABC Committee, Jeff and Sue Marsh, who also help to coordinate the support of Christian Aid during the year. Two developments in the pipeline are a revamping of the Carnival Service with the plan for a BBQ following an interactive and inclusive service for all ages, hopefully welcoming more people from the Carnival and Community. The other is a discussion building on the Bakewell at Work initiative for a part time Chaplain to the business and commercial community. This is the future of ministry- finding out where God is at work and being prepared to join in- rather than waiting for something to fall into our lap. People are appreciative of the time you can give to them to offer ministry and support and I have enjoyed over the last year the opportunity to offer some ministry at Lady Manners and to St Anselm's School, as well as our continuing commitment to share as fully as possible at Bakewell Infant and Rowsley Primary Schools. In May eight young people from St Anselm's will be Confirmed at All Saints, which will be an important occasion within their lives as they make a personal commitment of faith. If you were in All Saints on Ash Wednesday morning you will have seen the whole school ashed, which was very moving.

'What it means to be a Benefice?' still is a question we wrestle with- not because we don't want to share a relationship with our brothers and sisters at Ashford, Rowsley or Sheldon, but because the potential of sharing has not been properly realised. Two things may help us in future discussion. The first is the creation of The Peak Deanery with the strapline describing the aims and objectives being, **'Supporting parishes | Resourcing mission | Living generously'**, and looking specifically at things that could enhance our supporting and resourcing each other within our benefice. The PCC commissioned a Report to look at future Administration needs and will over the next few months unpick this with a view of planning for future needs and working on recommendations that will enhance the experience we have of administration and communication now. We are immensely grateful to Joyce Glencross for her work, commitment and dedication as our Parish Administrator and there are few things that we use for Services, meetings, financial dealings etc that don't have her fingerprint upon them. We continue to hold Roy in our prayers, and Joyce in her care for him.

Yes, the new Deanery is huge in size, and yes, there is a job to do to enthuse us with a vision as to how it can resource and aid our Mission, and how we can resource others around us through the Deanery. However, what is not far from our door is a change in the way the Church sees and does things and it is very important that we are aware of the Reform and Renewal National Church Agenda that is looking at how things are done and how the Church can be fit for purpose in a challenging and changing world - Locally, Nationally and Internationally. Increasingly there will be challenge to do more things together; to make decisions as a Deanery about deployment of clergy and Readers, and to embrace words such as viability to consider the near and long term future, if we are to be a Church that is to be confident and hopeful, rather than talking the language of decline. I seek to put into the debate All saints as a 'Minister Church'- a 'Hub for Mission and Resource', but we are going to need to back the language up with a real passion for the Gospel that is creating growth and renewal here, and therefore how we do PCC and Church in these parts will also need to reflect a passion and desire amongst us to share our faith, our joy and our hope in God through Jesus.

We continue to rejoice that the roof renewal was completed and paid for without a huge number of fund raising events, but through people's wonderful generosity and commitment to the task of completing the work. The 'Peter's Wells' Coffee morning at the Town Hall in the Autumn allowed us to raise funds for a project dear to Peter Stone's heart in Africa to say thank you for his work on the roof project, and a donation to Village Aid in thanksgiving for Chris Shepley's marvellous contribution to the success of the Appeal. Ben Roper is not just a really good Churchwarden, who along with Dot Bushen work so well together on our behalf, but also has contributed so much in time, expertise and liaising over the fabric of All saints and St Anne's, for which we all should be so thankful. The Vernon Roof is being attended to at the moment, before the Steeple will be worked on. We have an ancient and much loved building for which we have responsibility to maintain and keep in good order. Thank you to everybody who helps to do this through essential donations to the Fabric; through cleaning; brass cleaning; tidying the grounds twice a year; maintaining the heating; locking and unlocking the building; maintaining the Tower and Bell Chamber and preparing the essential paperwork and plans for building work. The PCC are open to looking at ways of developing All Saints building as a welcoming, warm and accessible building fit for Mission in the 21st Century.

We have some world famous artefacts that have been poorly displayed and interpreted for decades and we want to allow them to tell the Christian story of Bakewell that will in itself prompt people to see how this story can touch their lives today. We are desperate for meeting and storage space and my hope is that we can look at how we use the West end of the building especially. Wouldn't it be brilliant if we could make the Newark warmer and utilise some of the height of the building- but I know that it will come down to money! However, if you don't dream, you can't imagine and seek God's guidance as to what he sees as potential. The old chestnut of a carpark for church is never far away, but without a radical 'out of the box' suggestion...my money is on developing the Vicarage garden (which is a nightmare to maintain!).

Thank you to everybody who adds colour, vibrancy, commitment, energy and love to the ministry and mission of All Saints whenever the church building and community comes alive. Your contribution is really appreciated and there is always room for more offers to share in the worship, hospitality, administration and communication, activities, committees, groups, fund raising, ecumenical and community sides to church life. You ALL make such an important contribution and make All saints the happy, welcoming and caring place that it is - a foretaste of the Kingdom!

Thank you also to Roger who coordinates the worshipping life of St Anne's and keeps an eye on the building. I am grateful to colleagues who officiate twice a month at church and for those who offer support to Roger. Here I would like to record my appreciation of Michael and Jill Gowdey's ministry and support of St Anne's and offer them our prayers for their health and well-being in their time of recovery. The church is loved by visitors and wanted by the community- but apart from a small, but very loyal congregation, it is hard to generate interest outside the Carol and Harvest Services. We need to look hard at how St Anne's can best serve the community of Over Haddon and whether the building has a future as a place of Festival worship and the Occasional Offices, as well as being linked with the many people who pass by on their way to or from Lathkill Dale. We can carry on as we are and hope for revival- but I don't think this happens without some proactivity in praying, reflecting, talking and listening.

I do want to thank my colleagues who support my ministry and enhance all of our own ministries through their answering of God's call to serve him through the life of His Church. Aron will be moving during 2016 with the end of his curacy in the Summer. He has grown and developed during his time with us and it has been good for us to share in this, as well as to share in his passionate faith and the gifts and skills that he has. He, Bella, Evelyn and Isaac have enjoyed their time in the benefice and we will be sad to see them eventually depart. Aron will not be replaced in the immediate term, which may raise some challenges- but I like to think of them as opportunities- for it will enable us to consider our Worship patterns, opportunities to develop new ministries and encourage more of us to share in the leadership and coordination of things. I really appreciate the ministry of Pat and Brenda as Readers and colleagues- and we are so pleased that Judith Hargreaves is building slowly in strength and we are appreciative of her holding the Ministry Team in prayer, which is so important. We shared in the Thanksgiving for Caroline Storr's ministry and friendship following her death in February this year. We have also lost the ministry of Peter Davis and continue to pray for him and Susan.

We look forward with confidence into the future and trust in an unfailing God of love to guide and direct our efforts in building His Kingdom and bringing people to know and love him. It is not possible to quantify how we can touch people and perhaps not see the fruits of our labour- but I am certain that we do. That is why I put so much into Baptism, Marriage and end of life encounters and preparation; this is why Open Door, Pantomimes, the Festival of Christmas Trees, Lady Manners Commemoration etc are so important- meeting and talking to people, building up trust and relationship to sow the seeds.

We rejoice that we are a holy nation, a royal priesthood- the Family of God. It is to God that we continue to offer thanksgiving for the friendship, ministry and support of the late Canon Tim Yates, Annie Wilson, Ruth Emerson, Meg Laird and Gwen Brook, as we pray that they will rest in God's eternal peace.

Thank you for your prayers, support, enthusiasm and commitment. Together, let us grow the Kingdom here in Bakewell and Over Haddon, as it is in heaven.

Canon Tony

The Churchwarden's Report

The success of the Roof Appeal has enabled significant progress regarding the essential repairs to the roofs and the work is well on the way to completion. That we may have a bucket-free church by the end of 2016 is something to celebrate!

The Fabric Committee continues to instigate necessary repairs and improvements and makes recommendations to the PCC. We are very grateful for Rick's for work as Heating Officer and Health and Safety Officer quite apart from other tasks he does for the church.

Thanks to our cleaning team who make such a positive contribution to the way our church looks and to our enjoyment of the building.

The co-ordination of the cleaning measures is now a churchwarden responsibility.

We were very well supported by our working parties in tidying up the churchyard and in our annual 'Spring Clean' just before Easter.

Services on a Sunday are facilitated by the efficient teams of sides people and we continue to be collectively thanked and appreciated for the warm welcome extended to visitors to the church.

During the year churchwarden duties for the 11 O'clock service have continued to be shared with the Deputy Wardens, Angela, Rick and Nigel which has reduced the Churchwarden workload. It is to be regretted that the appointment of churchwarden seems to be perceived to be unacceptably onerous. It is not once it is recognized that much support and practical help is offered and is always to hand.

The location of the Nativity Tableau against the East end of the church has been admired. Thank you Mark Ramsden, for dealing with the provision which contributes to signalling our presence in the town and the Christmas message. The tableau was accepted into the ownership of the PCC last year for the remaining period of its suitability for display.

The new notice/display boards have helped toward a tidier church, there remains greater effort on the part of all toward ensuring that displays are maintained tidily and refreshed at not exceeding, say, 8 week intervals. It is to be hoped that we can make further inroads in the quest for tidiness e.g. clearance of the Vernon Chapel.

We are grateful to our priests and readers who continue to serve us so well under the indefatigable Canon Tony's leadership. Thanks also to their supportive families.

It has been a year of many highlights and it might be considered invidious to pick out any particular occasion but the Remembrance Day service was special when two of our community, who took part in the Normandy landings, were presented with the Legion d' Honneur by the Lord Lieutenant of the county.

Finally, thanks to Canon Tony for just about everything!

Dot Bushen & Ben Roper

Bakewell and Eyam Deanery Synod

Our elected representatives to Synod are: Angela Bird, Joyce Glencross, Ben Roper, Marilyn Nichols together with Canon Tony and the Revd. Aron.

We continue to meet as part of the Peak Deanery which incorporates the Deanery Synods of Bakewell & Eyam, Buxton and Glossop Deaneries.

Synod meetings include discussion of many topics, there are visiting speakers and opportunities to consider and reflect upon issues facing the church locally and nationally. As a matter of routine the Synod receives reports from members of the diocesan boards and councils as available.

The February meeting was devoted to a presentation regarding the proposed changes to the arrangements for the provision of funds to the diocese introducing how the amount each parish is calculated. As part of the proposal the title 'Parish Share' is to be discontinued and replaced with 'Common Fund'. The consultation process is being rolled out over the whole diocese before implementation. The aim is to adopt a system which is fair and takes account of the ability of each parish to pay.

The second meeting, in September, was chaired by the Area Dean, The Revd. Colin Pearson, his first meeting following taking up his appointment as Area Dean. After the welcome and opening worship he, assisted by The Revd. Lee Townend a vision for the future was outlined including the development of a Deanery MAP. This was followed by a presentation by The Revd. Sue Jones, Director of Mission and Ministry on Transforming Faith/School of Formation.

At third and final meeting of the year, in November, was chaired by the Area Dean, the meeting started with a Lectio Divina based on 'The Road to Emmaus'. The Revd. Colin then gave an overview of how the reading reflects our journey together in the Peak Deanery in order to discern what Jesus wants us to do. He then gave a synopsis affirming the themes from the September Synod. This was followed by a presentation by The Revd. Lee Townend regarding taking the themes further.

Ben Roper

Deanery Youth Work

Deanery Youth leadership team 'Transform Youth'

With a growing team from 12 young people now from across the Deanery still meeting to pray and growing in our relationship with Jesus and to learn about him more. Still continue to lead them through the CPAS Growing Young Leaders course. As well as planning events and outreach opportunities. The group members continue to grow with confidence and gifts. This can be seen with Jessica Turner going into the Old Vicarage nursing home once a week taking and listening with residents, painting nails and doing make up and making them feel valued. Please pray for Jessica as she continues to grow in this important ministry. On the 27th September at Derby Cathedral The Bishop of Derby conducted a service in which he presented the Bishop's Badge. This year there was a new award which was Best Project Award. Transform Youth won one of these awards.

Transform Youth Autumn ball

On the 13th November 40 young people aged 14+ come to the 'Transform Youth Autumn ball.' this is the second time we have done this. There was a three course meal in which members of the Transform Youth team invited friends to a formal sit down meal with entertainment, testimonies and talk about what it means to know Jesus. It was a great evening again enjoyed by all.

Peak Centre Youth Retreat

From the 18th - 19th February the **Transform youth team** went on a two day retreat looking at discipleship and calling as well as time to pray and grow in their relationships with Jesus and each other.

Deeper

This is a new Deanery youth service to help young people go deeper in their faith. Vision is: to be a place where young people can go deeper in their faith in an atmosphere of worship, respond to God and experience the power of the Holy Spirit, with teaching that will challenge, engage and encourage them, to be a place to grow as disciples and know Jesus intimately. To be a place where they can develop friendships and find Christian peers to encourage them in their faith. This runs termly but are looking at putting on more. May even be monthly. 6-8pm on a Sunday at Eyam. Up to about 25 young people come to it from across the deanery this is starting to grow after only have three services so far.

Future?

We are looking to take a group on **mission overseas to Europe in the summer 2016**. All young people aged 14+ can come by themselves, and we are also encouraging families and other adults to come as part of the team to allow us to minister together as an intergenerational team. The hope is to go to encourage and work alongside a church in Europe.

Revd Aron

The PCC Report

INTRODUCTION:

This report covers the period ending December 2015 during which 5 PCC meetings have been held. The PCC has a current membership of 17. There are 5 ex-officio members, 12 elected members (8 PCC and 4 Deanery Synod which includes Ben Roper who is also ex-officio).

The average attendance record of the membership is 78%.

At the 2016 APCM, 3 PCC membership places are due for election for 3 years

Refer Annex 1 for details of the membership.

Elections and Appointments

At the first meeting of the new PCC in May, after the APCM, the following appointments were agreed.

Vice Chairs of the PCC	Wardens, Dot Bushen/ Ben Roper/ The Revd Aron Simpson
Parish Administrator	Joyce Glencross
Secretary	Ben Roper
Treasurer	Joyce Glencross
Assistant Treasurers	Rick and Kath Naylor
Electoral Role Officer	Mary Chaplin
Heating Officer	Rick Naylor
Health and Safety Officer	Rick Naylor
Protection of vulnerable persons	Michael Hillam

The PCC continues to promote links with outside organisations such as ABC, co-ordinates and supports Mission e.g. Zebabdeh, MU, Christian Aid etc. Jeff & Sue Marsh are the church's representatives for ABC & Christian Aid.

TRUSTEESHIP

To conform to Charities Act legislation the PCC is an independent Registered Charity, our annual turnover, All Saints and St Anne's, exceeding £100,000. Our charity registration number is 1133846. Details of all current and future members of the PCC must be formally submitted to the Charity Commissioners to be registered as named trustees.

INFANT SCHOOL KITCHEN SITE

The site of the former kitchen for the Church Infant School is in the ownership of the PCC. Following protracted discussions with the interested parties a scheme for the future use of the site has been agreed with the Scouts, the Medway Centre and the School regarding the future use of the site. Formal documentation for the scheme remains to be completed by the Diocesan Solicitors.

COMMITTEES

General Structure

A committee structure is established. The aim of the committees is to reduce PCC time taken up by business matters and allow more time for the development of mission and ministry. For some specific initiatives, requiring limited application, the PCC appoints working groups for a short term to deal with the matters.

All PCC members can anticipate serving on at least one committee. Non PCC members are welcomed and co-opted in relation to a specialist knowledge or particular interest.

The description of committee activities given below provide a 'shorthand description' only and do not cover the full range of activity. Some fine tuning of committee responsibilities is a continual process as initiatives and themes are developed.

Standing Committee

As required under ecclesiastical law, at its first meeting following the 2015 APCM, the new PCC appointed a Standing Committee comprising; The Revd Canon Tony Kaunhoven, Treasurer Joyce Glencross, Warden Dot Bushen, Warden/Secretary Ben Roper and PCC members Angela Bird and Sue Marsh.

Fabric Committee

The Fabric Committee has responsibility for maintenance and repairs together with oversight of improvements. The membership for the year was: Churchwardens Dot Bushen and Ben Roper, The Revd Aron Simpson, Joyce Glencross (convener) and Sue Marsh together with our Health and Safety Officer Rick Naylor.

The major repairs to the roofs of the chancel and the nave are complete. The faculties for the work to the Spire, Vernon roof and sundry high level repairs are in place enabling the work to be put in hand.

Formal permission for the addition of a memorial plaque to the Brooke-Taylor memorial in the Baptistry in remembrance of 'Bobs' Brooke-Taylor was granted.

Health and safety matters are routinely considered by the committee which benefits from Rick's advice and guidance.

Mission Action Plan

Our MAP continues satisfactorily enabling a most acceptable report on its fourth year to be submitted to the Bishop's office by the due date, February 2015.

During this year of the plan the Planning Groups built upon and developed the initiatives identified in the preceding years.

MAP is a routine agenda item enabling regular review. A more detailed report will be included in the APCM booklet.

Philip Proctor has been and continues to be the co-ordinator of the plan and the PCC are very grateful for Philips input and enthusiasm.

Out of this a Mission Group has been set up, co-ordinated Brenda Jackson, anyone who is interested the church's mission is welcome to attend.

Ministry Team

This focuses upon mission and development of collaborative ministry and spiritual development. The membership is tailored to suit the initiative under consideration Convenor for the committee is the Canon Tony.

Events

Following a review it was decided that responsibility for the co-ordination and planning of events would be undertaken by the Standing Committee. Major events which involve a significant commitment on the part of the whole congregation and other supporters continue to be dealt with by a working group formed to cover it. Currently, the responsibility for the co-ordination of events rests with the Vicar and Churchwardens advised by Joyce Glencross.

Viking-age Sculptures

Jan Stetka has continues to help us with the management of the project for the conservation, display and interpretation of the collection of Viking Age sculptures with Ben to maintaining the necessary link with the PCC. Further discussions with Historic England (formerly English Heritage) in relation to the way forward are envisaged with the various authorities with regard to what measures that should be taken regarding our nationally important collection of sculptures.

The PCC remain grateful for Jan's care and attention to the project.

FINANCE

The budget provision for the year was approved by the PCC and kept under review. Account formalities fall within the scope of the Treasurer's Report. The Council carried out the annual review of fees e.g. weddings in relation to the charges that are set locally.

SAFEGUARDING VULNERABLE PERSONS

We are fortunate that during the year, our Protection Co-ordinator Michael Hillam has continued in the role making himself available to attend meetings and advising as necessary. Notwithstanding changes and adjustments understood to be under consideration at diocesan level our current Child Protection Policy Document remains in use for the time being.

YOUTH WORK

The PCC welcomed and supported the development of a Deanery Youth initiative with The Revd Aron as one of the leaders and Youth Café initiatives in which The Revd Aron is a Leader.

MESSY CHURCH

The PCC continues to support and welcome the establishment of Messy Church, held once a month. Brenda Jackson is the convenor.

LUNCH CLUB

The PCC are grateful to Brenda for arranging the monthly lunch and putting in so much hard work toward its success.

NOTES FOR THE GUIDANCE OF PCC MEMBERS

'Notes for the Guidance of PCC Members' agreed in 2011 remains in use. It is considered that the paper should be of particular help to new members with no previous experience of the workings of the Council.

REPORTS

As a matter of routine at PCC meetings, when appropriate, reports are received from groups and organisations and considered. These include from the ABC, St Anne's, Explorers, Deanery Synod, Events, Fabric, Infant School, Friends, MU, Choir, Diocese, Cleaning etc.

CHARITABLE GIVING

All Saints, The budget figure this year was £1,485: £1,000 to fund school scholarships within the parish of Zebabdeh, the remainder (£485) was made up to £500 and sent to Village Aid. **St Anne's**, £300 in total has again been directed to CMS, US, Christian Aid, Children's society, Church Army & the Bishop's harvest appeal. In addition £2,959 has been collected / raised (£2,871 All Saints & £88 St Anne's) during the year and passed on to charities.

COMING EVENTS

At each meeting, time is spent upon the programme of events for the parish which is complex as events multiply and consequent potential for conflict between dates of church events and other events in the community.

CONCLUSION

Once again, the foregoing can only give an overview in outline of the activities of the PCC over the year. Necessarily much preparatory work is done outside meetings to ease discussion and to inform members prior to discussion of the work-in-hand and determination of the way forward. The agendas with supporting documents and minutes of PCC meetings are displayed in the church as a matter of routine to provide an opportunity for anyone interested to monitor the Council's deliberations and make representations to PCC members if they so wish.

Ben Roper

Composition of the PCC Membership as at end April 2015

APPENDIX 1

Ex officio members

Vicar	The Revd. Canon Tony Kaunhoven
Curate	The Revd. Aron Simpson
Churchwardens	Ben Roper Dot Bushen
Organist	Glyn Davies

Elected Members

Synod to April 2017

Angela Bird	
Joyce Glencross	Administrator/Treasurer
Ben Roper	Secretary
Marilyn Nicholls	

PCC to April

2016

Brenda Jackson	Reader
Rick Naylor	Assistant Treasurer/Health & Safety Officer
Pat Bryant	Reader

2017

Sue Marsh

Jeff Marsh

2018

Simon Ennals

Jane Proctor

Tanya Ralph

All Saints' Reports

Messy church

Messy Church continues to have a very happy buzz. In 2015 we celebrated our first Messy Church Baptism, and also the involvement of some of the children in singing in the closing ceremony of the Christmas Tree Festival. In addition the children also helped to produce for the festival a delightful sheep trail which told the nativity story. For the baptism we welcomed 47 children and over 100 adults whereas usually there are between 11 and 26 children and on average 22 adults.

The focus in the last year has been on Jesus' life and teaching and included one session devoted to the Lord's Prayer. In our worship we have learned some new songs and the team has continued to show great ingenuity and enthusiasm in designing a wide range of creative and competitive activities to illustrate each biblical theme. It is also pleasing to report that the Messy Church team has grown in number to 16 which includes two Mums. Those volunteering in the kitchen have continued to work hard producing wonderful breakfasts while everyone else is having fun. In the autumn some of the team attended a conference about growing Messy Church in rural areas and recently we have also met up to share ideas with both Rowsley and the Hope Valley Messy teams and are looking forward to working with them in the future.

Brenda Jackson

Tot & Teds

Tots and Teds, our monthly get-together for pre-school children has continued to attract a number of faithful supporters including families who have brought babies along after their older children have graduated to Infants School. This year we have been happy to welcome new regular attenders and visiting families who may return at some later date. Little Books of Bible Stories were presented to the three leavers at 'Teddy Bears Picnic' in July.

The familiar pattern of free play and art/craft, story-time, refreshments, music and games, plus allowing plenty of opportunity for adults to chat and relax or join in, has been favourably commented on.

Themes for 2015

March - Spring, 'Thank you for the world so sweet'

April - Planting and Growing

May - On the Move

June - Water of Life

July - Teddy Bears Picnic

September - Thank you for the Harvest

October - Autumn Colours

November - Christmas Tree Decorations

December - Christmas Preparations and Party

Posters advertising Tots and Teds get-togethers were displayed regularly at ten locations in town and in Peak Advertiser each month. Special articles and photographs were featured in Peak Advertiser occasionally. The children and parents enjoyed making decorations and hanging them on the Tots and Teds tree. Information leaflets with the year's events and themes were available in church and were given to others potentially interested.

Eleven or so people have helped with activities or refreshments this year. We continue to work as a team preparing and assisting in various ways and we are very grateful for all help whether on the day, in preparation, regularly or occasionally.

Julia Zamoyski and Kath Naylor

Mission Action Plan

Mission Action Planning is a way of exploring how God is calling us to develop and grow as a Christian Community. We have travelled a long way since our first Mission Action Plan (MAP) for 2011 and 2013.

We are now in the midst of the 2014 to 2017 planning period and have been working on three main areas, which reflect key elements of our broader Vision for 2020. They are:

- Church Community: We will continue to build a lively, thriving and loving faith community
- Outreach: We will reach out beyond our church community to demonstrate, by our actions, God's love as a force for good in our community and the world.
- Church Building: We will maximise the potential of the church building for worship, ministry and outreach.

During 2015 key achievements have included: developing new, more informal styles of worship in the form of 'Fusion' (for all ages) and 'The Gathering' (for teens and adults); the formation of an All Saints Pub Quiz Team; events to raise money for world mission projects (Amos Trust and our Zababdeh Community link); we have also developed our link with Zababdeh through Rachel and Tony's visit there; an Administration Review has been undertaken to identify administration needs across the benefice; and the process of considering ideas for developing our church building has been ongoing.

The PCC has a regular MAP slot, and is kept up to date on progress by the MAP coordinator. The Mission Group also helps to develop ideas concerning mission and oversees the MAP on behalf of the PCC. Full details of the 2015 MAP have been available during the year on the MAP notice board.

Philip Proctor, MAP Co-ordinator

Mission Group

The Mission Group was established as a reference group for the All Saints' Mission Action Plan (MAP). It is accountable to the PCC and is open to any member of the congregation.

The Group's purpose has been to prayerfully explore mission opportunities for All Saints and to review progress in the MAP and where appropriate to suggest new actions. The group is looking to develop its role to include, leading on some MAP actions and to receive suggestions from the PCC for undertaking time limited pieces of work relating to mission.

The main activities during the year have been in monitoring progress in the MAP and considering gaps or areas for further development. In exploring what 'Mission' means for us the group has highlighted the ongoing need to attract children and families to the 11.00 services and to develop our focus on prayer as a church family. The group was instrumental in setting up the All Saints Pub Quiz Team.

The Mission Group has met on four occasions during the year and membership has grown significantly.

Brenda Jackson - Mission Group Coordinator

Philip Proctor - MAP Coordinator

Lay Eucharistic Ministers

The Eucharistic ministers: Andrea Banks, Hilary Bartlett, Mary Buchan, Tina Webster, Ben Roper and Alison Smith administer home communions to individuals unable to get to church and to residents of the local care homes continues. Additionally, home communions are administered by the clergy and readers. In the region of 50 home communions are administered per month.

Identifying those who would like to receive communion continues to be a difficulty because there seems a reluctance to request visits or possibly a lack of knowledge that the provision is available. Members of the congregation can help by alerting the Pastoral Care Team, Conveners John & Judith Hargreaves, by passing the name of anyone who may wish to take advantage of the availability of home communion

Ben Roper

Pastoral Team

The Team has been busy with many pastoral care issues over the year. We lost Caroline Storr from the Team recently and though ill for some time, she sent many cards and letters to people who were ill. We will miss her. Mally Yates, with Tony and Ruth Short, have taken over the task.

We still rely heavily on members of church letting the Team know of a problem. If you know of anyone who would welcome a visit please let us know

John & Judith Hargreaves (01629 312165)

Lunch club

We have been pleased to welcome some new friends to Lunch Club this year but saddened by the loss of some of our long-standing members. We usually provide lunch for about 18 people but occasionally it has been as many as 24. Those volunteering to cook decide on the menu and the quality and range of the dishes has been greatly appreciated by those who come. Lunch Club also provides a welcome opportunity to socialise especially by those dependant on others for transport.

There was widespread disappointment when Lunch Club was cancelled in January and February because of the work on the Vernon Chapel roof but we are looking forward to recommencing after Easter.

A small dedicated team from All Saints enable Lunch Club to take place but more helpers are needed even if only on an occasional basis.

Brenda Jackson

The Roof project

The level of early donations to our roof fund enabled Phases 1 and 2 (Chancel and Nave roofs) to be put in hand during 2014. Now we can to put in hand Phase 3, which includes renewal of the roof coverings to the Vernon chapel, sundry roof repair measures to the roofs not requiring major works at this stage (Phase 3 - Part 1) and re-pointing the spire (Phase 3 - Part 2).

At an early stage in the work to the Chancel roof when the lead was removed extensive rot to the timber decking was revealed and 100% replacement had to be instructed at an extra cost of some £16K. Some replacement was anticipated but the partial stripping prior to inviting tenders did not identify the full extent of decay. The contingencies included in the contract covered about two thirds of the extra costs. On the plus side the renewal of the boarding allowed the introduction of improved ventilation to the roof voids which should alleviate condensation within the structure.

During the second phase of work, the Nave roof, the replacement boarding required was as anticipated. The weather was not kind which caused some delay and extended use of buckets!

The first two phases deplete the roof fund by £125,098 ex VAT and fees.

Phase 3 - Part 1 is in hand. The tender for the work is £52,492 ex VAT and fees.

A tender for Phase 3 – Part 2 has been accepted (£98,350 ex VAT and fees) and a start on the work is anticipated in April.

Assuming that standing orders payable over the next few years are paid and there is no major unforeseen work required to the spire not evident at the time of survey the call on our reserves will be manageable.

We are conscious that without the generous support we have received and continue to receive from many people and organisations we would not have been able to achieve the necessary major work essential to protect the fabric of our historic building of which we are the guardians.

Ben Roper

Publicity

There is still considerable work to do in making clear how events and other aspects of church life can be effectively and consistently publicised using the talents, knowledge of contacts and interests of the congregation. As the Publicity Officer is able to provide assistance and advice to event organisers

Jeff Marsh

Website

The All Saints Church website has had 2 revisions since the last APCM. Firstly it was redesigned to increase the number of pages and how they are laid out on the site. Then the fabulous team at Grafica gave it a completely new and modern look. This has now made it much easier to use, both to update, but also to access as a viewer and has had positive reviews. Grafica are continuing to host and 'manage' the site for us, for which we are extremely grateful.

Regular updates include the weekly 'Pew' sheet, Parish Pump, Church service, Vicar's blog and Traidcraft blog. Additionally church news and events are highlighted on the website, so please let us know of anything you are organising at All Saints so that it can be added. Thank you to all the members of the congregation who are already providing these updates.

Future work on the website will include the rewriting the content of some of the web pages and updating the photos. You will see the results of over the next few months as it becomes a well used, appreciated and functional resource for the church. Increasingly it is hoped that a significant amount of communication with the congregation and wider community will be done through the website.

By this time next year hopefully you will all be using and enjoying the website, please take a look if you haven't already done so and do let us know if you have any comments or suggestions as it continues to evolve.

Tanya Ralph

The Open Door Coffee Shop

It has been another year of ups and downs. The country didn't have a particularly good summer and the rest of the year the Newark, because of its high ceiling, is difficult to heat. The town has been quiet, businesses have struggled and so have we. The high spots have been the week of well-dressings and more especially, the Christmas Tree Festival when we were run off our feet. For this coming year, the Steering Group feel we should have three people working each shift – two in the kitchen and one to take orders and money. This will of course, necessitate additional helpers.

We have a dedicated and committed staff who willingly give up some hours of their time every month to serve visitors and parishioners. We have people who come on a one-off visit and some who return again and again. It also helps us enormously when church groups have a meeting in the Open Door or do some activity such as preparing oranges for Christingle or daffodils for Mothering Sunday. If other groups could gather there for some activity of their own, we would very much appreciate it as it helps to give a bit of a 'buzz'.

We meet some lovely people and enjoy talking with them. We gain as much from them as they do from us. We wish we were a little closer to the town as the hill puts a number of people off, but we work with what we have and we are grateful that we are able to serve the community, both resident and visiting, with what we do.

We are always looking for new recruits to share the load. If you can help on a regular or a one-off basis, please do get in touch. You will make some great new friends.

Pat Bryant

Attracting Visitors' Team

Most visitors to the church can be categorised in one of four groups:

- Attending an event – a wedding, a concert, a festival
- Tourists or holiday makers seeing it as a local attraction
- Organised groups from outside Bakewell– U3A, Women's Institute, Diners' Club etc. who sometimes combine a visit to the church with another to the nearby museum or a lunch/tea in a local eatery
- School parties

The church resolved some years back to be pro-active in making such groups as welcome as possible and to try to provide information and guides if requested. Demand for guided tours seems to have tailed off, with just two large adult groups in the last year. Our usual format has been to provide two guides, splitting the party so that half are shown the inside while the others are shown the outside and the porch. Sometimes there are special challenges, usually caused by the weather but this year the cause was the discovery the night before that the 30+ strong party (known to be from Costa Rica) understood Spanish only. One guide was saved by Google and its power to offer instant translation of key information.

Close co-operation with the Old House Museum has continued. They advertise widely on-line, use social media extensively and distribute flyers to hotels, B&Bs and caravan sites. The energetic museum manager is helpful in suggesting ways to extend visits and we meet requests from her to add a church tour to what the museum provides – she always makes a donation to church funds.

St. Anselm's School is keen on local medieval history and books two groups each year for a tour of Medieval Bakewell. The main bridge, the site of the Motte and Baillie Castle and the original market place feature, but they get overwhelmed by the incredible medieval richness of the churchyard, the building and the artefacts inside. We are so fortunate to have such invaluable treasures which serve to celebrate and remind us of the Christian heritage of the area.

Rowsley School combined a Tudor morning at the museum with an afternoon in the church for a live RE lesson, generously conducted by the Vicar. They had been made welcome in the Newark to eat packed lunches. A city centre school from Stoke booked a Bakewell geographical tour for 58, plus 8 staff, and the staff made a late decision to add the church to the places to visit.

From Easter to November Museum volunteers provide regular weekly guided walks up the spine of Bakewell which includes the churchyard – and an invitation to see inside later. There were over 200 such visitors in 2015.

The visitors' book in church provides some feed-back and plenty of compliments. Trip Advisor can be revealing but may be more of a risky read, as their quality control can seem lacking. One reviewer was so confused by churches visited that her attached photo shows the glory of All Saints' with its rust-yellow brick tower rising above the red door into the church! But we ignore what the internet says about us at our peril.

Visitors do keep coming, so much so that we needed to have another 10,000 copies of the brief guide reprinted, with a front page photo of the 'new' altar in the crossing. We must again thank Stephen Marsh of Capra Architects for managing this for us.

Ideally we would like to see: (a) renewed action with Jan Stetka about an internal display of our amazing collection of Christian Anglo-Saxon stone work, which could become a national attraction; (b) greater on-line publicity about availability of group tours and our self-guide leaflets for individuals; (c) a moveable welcome board at bottom of South Porch steps, as we do not have the personnel to offer a meet & greet service, other than on special occasions; (d) a link with the PCC to consider such issues. We are delighted with the enhanced collection box for donations.

William Bryant, Michael Hillam

Young Visitors

Monty Mouse leaflets have been available for a number of years and continue to be provided for our younger visitors; similarly the Monty Mouse stickers have needed to be regularly replaced. More copies of both are available in the folder on the pew shelf.

Julia Zamoyski

Bell Ringing

Band Members: Paddy Hall, Tony Westwood, Ian Sterritt, Pauline Boyle, John Boyle, Norman Allen, Chloe Arnell and Laura Joynes. Laura is our newest member and is making good progress.

Sunday Service Ringing joined by: John Thorpe, Linda Pelc and Jenny Pankhurst from Ashford, Geoff and Eileen Goodall from Tideswell and by other welcome visitors on occasions. John and Pauline Boyle also rang for Tideswell service. The bells were rung for most Sunday morning services.

Special Service/Occasion Ringing: The bells were rung for Remembrance Day Service, Carol Services, including S. Anselms and Lady Manners, and Christmas Tree Festival Services.

Practice nights: Thursdays 7.30-9.00pm in the belfry.

There have been 6 ringers in the regular band. It has been a struggle to have more than 4 on a practice night and this severely limits what can be rung. However Laura has made good progress and can now ring rounds and call changes well and joins us for Sunday service ringing. Chloe has progressed and can now ring the treble to Plain Bob Doubles. Chris Dullage joined us from Hartington, Clive Thrower from Ashford and also Giles Lacey who undertakes regular Steeple Keeping duties, especially before quarter peals and peals.

Recruitment: Information about ringing at All Saints appeared regularly in the 'What's On' Diary of the Peak Advertiser and in the 'Rural Trader' and also in the regular activities in 'Pure Bakewell' magazine. The information is also in the regular activities section in the Bakewell Community Diary. From the article in 'Pure Bakewell' we had a new recruit Laura who is now a member of our band and rings regularly with us.

Open Tower: There was no 'Open Tower' this year as part of Heritage weekend. Hopefully there will be next year.

Visiting Bands of Ringers: 13. Ringing for approx 45-60 minutes.

Weddings: 3. Ringing 20-30 minutes before and after.

Peals: 1. Yorkshire Association ringers. Ringing for approx 3 hrs.

Quarter Peals: 4. Ringing for approx 45 minutes.

All the above ringing was notified to those on the mailing list including neighbours and church officers. A list of forthcoming ringing is available on the church notice board just inside the church and on the church website www.bakewellchurch.co.uk/activities/bell-ringing/. All new neighbours will be given an initial typed sheet of forthcoming ringing and details of where to find this information on the website and will be invited to join the email information mailing list.

Bells have been rung at All Saints since 1616. Ringing is a service to this active church, a team activity, sociable, mentally challenging, excellent exercise (57 steps up to the ringing chamber even before you pull a rope!) and most of all fun. Perhaps in 2016 we should pursue the idea of bell-ringing as a sport.

Pauline Boyle

Flowers

Thank you to everybody who has arranged flowers in church, or helped with the major festivals during the past year. We are small in number, but many people comment positively on the arrangements, whether they be pedestals, vases on the nave altar, or elsewhere in church.

Thank you also for those who donate towards the cost of flowers for Festivals, and those who either arrange flowers in memory of loved ones departed, or who make a donation for the team to use to create something in memory.

Once again the purchasing of Easter Lilies in memory of family members and friends was very popular and we will be repeating this again.

As always, I invite you to consider whether you would be willing to join the Flower Team to arrange flowers regularly or now and then- you will be very welcome- please sign up on the Flower Rota in the Newark. Also, if you would like flowers arranged in memory of somebody, or in thanksgiving, please do contact me.

Rachel Kaunhoven

Music

2015 / 2016 has been a busy year musically in the church both in services and in a more secular context. The Christmas Tree Festival was a particularly active time with music provided by congregation members, local talent and by those who came from further afield. We look forward to a repeat of the festival in December 2016 and have already begun to do some preliminary planning.

Please watch your pew sheets, and look out for posters and articles in Good News and The Parish Pump re future events.

The Choir

There have been several changes in our church choir over the last year. Sadly the choir has currently become a ladies only group of singers. This was not a deliberate decision, but reflects the attendance of different voice parts at practices and services. We hope that this situation will not become permanent and certainly we would welcome any new voices into the choir. One of our ladies, who is an excellent sight reader and who has a fairly low voice is able to sing much of the music written for male voices and would support any prospective men who wished to join us.

On a more positive note the ladies are exploring a new repertoire and are again able to provide a choir item during the communion service. We hope that the congregation find our anthems an aid to their worship. We are working hard to ensure that good diction enables the congregation to hear all, or at least most, of our words as well as making a good sound. There are now 10 ladies in the choir and we are practising a wide selection of music including spirituals, folk song style hymns, modern church music as well as more traditional things. New voices in the group have helped to make our singing enjoyable and satisfying. In addition to leading the singing during the Sunday services we have sung at the Christmas tree festival and at special festival services. We continue to enjoy joining with other Christian choirs in Bakewell, and have also sung services with a visiting choir from Bath. There are plans for us to join in the next area RSCM Festival and it has been suggested that we host such an event in June 2017. There are currently plans for us to join with a ladies choir from Manchester to sing a concert of secular and sacred music.

Please consider joining us whatever part you sing. I'm sure that any choir member will assure you of a warm welcome and an enjoyable sing if you sound them out before speaking to me!

The Organ

Like any mechanical item, certain parts deteriorate with time, and it has become apparent over the last couple of years that the organ now needs some attention. It was obviously important to ensure that we had a good roof on our building before starting this process. The roof, however, is nearing completion and it seems appropriate for us now to focus our attention on the organ.

The last major work was done in 1989, at that time the main issue was to rewire the instrument, replacing cotton wiring with plastic coated and so ensuring that we met legal requirements and satisfied our insurers. At the same time there were some tonal additions and a computer system to aid stop changing was installed. Since then we have had to improve safety features in the organ loft to protect the organ tuners in their work (again an insurance issue).

Now we need to look at key response and the motors that drive two of the keyboards (the swell and the choir) since they have seized up. We believe that it is in the region of 80 years since they were last replaced, so we have done very well! The former of these two faults is very labour intensive and hence we are anticipating a quote in the region of £25,000 which, in my opinion, is not excessive. As with the roof, I fear that this is only phase one in ensuring that we keep our valuable instrument in good working order. I am currently starting the process by approaching the organ advisors and looking into possible grants. No doubt we will need to consider some form of fund raising in the future.

Glyn Davies

After Service Coffee

At the moment there are 27 people on the rota. We have been serving coffee after all the Sunday 11 o'clock Services which is much appreciated. More helpers would be very welcome

Christel Paterson

Christmas Tree Festival

The sixth Christmas Tree Festival took place at All Saints between 11th and 20th December 2015 and was a great success.

We had a total of 89 trees and 1 well dressing. Of the 89, 4 were church trees, 2 trees of light, one on each side of the high altar, a prayer tree and a welcome tree. Of the rest, 71 were supplied by Friezeland Trees, at a cost of £10.80 per tree, the price being the same as last year. 14 were provided by the participants. The numbers were slightly lower than last year, but that was no bad thing, since it enabled us to display the trees to a better advantage.

A great many people came to see the trees, both locals and visitors, some from as far afield as Spain and Mexico! Comments made were very positive.

The Mayor, Cllr Helen Froggatt, opened the festival, after which a large number of people stayed for wine, fruit juice and nibbles. There was also mulled wine at the late night.

The Open Door café was extremely busy throughout. Sue and Jeff's 'Festival Special' again went down a storm.

Music played a very important part in the festival. We had a concert by the Sheffield Folk Chorale and Messiah choruses and carols, organised by Glyn. Barbara did a sterling job in arranging for various groups and individuals to sing, play organ, piano and guitar at different times. All of the schools took part, as did the ladies of the choir, Jane and her bible study group and Simon.

Barbara and Joanna organised the Messy Church children into making a 'sheep trail', so that visiting children could complete the story of the nativity by finding sheep placed around church.

We had toyed with the idea of giving the tree festival a miss this year, but most contributors have already said that they want to take part again and new people are already asking to be involved. Some contributors maintain that it is their favourite part of the run up to Christmas. It certainly seems to be important and successful outreach.

The main purpose of the event is to bring the community together, rather than fund raising. However, it is heart warming to know that the festival made about £4,200 for the fabric fund.

A great many people worked very hard to make the festival a success and our sincere thanks go to them all.

Dot Bushen, Ben Roper & Brenda Jackson

Women's Bible Study Group

The Women's Bible Study Group has met on Wednesdays through the year at Gritstone Cottage, North Church Street, Bakewell. We have a core group of 12 people - a couple of new people have joined us this year.

In an informal setting we explore the relevance of the Bible to contemporary issues and our own lives.

This year we have covered the following topics:

- Mountains and Valleys of the Bible - relating to the ups and downs of our personal journeys of faith.
- A series on the Anglican service of Common Worship, using the book 'What am I doing here?' by Hilary Brand. This was a refreshing and insightful study to help us understand more fully what the service is about.
- The Five Senses and Worship - thinking about how the senses enhance and inform our worship and understanding of the Christian Faith.

We repeated our slot during the Church Christmas Tree Festival week, singing a selection of the worship and praise songs which we use in our group meetings.

From this event came a request for the group to sing at the Bakewell Rotary pea and pie supper in February. We await further bookings!!

New members to the group are always welcome.

Jane Proctor

Mothers' Union

Theme for the Year: United in Prayer

Our AGM was once again at Angela's home and followed by an Epiphany Party. Rev Peter Davis, who was our chaplain, spoke about his past life and what led him to being ordained. He also gave our Lenten Address, and, over several meetings, explored with us how we might assist the clergy in welcoming families who bring their children for baptism. Mally Yates faithfully sends baptism anniversary cards for the following three years. In September we hosted an anniversary party for children who had been baptised in the past two years. Canon Tony and Rev Aron led a "safari style" service round the church.

We've had a variety of different speakers; Hilbre Marriott gave an entertaining talk on the A-Z of collecting; Clara Lewis spoke of her journey towards being a missionary nun; Sue Huxtable and Lindsey Healey talked about creating "Chatty Bags" for people with dementia in homes. This was followed the next month by Gillie Lister showing us the "Fiddle Pinnies" she makes to give long-stay residents something to occupy their hands with. She also helped us get to know the new dioceses we are now linked with in our Wave of Prayer. Later on Christine McMullen told us about the history of Derby Cathedral; Keith and Gillian Brook gave an update on how the school in Nepal is faring after the earthquakes. We finished the year with another of our members, Alyse Ross, sharing with us how she came to start writing poetry and then encouraging us all to have a go.

Some members attended the Diocesan and Deanery Festivals and the General Meeting in Nottingham. In our own branch we held our Advent Eucharist in the morning, followed by mulled wine, soup and mince-pies. The Rev Canon Peter Bird presided and Pat Bryant spoke of her time as a prison visitor. To mirror our theme of United in Prayer we stood in a circle for the Eucharistic Prayer and communicated each other.

We undertook several fund-raising events. Members again supported the Make a Mother's Day appeal as individuals and we also sent off £100 as a joint donation; we sent £642 pounds to the new Wheels Appeal after our successful coffee morning in the Town Hall; our stall at the Methodists' raised £200; as a result of donations and the bring-and-buy stall after the Advent Eucharist we sent £200 to the MU Christmas Appeal, highlighting programmes for prisoners in the Congo. All of this, in addition to our annual subscription, supports Mothers' Union projects in this country and abroad.

We made 100 bunches of daffodils and a simnel cake for Mothering Sunday, we decorated a tree for the festival and made 100 christingles for the schools' service during the tree festival.

Some of our members are on the Infant School's board of governors and support the local Children's Centre. A group met to discuss the Sustainable Development Goals and to rate their importance for us locally and submit our findings to Mary Sumner House.

We were sad to lose three much-loved members, Annie Wilson, Gwen Brook and Meg Laird. But on a lighter note, we enjoyed a delicious and companionable meal to celebrate 30 years of our re-started branch. The challenge now is to attract younger members to the organisation.

As I finish my six years as Branch Leader I am very grateful to the committee for all their support and to you all for pitching in when asked, but particularly to Carol for her concern and energy. We all owe her a debt of gratitude for agreeing to be Co-ordinator, rather than Branch Leader, and we shall try and spot the difference!

Committee: Mary Chaplin, Kath Naylor, Jane Proctor, Alyse Ross, Penny Spaven, Vivien Stephenson, Shirley Stubbs, Carol Wicksteed.

Angela Bird

Walking Group

The Walking Group meets on the first Thursday of the month setting out at 10-30am from the Newark. We usually walk around the Bakewell area, but sometimes share lifts so that we can venture further. Our walks, which are usually about 6 or 7 miles in length, include a break for lunch. We have had some wonderful walks this year, mostly planned by Rick and Kath who even go to the trouble of testing possible places for a pub lunch when the weather is colder. We have managed to walk nearly every month, but in the process have transferred a lot of countryside mud into Bakewell itself. There are usually in the region of 10 people walking, and we always welcome new faces. For further information speak to Kath and Rick or Barbara and watch out for information in the weekly pew sheets.

Barbara Davies

Card Stall

The Card Stall continues to offer a range of individually cellophane-wrapped cards with envelopes and some other items such as bookmarks. As well as cards for particular occasions such as birthdays, anniversaries, marriage, baptism, confirmation and good wishes, there are several designs of blank cards. All are chosen for their tasteful design, popularity and good value. The cards are from several sources including MU Enterprises, Museum Selection, Tim Tiley (bookmarks) and Eagle Cards, which have a Bible verse.

Added value is generated by breaking packets of five or ten to individually wrapped single cards, and by marking up to the next convenient total. Because the stall is unattended, pricing has to make it easy to make payment in the card slot without needing change, but is always very competitive with other outlets.

The sales vary more than they used to do, and seem to be decreasing with time. Total receipts in 2015 were almost £1,613, against costs of approximately £838. The stall still makes a useful contribution to the general funds of Bakewell Parish Church.

Ruth Short

Bakewell C of E Infant School

There are currently 74 children in the school in the capable hands of Mrs Tricia Outram, the Headteacher. Mrs Stokes teaches the Year 1 class and Miss Bradshaw the Reception Class. Mrs Leighton and Mrs Outram share the teaching of the Year 2 class. They are well supported by a strong team of Teaching Assistants and at lunchtime, Midday Supervisors. Mrs Louise Parkin, the school secretary is also clerk to governors and plays an invaluable role in making sure that we fulfil all the legal requirements. School follows the Enterprise curriculum which is embedded into all subjects, aiming to give the children skills for life. This year's enterprise week saw the three classes make £15 grow into £177 by holding a puppet show and selling refreshments, making and selling pet treats and making and selling baked potato snacks! It was wonderful to watch the children talk about what they had done in their assembly.

The continuation of Sports funding means that every child has the opportunity to go swimming and a range of fun activities during Sports week included parents and children exercising together, whole school team games, stomp dance workshops and rugby and football skills.

The children visited Bakewell library on a weekly basis to share stories and have fun as part of the Mad about Books project – this was encouraged by Carole Newbould, one of our governors, who sadly died last year. School was the recipient of the donations in her memory and a substantial amount means that the library will benefit from new shelving and a wide range of new books.

This Spring Term will see the children taking part in the Lady Manners Dance Festival and the Bakewell Primary Concert at the Methodist Church which also involves the Junior School. The two schools also came together for the Christingle service and an Open Day which emphasised a joint approach to Primary Education in Bakewell.

School has a flourishing Friends group enthusiastically chaired by Bella Simpson who arranged events - 100 Club, discos, the sale of aprons and cookbooks, a colouring competition, 'welcome tea and tissues' for new parents on their child's first day, refreshments after the Christmas play and a Summer Fair, which despite the awful weather raised over £3,500! We were indebted to Sharon and Becky from the Pet Shop who did a sponsored head shave and raised over £1,000 which paid for a new play train for the playground. Parents have put a lot of effort into these events, which have paid for little extras, the main one being a trip to the pantomime in Chesterfield at Christmas.

The children have enjoyed services in church, also attended by their parents – at Easter, Harvest and the Summer Leavers' Service They made a well dressing and decorated a tree for the Christmas Tree festival, and came to church to sing to visitors and take part in the Christingle Service.

School receives visits from Canon Tony and Rev. Aron who take assemblies on a regular basis. The Open the Book team also visit to bring bible stories alive for the children. Foundation Governors (Mary Creswell, Tony Kaunhoven, Kath Naylor) take part in the self evaluation of the school in the way it functions as a church school and make observations on Collective Worship.

School is an exciting place to grow and learn and we should continue to maintain and build upon our links with it.

Kath Naylor

1st Bakewell (Parish Church) Scout Group

During the year the members of Bakewell Scout Group continued to enjoy a full programme of exciting and adventurous activities. The Group membership has continued to grow, particularly our Scout section with a lot of 'new' members coming up from Cubs during the year.

In July a party of twenty-five Scouts and Venture Scouts and seven Leaders went to an International Scout camp in Haarlem, Holland (Haarlem Jamborette) where they greatly enjoyed ten days of activities.

The Beavers, Cubs and Scouts all joined together for a Group Camp at Gradbach with lots of traditional Scouting activities including shelter making outdoors cooking and walking. The Scouts and Cubs went to a nearby trout farm where they caught fish which they prepared and cooked themselves.

Cycling, sleepovers, mini-camps, river-rafting, fitness challenges, climbing and trips out featured in the sections activities during the year. Thanks to the unceasing efforts of our wholly voluntary Leaders and Helpers the Group continues to flourish.

Mike Horrod

1st Bakewell (Parish Church) Guides

Once again we have had a busy and active year of activities at Bakewell Guides. The unit has been full all year, with 32 Guides, 2 Young Leaders and 3 Leaders and we still have a healthy waiting list.

We began the year with our "new year, no electricity" party! We played games in the dark using our senses, made chocolate crispie cakes with only tealights and a foil container and competed in glow in the dark bowling. It was great fun and a great start to the year.

In February we celebrated World Thinking Day by taking the Guides to a Midlands regional event at Newark Showground. All the activities during the day were related to arts and culture around the world. The Guides got involved in drama, a discovery trail, tried their hands at sewing and learnt Bhangra dancing. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed it!

In March we investigated the importance of water with a resource created by Severn Trent Water and Midlands Girlguiding. We made water butts, filtered water and collected items to donate to Aquabox. We were also delighted to have a talk from David Rawson from Bakewell Rotary on his trips around the world to see Aquabox in action. We finished off the term with a treasure hunt around Bakewell and a chip supper!

After Easter we began our preparation for camp. In May we held a weekend camp at Glenbrook activity centre in Bamford jointly with Bradwell Guides. During the weekend all the Guides participated in every camp chore and learnt basic camping skills. They also got the chance to tree climb, complete the adventure course, build dens, try orienteering and on the Saturday night we climbed Win Hill to see the sunset. A magical experience.

Also during May and June we did wide games in the woods, practiced our firelighting skills, had a lovely summer evening walk from Youlgrave to Bakewell and completed our outdoor cooks and agility badges.

Our main event of the year was going to Peak 2015, our county international camp held at Chatsworth. During the weeklong camp our Guides took part in a huge number of activities from canoeing to archery, balloon modelling to abseiling, bell ringing to zorbing and so the list goes on. We met huge numbers of fellow Guides and Scouts from all over the world and came away with many new friends and shared experiences. This was definitely the highlight of our year!

On our return after summer our theme was construction. We constructed spaghetti towers, made and raced self-propelling vehicles and created Hansel and Gretel edible houses, which the leaders obviously had to taste test!

In November and December we made salt dough decorations for our blue themed Christmas tree at the Parish Church festival and we came up with some very creative designs. We finished the year with a Christmas party with our usual variety of funny Christmas games and giggles.

Another memorable and busy year!

Catherine Burn

1st Bakewell (Parish Church) Brownies

The 1st Bakewell Brownies are encouraged to learn about themselves and others within their community. They have been involved with a number of events within the community during the year:

- March 1 – the brownies joined in with 80 Rainbows, Brownies & Guides with their annual Thinking Day event, this year we were Celebrating Chinese New Year and there were lots of themed activities and craft for us all.
- March 18 - Our annual fundraising event – Coffee Morning and Jumble Sale, was held in Bakewell Town hall, raising money for the Unit to spend on the Pack Holiday, badges and trips.
- April 25 – joined up with 100 Rainbows, Brownies & Guides on the Bakewell & Calver District trip to Cadbury's World. A fab day for all of us with lots of yummy chocolate too.
- May 15 -17 – 15 girls and the Leaders went to "Paxtor", Darley Dale for our Pack Holiday, with a 'Frozen' theme, lots of activities, crafts and fun.
- June 24 – July 3. The Brownies helped design our Well Dressing which was displayed in Bath Gardens, with the funds raised donated to local charities. This year the theme was "Miffy". As always a big thank you to everyone who helped us.
- July 4 – For Bakewell Carnival the brownies made their own costumes as "Ladybirds" to do with celebrating Ladybird Books. The girls were delighted to win First prize in their section.
- September 22 – the girls raised money for Jeans for Genes decorating denim with sequins, beads and foam shapes.
- November 8 -Participation in the Remembrance Parade and Service is always seen as important. This year we observed two Veterans receive their Special Awards for service in World War One. The brownies felt proud to be involved with such a special service.
- November 17 – visit to Tesco in Chesterfield –Food to Fork experience for the girls to learn where food comes from.
- December 10 – 23 – Festival of Christmas Trees, the brownies enjoyed helping to decorate "Sequin Owls" as our theme for this wonderful festival.

Heidi Gray

Friends of Bakewell Parish Church

The FoBPC exist as an independent charity to raise funds for the benefit of the public, to help and support the PCC in the maintenance, preservation, repair and adornment of the church.

Trustees: Chris Shepley (Chairman), Joanna Bunting (secretary), Ben Roper (Treasurer), Angela Bird, Nigel Bartlett.

During 2015 activities of the Friends was again muted to ensure that we did not conflict with the Roof Fund Appeal. Two lunchtime talks with lunch provided were well attended.

The 100 Club continues to raise about £1000 per year.

Ben Roper

St Anne's, Over Haddon

St Anne's is a daughter church of All Saints Parish Church Bakewell and is administered by All Saints Parochial Church Council. Roger Truscott is acting churchwarden with delegated responsibility for the church.

The normal pattern of services is a 10am communion service held on the first and fourth Sundays of each month taken by the parish clergy. During 2015 the average attendance at normal services was 11, which has not changed much for several years. There is usually a larger attendance at "special" services and although the Christmas Carol service was well attended others were less well supported with particularly disappointing attendances at the Patronal Festival and Harvest Festival services. However, the outdoor Remembrance Service at the war memorial on Main street was well attended and there was a large turn-out at the Wells Blessing ceremony in July. A wedding was held at St Anne's and a Blessing of marriage ceremony, following a civil ceremony and there were also two funerals, one of which drew a very large number of people.

The churchyard is maintained by a village resident Bob Foreman (paid by Friends of St Anne's) and the church interior is looked after by a successful cleaning rota. The flower rota – both for altar flowers and for Church festivals, when all the windows are decorated, also operates successfully. The lack of a regular church organist means that most services are "said" but on occasion hymns (well-known ones only!) have been sung unaccompanied and pre-recorded cassette music has been used to good effect.

The church remains a popular destination for visitors, both casual ones, mainly walkers, and those on special "pilgrimages." Comments in the visitor's book express pleasure at the church being open and make complimentary remarks about its atmosphere and appearance. The "Peak Pilgrimage" event this year (which is still continuing) has boosted visitor numbers still further. Clearly the "open church" policy which we operate is important for visitors to this popular tourist village (and to Lathkill Dale).

Roger Truscott

Friends of St Anne's, Over Haddon

Friends of St Anne's Over Haddon (fosa) is a registered charity (No. 1117184) which operates as a sub-committee of the Over Haddon Village Hall Management Committee.

The charity raises funds by voluntary contributions, mainly from Over Haddon residents, in order to assist with the maintenance of the church and churchyard. Most of its expenditure is for the regular maintenance of the churchyard, which is carried out by Bob Foreman, a village resident.

The trustees consist of Christine Chresta, Dick Foxon, Mary Hall, Joe Oldfield, Keith Renshaw and Roger Truscott and its committee officers are Dick Foxon (Chair); Keith Renshaw (Treasurer) and Roger Truscott (Secretary).

The last committee meeting and the Annual General Meeting were held on the 22nd of January 2016 at the Village Hall, Over Haddon. The treasurer reported that funds stood at £3,144.52, approximately three times the normal annual expenditure of the charity so some help towards the cost of the repairs can be anticipated. No new donations had been received in the previous year and it was resolved to publicise the work of the charity in the next edition of "The Voice" which is circulated to all residents of the parish and invite additional donations, preferably on a regular basis.

Roger Truscott

Ecumenical Activities

The Association of Bakewell Christians

It is heartening and an answer to prayer to hear and read about the Pope and Patriarch of the Greek Orthodox Church meeting as heads of their respective Churches for the first time in nearly a thousand years. It is good to hear of the commitment of Christians to concentrate on what unites them in mission, ministry and witness, rather than to concentrate on the differences in practice and tradition. For many years here in Bakewell, the relationships between Christians has grown, strengthened and deepened as we have tried to do together best, what it would be wrong to do apart, whilst also respecting the diversity and treasures of each other's Denomination and fellowship.

However, the strength of the whole needs the commitment of the many, and whilst there is a faithful Committee at the heart of ABC discussing the organisation of the established United Services four times a year; the Good News Magazine; Lent Study Groups; Christmas and Easter leaflet drops and outreach events such as the Town Nativity; Town Passion and Carnival involvement- it sometimes feels that apart from a few committed people to ecumenism in each of our Churches, that there could be more we could do and share in the proclaiming of the Gospel and living it out, if we lived and breathed the vision to be the Christian Presence in Bakewell. However, for this to happen we would need a great leap of faith, a clearing of our Church Maintenance Agendas and more people on the ground to 'drive' the vision of ABC forward.

The 'Bakewell at Work' initiative has developed into the quarterly publication to businesses and shops in the Town, with the invitation for us to pray for those who work within these areas and the needs of the Commercial and Business of our community. There is discussion at the moment about the possibility of employing a part time Business Chaplain, who might for instance facilitate the setting up again of a Chamber of Trade in Bakewell. This is still at the 'vision' stage, but the challenge to us all within ABC would, if the vision was accepted, be funding such a post! I would like to see a Schools Chaplain, offering pastoral support and care support to our local schools, again, funded by the Christian Churches. Just two ways of thinking outside the box, but taking our Christian witness to a new level together.

For now though, it is a mixture of keeping doing what we do, as well as supporting our work with children through Wonderzone at the Junior School once a month; our relationship with Christian Aid and our commitment to respond to the needs of refugees who are being admitted to the UK. With this in mind, we shared in a very moving morning with representatives from Sheffield Sanctuary in November, learning the hardships and challenges that are faced by those waiting to hear if they will be granted leave to stay in the UK. A follow up gathering will be held on March 5th which I hope will really help us as the ABC to make some definite proposals of help and support to our respective Church Committees/Leadership that will not only offer some short and long term care, but might even challenge us as a Community to do something positive and welcoming.

Holiday fun Week was again very enjoyable, although we suffered a dip in numbers of children last July, hopefully this was a blip, rather than a sign that something is coming to a natural end.

Canon Tony took up the reigns of Chairman of ABC for the rest of the 'Anglican' year from Peter Davis, and Jeff Marsh became the ABC Treasurer (for the next 20 years!), taking over from Peter Peel at the AGM.

We are looking forward to a revamp of the Carnival Service on the first Sunday in July, with a blend of Messy Church and a BBQ! So, plenty to look forward to as we are challenged by ABC to think about, 'What should we be doing more of together as Christians in Bakewell, and what can I contribute to this?'

Canon Tony

Open the Book

Open the Book is a national initiative, linked to the Bible Society, which shares Bible stories with Primary School children in a lively, interactive and fun way.

Here in Bakewell we have an ecumenical team of 16 storytellers, drawn from All Saints, Bakewell, the Gospel Hall, the Methodist Church and St Katherine, Rowsley.

The All Saints members of the Team are: *Angela Bird, Brenda Jackson, Hilbre Marriott, Kath Naylor, Philip Proctor, Jane Proctor, Alyse Ross, Ian Ross and Penny Spaven.*

Three times each term we visit Bakewell Church of England Infant School, the Bakewell Methodist Junior School. Separate arrangements are made with Rowsley Primary School. We have a good working relationship with all the schools.

The Parish Church has a particular responsibility for linking with the Infant School. It is with the help of some intricate and impressive props, interesting costumes and enthusiastic singing, that in 2015 we have presented stories entitled: *Samuel Hears a Voice; Samuel the King Maker; Elijah and the Ravens; Elijah and the Widow; David the Giant Killer; The Parable of the Great Feast, The Storm on the Lake; and the first Christmas*. These have largely been based on the Lion Storyteller Bible.

This year *Open the Book* nationally has developed their safeguarding procedures, and these require all our storytellers to be DBS checked. We are keen to comply with this and already most of the team have received clearance and the remaining few are in the process.

We believe it is important to continue to take Bible stories to children and greatly appreciate the commitment and enthusiasm of the team during 2015.

Philip Proctor & Kath Naylor

Holiday Fun Week

2015, saw us shivering our way through a Scripture Union resource called 'Polar Explorers' – in the middle of summer!!

Through stories from the New Testament, Polar Explorers explored how the Holy Spirit changed people to change the world. These early Christians weren't too hopeless or too ordinary, they were never too *anything* to serve God. The Easter story formed the backdrop of the programme, giving ample opportunity for children to engage with the gospel while exploring the lives of some remarkable people, and encouraging them to be part of God's big expedition.

Through the themes, we learned that we can:

never make too many mistakes, never be too ordinary, never too bad and never too unlikely to be loved by God – what a wonderful thought.

The aims of Polar Explorers were as follows:

- To introduce the children to some characters from Acts and to see how they lived for Jesus, and the impact they had on the lives of those they met.
- To invite the children to be part of God's big expedition by becoming lifetime followers of Jesus, and to enable children who are already in a relationship with him to grow in their faith and understanding.
- To create lasting positive memories of Christian community, to build relationships and help children and their families become part of a church community.

We had smaller numbers than usual – possibly because there was a Scouting Rally at Chatsworth this year, and maybe parents thought that children needed to be there for the full week. We did have three children who joined us in the middle of the session, two of whom had very little English, but seemed to manage remarkably well.

As always, it is important in this report to extend a very big thank you to all those who helped out at our club. To those who helped the children with all their craft activities; for the stalwart work done in registering and giving the youngsters their refreshments; for the visits from Sir Ralph Finds and Bare Feet [Tony & Aron]; for those who gave us a time for reflection before the start of each day; and for all those who worked with the children in their groups. Without all these people, we would not be able to have such a wonderful time.

Once again, we were able to welcome back, those young people who are now too old for the club, but gave up their time to come and act as helpers. A final thank you, to all those visitors who joined us on our final day at our concert.

Next year's Holiday Club will take place from 26th to 29th July, the first week of the summer holidays. It will be interesting to see how many children we get.

Joan Carr

Meditation

Unseen, unheard and usually unnoticed, the work of meditation may well be described as practical repentance - turning attention from passing time to reassuring Presence, and from worldly matters to more certain life in Spirit. As one wing of the Church outwardly proclaims and concerns itself with change, a balance is drawn to rediscover her inwardly unchanging depths.

An introductory day of Christian Meditation received a significant boost at Ashbourne in September when the bishops of both Derby and Sheffield attended and blessed proceedings. This is a substantial, world-wide organisation, now active in our area. On a smaller scale, at Bakewell, some 90 more or less local people have been taught the simple but highly effective method. Contact varies from one to another. Though meditation is essentially 'behind the scenes', twice daily practice in Bakewell Church continues. There's no formal group these days but anyone wishing to participate is welcome. Either through publications, personal contact or unexpected meetings that just seem to happen, there's a small but steady flow of fresh interest and beginners.

John Butler

The Churchyard – Wildflowers

The wildflower area at the bottom of the churchyard was regularly raked off at the end of last summer. Yellow rattle planted to suppress the grasses did well so we hope wildflowers planted over the last couple of years will continue to thrive. Wild native daffodils were planted under the trees in this area they should naturalise in time.

Primroses on the south/east bank have survived but not the violets so cowslips will be added instead.

We will look into funding to acquire native bluebells, daffodils and snowdrops for the south side of the churchyard this autumn.

Julia, Bakewell in Bloom



From the smallest of beginnings in a warehouse in Newcastle more than 35 years ago, Traidcraft now works with over 100 producer groups in over 30 countries and sells for them upwards of £20 million worth of goods a year. This makes a substantial contribution to the lives not only of each worker but to their families and communities. Through Traidcraft the Fair Trade Movement began in the 1990's, and now has total sales in the UK of over £1 billion a year.

Here in Bakewell our turnover in 2015 was just over £9,700 of which £1480 was through the stall at All Saints' Church, and so £148 was passed to the Church account. and, Goods are sold regularly in many other local Churches and there are stalls at many local functions and indeed anywhere where an opportunity presents itself. Most of our local sales are of foodstuffs supplemented by clothing, paper goods, craft items and a considerable number of Christmas cards.

Looking to the future, there is a continuing need to raise the profile of Fair Trade and Traidcraft in particular. It would also be good to have more involvement in our local schools and businesses. However the greatest need is for those who buy the occasional product regularly to try some of the others available, for those who express their support, to buy more products, and for those who take a passing interest to take the plunge and buy something. Don't forget – if you are replacing items or buying presents, THINK TRAIDCRAFT.

I have been your Traidcraft Rep in Bakewell for the last 11 years and am looking to take a back seat from this during the coming year. If anyone would like to take over this role please let me know.

Peter Bird (01629 813087 – pabird@gmail.com)

Treasurer's Report

These accounts have been prepared on a Receipts and Payments basis and are in line with the regulations and guidance issued by the Central Board of Finance of the Church of England in response to the Charities Act 2011 and the PCC.

Very many thanks to Kath & Rick Naylor for their administration of the weekly envelope scheme and the banking and to John Foster for examining the accounts.

All Saints' Parish Church, Bakewell

We have accounts with the Royal Bank of Scotland (RBS) & the Central board of finance of the Church of England (CBF). The general funds are the RBS current a/c, the RBS general deposit a/c, the Open Door current a/c & the CBF general reserve. The restricted accounts are at RBS for Bells & Organ, at both CBF & RBS for Fabric & Roof fund, there is also a small amount of miscellaneous restricted funds in the current a/c.

The General fund: A good year, but sadly we have lost a some donors which will reduce the future planned giving by approx £4,000 each year, the legacies received are very much appreciated but are obviously, one-offs.

The planned giving is now lower than it was 5 years ago. The collection on the plate is much reduced too. We will need to run a stewardship campaign this year unless there is a significant increase in the giving – please can you help, please remember that a lots of small increases can make a very big difference.

	Budget surplus	1,331	
Receipts	Capital account interest	218	
	Legacies, donations (incl Traidcraft %)	15,727	
	Refund of war stock	2,100	
Payments	Inspection fees		576

Resulting actual surplus of £18, 800

The restricted accounts: the main receipts & payments this year are again mainly for the roof project, along with some general building repairs . Thanks again to the Christmas tree festival we now have a some money in the repair fund and a small amount of money restricted for 'equipment' in the general funds. The bell fund remains stable but the organ fund is empty and the organ needs major repairs!

St Anne's, Over Haddon

The general funds are the current account at NatWest and the reserve account at CBF. The interest from the CBF shares feeds the general reserve account but the share capital is restricted by the conditions of the legacy "absolutely for the maintenance of the fabric of St Anne's church".

General Fund: a better year than predicted, less oil being purchased than expected but the reduction in planned giving continues to be a worry. Statutory fees for weddings & funerals are not part of St Anne's budget as they are too unpredictable but they make a big difference to the overall receipts. No repairs have been done this year but the QI has raised several issues that need addressing.

	Budget deficit		251
Receipts	Wedding, Funeral & Memorial Fees	1,237	
	Donations in memory	50	
	Refund of war stock	400	
	Vat recovered	275	
Payments	Inspection fees		792

Resulting Actual Surplus of £919

The mowing of the churchyard (£1,000) was again paid directly by the Friends of St Anne's.

Joyce Glencross

All Saints' Parish Church, Bakewell

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	<u>Unrestricted funds</u>	<u>Restricted funds</u>	<u>2015 Total</u>	<u>2014 Total</u>
Receipts				
<u>Voluntary receipts</u>				
<u>Giving</u>				
Planned giving - gift Aided	37,312.25	5,200.00	42,512.25	44,714.70
Income tax recovered	10,866.03	1,905.72	12,771.75	21,812.36
Planned giving - not gift Aided	1,892.00	60.00	1,952.00	1,774.50
One-off donations	1,968.92	156.15	2,125.07	2,623.39
Collections in Church	3,856.86	1,965.83	5,822.69	4,488.97
	<u>55,896.06</u>	<u>9,287.70</u>	<u>65,183.76</u>	<u>75,413.92</u>
Other voluntary receipts (note 3)	19,250.13	28,446.84	47,696.97	99,105.98
Receipts from activities for generating funds (note 4)	7,271.29	5,508.32	12,779.61	17,921.95
Wedding / Funeral fees	3,617.00		3,617.00	4,121.00
Income from investments (note 5)	972.74	487.82	1,460.56	1,465.32
Other Receipts (note 6)	2,100.00		2,100.00	2,000.00
Total Receipts	<u>89,107.22</u>	<u>43,730.68</u>	<u>132,837.90</u>	<u>200,028.17</u>
Payments				
Diocesan Share	35,575.01		35,575.01	35,079.00
charitable giving	1,485.00	2,886.25	4,371.25	2,324.71
Other payments (note 7)	33,246.70	28,913.45	62,160.15	176,341.83
Total Payments	<u>70,306.71</u>	<u>31,799.70</u>	<u>102,106.41</u>	<u>213,745.54</u>
Excess of Receipts over payments	<u>18,800.51</u>	<u>11,930.98</u>	<u>30,731.49</u>	<u>-13,717.37</u>
Guide books costs returned to capital	240.00		<u>240.00</u>	240.00
	19,040.51	11,930.98	30,971.49	-13,477.37
Account Balance at 1st January	33,802.13	123,434.43	157,236.56	170,713.93
Account Balance at 31st December (note 8)	<u>52,842.64</u>	<u>135,365.41</u>	<u>188,208.05</u>	<u>157,236.56</u>
Statement of Assets and Liabilities				
<u>Monetary Assets</u>				
Bank Accounts- Royal Bank of Scotland	4,124.91	45,079.62	49,204.53	46,407.79
CBF Accounts	48,717.73	90,285.79	139,003.52	110,798.79
	<u>52,842.64</u>	<u>135,365.41</u>	<u>188,208.05</u>	<u>157,206.58</u>
<u>Investment Assets</u>				
war stock (see note 6)			£0.9994	2,098.74
£14.3387 840 Units M & G Charifund	12,044.51		12,044.51	£14.3818 12,080.71
	<u>12,044.51</u>		<u>12,044.51</u>	<u>14,179.45</u>
<u>At Bank</u>	Parcel of Silver & war stock certificates			
<u>Other Assets</u>				
Old House Museum - shuttle bus		51.50	51.50	
Bank error		500.00	500.00	
Gift Aid not yet claimed	5,155.04	618.48	5,773.52	4,569.04
	<u>5,155.04</u>	<u>1,169.98</u>	<u>6,325.02</u>	<u>4,569.04</u>
<u>Liabilities</u>				
Tower Plumbing & heating				288.00
				<u>288.00</u>

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Note 1 The financial statement of the PCC have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 using the Receipts and Payments basis

	<u>Unrestricted funds</u>	<u>Restricted funds</u>	<u>2015 Total</u>	<u>2014 Total</u>
<u>Note 2</u> The changes to the funds were:				
General	19,040.51	-247.73	18,792.78	4,613.68
Fabric		1,145.99	1,145.99	3,310.85
Roof		9,446.30	9,446.30	-21,435.09
Organ				
Bell		112.48	112.48	3.21
Total	<u>19,040.51</u>	<u>10,457.04</u>	<u>29,497.55</u>	<u>-13,507.35</u>
<u>Note 3</u> <u>Other receipts</u>				
Grants		23,845.84	23,845.84	48,843.27
Visitors / Donations	3,750.13	2,101.00	5,851.13	11,873.87
Roof appeal donations		2,500.00	2,500.00	37,888.84
Friends of Bakewell Parish Church				
Legacy	15,500.00		15,500.00	500.00
	<u>19,250.13</u>	<u>28,446.84</u>	<u>47,696.97</u>	<u>99,105.98</u>
<u>Note 4</u> <u>Generating Funds</u>				
Book Stall	1,613.04		1,613.04	1,690.76
Users of the Church	458.15		458.15	547.00
Traidcraft sales	148.00		148.00	
Open Door cafe	5,052.10	1551.93	6,604.03	4,454.72
Fund Raising		3,956.39	3,956.39	11,229.47
	<u>7,271.29</u>	<u>5,508.32</u>	<u>12,779.61</u>	<u>17,921.95</u>
<u>Note 5</u> <u>Income from investments</u>				
Interest & Dividends	822.74	487.82	1,310.56	1,315.32
Medway Centre Lease	150.00		150.00	150.00
	<u>972.74</u>	<u>487.82</u>	<u>1,460.56</u>	<u>1,465.32</u>
<u>Note 6</u> <u>Other receipts</u>				
Gas Refund				2,000.00
War Stock	2,100.00			
Sale of Asset				
	<u>2,100.00</u>			<u>2,000.00</u>
<u>Note 7</u> <u>Other Payments</u>				
Clergy expenses	3,697.62		3,697.62	3,608.34
Heating lighting etc	7,435.72		7,435.72	6,484.23
Insurance	5,625.50		5,625.50	6,346.70
Church Maintenance	2,624.28		2,624.28	2,056.33
Upkeep of Services	874.89	619.73	1,494.62	10,008.37
Major Projects - Roof repairs		24,067.23	24,067.23	128,310.81
- Other Building repairs etc		678.00	678.00	763.38
- Bell Repairs		253.99	253.99	211.86
- Kitchen		175.84	175.84	177.60
- Boiler repairs				862.52
- Sound systems		252.00	252.00	162.60
- Crossing platform				1,162.69
- Organ repairs				
- Viking-age sculptures				
Children	139.87		139.87	251.99
Honoraria	5,400.00		5,400.00	5,470.00
Bookstall costs	838.67		838.67	1,063.97
Fund Raising costs		1,264.67	1,264.67	1,612.67
Open door costs	1,364.68	77.99	1,442.67	927.08
General Administration	2,924.86		2,924.86	3,271.82
Mission initiatives	1,744.61		1,744.61	2,478.87
New Donation box		1524.00	1,524.00	
Professional fees	576.00		576.00	1,110.00
	<u>33,246.70</u>	<u>28,913.45</u>	<u>62,160.15</u>	<u>176,341.83</u>
<u>Note 8</u> <u>Balance of Accounts</u>				
General	52,842.64	1,410.01	54,252.65	35,459.87
Fabric		6,256.24	6,256.24	3,636.31
Roof		124,342.60	124,342.60	114,896.30
Organ				
Bell		3,356.56	3,356.56	3,244.08
Total	<u>52,842.64</u>	<u>135,365.41</u>	<u>188,208.05</u>	<u>157,236.56</u>

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Financial Statement for year ending 31st December 2015

	<u>Unrestricted funds</u>	<u>Restricted funds</u>	<u>2015 Total</u>	<u>2014 Total</u>
Receipts				
<u>Voluntary receipts</u>				
<u>Giving</u>				
Planned giving - gift Aided	1,211.00		1,211.00	1,400.00
Income tax recovered	612.61		612.61	831.30
Planned giving - not gift Aided				
One-off donations	502.37		502.37	431.50
Collections in Church	338.37	88.00	426.37	413.54
	<u>2,664.35</u>	<u>88.00</u>	<u>2,752.35</u>	<u>3,076.34</u>
Other voluntary receipts (note 3)	340.99		340.99	309.74
Receipts from activities for generating funds (note 4)				
Wedding / Funeral fees	1,237.00		1,237.00	975.00
Income from investments (note 5)	1,987.07		1,987.07	1,960.02
Other Receipts (note 6)	674.84		674.84	
Total Receipts	<u>6,904.25</u>	<u>88.00</u>	<u>6,992.25</u>	<u>6,321.10</u>
Payments				
Diocesan Share	1,485.00		1,485.00	1,464.00
Payments to charities	300.00	88.00	388.00	385.00
Other payments (note 7)	4,200.27		4,200.27	6,346.58
Total Payments	<u>5,985.27</u>	<u>88.00</u>	<u>6,073.27</u>	<u>8,195.58</u>
Excess of Receipts over payments	<u>918.98</u>		<u>918.98</u>	<u>-1,874.48</u>
Account Balance at 1st January	<u>4,204.92</u>		<u>4,204.92</u>	<u>6,079.40</u>
Account Balance at 31st December	<u>5,123.90</u>		<u>5,123.90</u>	<u>4,204.92</u>

The mowing of the churchyard has been paid by the **Friends of St Anne's**

Statement of Assets and Liabilities

Monetary Assets

Bank Accounts- Natwest	1,427.05		1,427.05	1,491.37
CBF	3,696.85		3,696.85	2,713.55
	<u>5,123.90</u>		<u>5,123.90</u>	<u>4,204.92</u>

Investment Assets

£13.5346 3800 CBF Investment Fund Shares		51,431.48	51,431.48	£13.3529 50,741.02
Investments in trust:				
Bakewell PCC - 3.5% war stock (£400)				£0.9994 399.76
		<u>51,431.48</u>	<u>51,431.48</u>	<u>48,497.80</u>

Other Assets

Gift Aid not yet claimed	500.00		500.00	538.38
	<u>500.00</u>		<u>500.00</u>	<u>538.38</u>

Liabilities

St Anne's Church, Over Haddon**Financial Statement for year ending 31st December 2015**

		<u>unrestricted</u> <u>funds</u>	<u>restricted</u> <u>funds</u>	<u>2015</u> <u>Total</u>	<u>2014</u> <u>Total</u>
<u>Note 2</u>	The changes to the funds were:	<u>918.98</u>	<u> </u>	<u>918.98</u>	<u>-1,874.48</u>
<u>Note 3</u>	<u>Other receipts</u>				
	Grants				
	Visitors / Donations	340.99		340.99	309.74
	Friends of St Anne's				
	Legacy				
		<u>340.99</u>	<u> </u>	<u>340.99</u>	<u>309.74</u>
<u>Note 4</u>	<u>Generating Funds</u>				
	Users of Church & Equipment				
	Sale of cards, leaflets & teas				
		<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
<u>Note 5</u>	<u>Income from investments</u>				
	CBF Shares	1,965.36		1,965.36	1,926.98
	CBF Deposit	17.94		17.94	19.04
	Interest on trusts	3.77		3.77	14.00
		<u>1,987.07</u>	<u> </u>	<u>1,987.07</u>	<u>1,960.02</u>
<u>Note 6</u>	<u>Other receipts</u>				
	Vat Refund	274.84		274.84	
	war stock	400.00		400.00	
		<u>674.84</u>	<u> </u>	<u>674.84</u>	<u> </u>
<u>Note 7</u>	<u>Other Payments</u>				
	Clergy expenses	123.29		123.29	188.35
	Heating, Lighting etc	2,241.40		2,241.40	2,597.90
	Insurance	770.00		770.00	891.92
	Church Maintenance	143.31		143.31	502.60
	Upkeep of Services	37.87		37.87	71.38
	Upkeep of Church Yard				
	Repairs				1,537.43
	General Administration	92.40		92.40	47.00
	Professional fees - Inspections	792.00		792.00	510.00
		<u>4,200.27</u>	<u> </u>	<u>4,200.27</u>	<u>6,346.58</u>

The New Services

FUSION

What is it? A 'Bridging Service' for people of all ages with the aim of especially attracting families who attend Messy Church to offer them the opportunity to attend a half hour interactive user friendly act of worship, and support their exploration of the Christian Faith.

When is it? 3rd Sunday of each month in the main body of the church building from 10 am to 10.30 am

The format? Informal formality! Using a screen and projector- there is a changeable framework of 3 hymns/songs; a reading; short interactive talk; prayers of Intercession' Prayers of Praise and Thanksgiving and a Blessing.

Average attendance 15 (children and adults)

Well received

Issues over how to advertise the service- who to? who does it/should do it?

Evaluation useful amongst those who do not come and why?

Is it time of the Service? Day of the week? Format? Lack of information about it? Other?

Evaluation amongst those who come- what they like; want to see more of; how to develop? Welcome the introduction of breakfast? Other?

How to grow to meet the original aim.

How to develop the planning- leading-resourcing etc.

A trial Service agreed by the PCC. The PCC need to discuss whether to continue with it. Value the discussion of the APCM to help the PCC discussion.

The Gathering

What it is: A space for young people and adults to encounter God in an informal relaxed setting. The aim is to create a space for people to come to or bring others to who are not used to the more formal traditional services. A space to try new ways of engaging with God and the issue we face. To have space for discussion and go deeper with God.

When it is: 4th Sunday of each month in the Newark from 5pm

The format: Relaxed café style space, with contemporary worship songs with space for a talk or discussion on a chosen theme. Using a screen and projector and having the kitchen open serving refreshments as people come and sit round tables.

Average attendance: 14 (Young People and Adults)

Development: To start with The Gathering began in the main part of church being a worship/praise service. From feedback by people going the service developed into a cafe style service in the Newark. A team has also begun to be put in place to meet together to pray and plan and to share in the leading.

Evaluation useful amongst those who do not come and why?

Evaluation amongst those who come.

How to grow to meet the original aim.

How to continue the develop, planning, leading and resourcing etc?

A trial Service agreed by the PCC. The PCC need to discuss whether to continue with it. Value the discussion of the APCM to help the PCC discussion.