



**The Parish Church of
Saint George the Martyr
Waterlooville**



**Annual Report and
Financial Statements
of the
Parochial Church Council
for the year ended 31st December 2010**

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**THERE WILL BE A ST GEORGE'S ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH
MEETING ON SUNDAY 17TH APRIL 2011 IN THE CHURCH
AFTER THE 10 am EUCHARIST**

A G E N D A

1. Welcome
2. Apologies
3. MEETING OF PARISHIONERS
to elect two Churchwardens to serve for one year
4. MEETING OF ELECTORAL ROLL MEMBERS
Report by Electoral Roll Officer
5. Minutes of 2010 APCM and Matters Arising
6. Presentation of Audited Accounts and Treasurer's Report
7. Election of 2 representatives to the Deanery Synod
8. Election of 3 PCC members
9. Election of Sidespersons
10. Reports from the Churchwardens, PCC Secretary and Treasurer and church groups
11. Appointment of Independent Examiner

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING of St George the Martyr, Waterloo, held on Sunday 18th April 2010 in the church and commencing at 11.15 am. There were 76 persons present. The Parish Priest, Fr Mike Sheffield, was in the Chair.

1. **WELCOME:** Fr Mike extended a warm welcome to everyone to the APCM at St George's. He explained that there are two meetings, the first for the parishioners and the second for the congregation.
2. **APOLOGIES** were received from David and Margaret Cavey, Fr Ray and June Chapman, Mary Hutchings, Anne Bown, Barbara Clark, Tasha Cook, Bob and Sue Andrews, Sarah Hewett, Pam and Eric Dinneen, Anna Richardson, Dawn Hyett, Sarah and Keith Lewis and Richard and Julia Spurgeon.
3. **MEETING OF PARISHIONERS:** Fr Mike asked if everyone was happy for Jane Cook as Secretary of the PCC to act as clerk for the meeting and it was agreed unanimously. Although in this parish we elect Churchwardens to serve for 4 years they still have to be re-elected yearly. It is therefore necessary to ask whether you are happy for Richard Spurgeon to stay on for another year. This was unanimously agreed. Margaret Symonds has come to the end of her 4 years as Churchwarden. Fr Mike said he would like to take the opportunity to extend a big thank you to Margaret for all she has done over the last 4 years and presented her with a pot of plants on behalf of the congregation.

We therefore need to appoint another Churchwarden and we have one nomination from Dick Handy who is now retired. This was proposed by Colin Monk, seconded by David Hodgens and agreed unanimously.

4. **MEETING OF ELECTORAL ROLL MEMBERS:** Rosemary Monk who is the Electoral Roll Officer said there are 187 parishioners on the Electoral Roll, 85 of these are outside the parish, 19 new members and 5 sadly removed through death. If anyone wishes to apply they can be added at any time during the year and agreed by the PCC.
5. **MINUTES OF THE 2008 APCM AND MATTERS ARISING:** There were no amendments and the minutes were signed as a true and accurate record of the meeting. Proposed by Dick Handy and seconded by David Hodgens and agreed unanimously.

6. **PRESENTATION OF AUDITED ACCOUNTS AND TREASURER'S REPORT:**

Carol gave the following report:

Incorporating all the Church group finances with the main Church and Hall Accounts, the final figures initially show a surplus of £11,640. If depreciation of the Church Hall at 2% amounts to £3123, the surplus reduces to £8,517. We must also take into account the successful results from Fundraising, as this cannot be relied upon every year. This exceeded budget by £3,800 and, together with the increased value of Investments at £4,200, the surplus is further reduced to a mere £500.

At the end of 2009 the PCC repaid the loan of £4000, which was borrowed from Hall funds in 2008. £5,000 was withdrawn from Investment funds initially to pay for work resulting from the Quinquennial inspection but work did not get underway as intended and it was therefore decided by the PCC that the Hall loan should be repaid.

For another year St George's hosted the Waterloo Music Festival and the PCC received a generous donation of £800 from that source. Other major donations received included £585 from the 100 Club, £1,000 from the Social & Fundraising Committee (including Friday Coffee Funds) and £500 from the Bonus Ball. Also donated to the General Account was £750 from the Charities Aid Foundation.

Donations from Planned Giving exceeded the budget by over £2,600 for which we received £10,085 in Gift Aid tax recovery, an increase on 2008 of £1871.

Interest on bank and building society accounts amounted to £75 and the value of PCC investments increased by £4,199. Taking into account the withdrawal of £5,000, the Investment fund is currently valued at £48,554. Throughout 2009 £2,373 was received as dividends.

Dividends earned on the Hall Deposit Account were re-invested and the current value of that account stands at £12,203. Over the year a net figure of £7,000 has been transferred to the Hall Deposit Account, which was achieved due to another successful year from Church Hall lettings

Fundraising again exceeded expectations by over £3,800. This was achieved by the dedication and commitment of all St. George's fundraisers, together with a very successful Shop. Costs for fundraising mostly covered the purchase of bulbs, for which the PCC earned £2,495 in bulb and plant sales, bringing a very good return on the initial outlay.

Charity giving exceeded £5,200 and we have supported a wide range of Charities both at home and overseas. Funds generated by the Wednesday Coffee Mornings have also supported a variety of Charities together with donations to the Church Hall.

The Accounts continue to include the 'Extra-ordinary' categories. These have again been used to record unbudgeted items. The major items of unbudgeted expenditure include £587 for repairs to the stained glass, £729 for memorials and £100 PCC donation towards Bishop Kenneth's retirement collection.

The budget for 2009 was again very tight. It is difficult to predict income based on the generosity of those who support St. George's Church, against the knowledge that expenditure is likely to increase each year. Forming a realistic budget may not always be possible but will hopefully guide us through the year.

My thanks go to the Fabric & Finance Committee for all the work they put in and also for their support, together with the support of the PCC. On behalf of St. George's Church, my thanks are also due to Mr Gordon Beer, MA (Cantab) FCA, for examining the Accounts for another year without charge.

A summary of the Accounts is shown overleaf and the full version is displayed on the Church notice board. Copies are available on request.

There were no questions for Carol on this report and the figures presented. Carol said that with regard to paragraph 1 we need to take into account that in 2010 we won't have income such as the £3K shop sales. We have no choice but to include hall depreciation of £3,123. Investment income was £4,200 but 2010 will not produce this as funds are withdrawn for the Quinquennial work. St George's fundraisers will have a mammoth task in raising funds for QQ work, especially when you consider that fundraising currently supports the day-to-day running of the Church but does not support anything extra. This is the reason why we are constantly calling on our limited

reserves.

Ex-ord in and out difference between 2008 and 2009:

In previous years, these categories recorded transfers of funds within the church accounts. This did not portray a true picture and once the computer programme was upgraded this was addressed and now income and expenditure show a more realistic picture.

Carol said that as some of you are aware, she is now standing down as St George's Treasurer. She said she has thoroughly enjoyed the role of Treasurer over the past five years and all the challenges it has presented but now passes it over to the very capable hands of Dawn Trimby.

She said she has had a tremendous amount of support from everyone at St George's, in particular from members of the Fabric and Finance Committees and PCCs and her thanks and gratitude go to them all for their support and confidence in her.

She gave thanks again to Gordon Beer for his time and expertise which he so generously gives for a few bottles of wine and also to the support of Gordon Uphill who has always been there when he was needed. She said that she knows that all this support and help will be passed to Dawn to help her in the role of Treasurer and wished Dawn good luck.

Fr Mike thanked Carol on behalf of the congregation for all the work she has done over the last 4 years as Treasurer. She has to attend the first meeting of the new PCC on 17th May when she will be thanked formally and hand over to Dawn.

7. **ELECTION OF PCC MEMBERS:** First of all thanks to the PCC members who have met 10 times over the last year. We are losing David Palmer, Julia Spurgeon and Dick Handy this year so a big thank you to them at the end of their 3 years. Also goodbye to John Towns who is quite unwell at the moment and feels he cannot continue. We therefore need 4 new members to serve on the PCC – 3 for 3 years and 1 for 2 years. This will be sorted out at the first PCC meeting. We have 4 people who have filled in forms and volunteered to join the PCC – Marian Haughton, proposed by Jane Cook and seconded by Candy Williams; Sheilah Hall, proposed by Lynda Sheffield and seconded by Sandra Hewett; Sandra Hewett, proposed by Jane Cook and seconded by Colin Monk; Anne Morgan, proposed by Lindsay Chalk and seconded by Candy Williams. Fr Mike asked if

everyone is happy to elect Marian, Sheilah, Sandra and Anne to the PCC. This was agreed unanimously. Fr Mike said that we now have our full quota on the PCC.

8. **ELECTION OF SIDESPERSIONS:** Dick Handy read out the full list of names of people on the sidespersons rota. He said that this is a vital job and although it sounds like a lot of people we do actually need one meet and greet and 3 sidespersons at each 10 am Eucharist. Fr Mike asked whether there was anyone else who would like to be added to the sidespersons list – Margaret Symonds said she would go back on the list now she is no longer Churchwarden. Also Sheilah Hall, Abi Morgan, Len Palmer and Rachel Palmer volunteered. Acceptance of the list of sidespersons was proposed by Barbie Lloyd, seconded by Wendy Pearce and agreed unanimously. If anyone else would like to join please see Fr Mike or Dick Handy.

9. **INDIVIDUAL REPORTS:**

The congregation had either downloaded a copy of the APCM report including all the individual reports or had received a hard copy from Jane so Fr Mike quickly went through each report to ask if there were any questions.

Churchwardens Report – Margaret Symonds has completed her 4 years as Churchwarden as mentioned above. She said she was privileged to have been Churchwarden for the last 4 years and gave her thanks to everyone who has supported her and she knows will give support to the new Churchwarden. She had a list of people to thank starting with the Clergy and their wives, Carol McKells the outgoing Treasurer for all her wonderful work, the Chairmen of the various committees, in particular Fabric and Finance who since the Quinquennial inspection in November 2008 have had a lot of extra work. This has been led by Tony Rice-Oxley and latterly by Dick Handy. We should be very grateful that they have taken the brunt of the work and many thanks to them for doing this.

Fr Mike said that this is the 40th Anniversary year of the new Church and the end of the year will fall on Mothering Sunday. It started with wine, cake and a congregation photo on Easter Sunday – these will be available to order shortly. The second event is today's lunch in the Hall. The next big event is on 22nd May when we are holding a Family Fun Day with an opportunity for the children to take part in different activities during the day and the highlight will be a performance by the clown, Rev Roly Bain followed by a workshop. This is being paid for by the Mother's Union as part of their 100th birthday celebrations of

this branch.

Fr Mike said a big thank you to the serving team led by David Palmer, Fr Ray who is not here today as he is on holiday in France and Bishop Godfrey who will be presiding over the confirmation service in July. A big thank you to Fr Timon for all he does at St George's.

Dick Handy then proposed a vote of thanks to Fr Mike. He said that he is the key figure with his enthusiasm between all the various groups and the whole congregation are very appreciative of all that he does.

Andrew Clark said what a wonderful prestigious document this APCM report is and thanks went to Jane Cook for putting this together.

10. **APPOINTMENT OF INDEPENDENT EXAMINER:** That Gordon Beer be appointed as Independent Examiner for the next year. This was agreed unanimously.

The meeting closed at 12.20 and was followed by the Parish lunch.

ST GEORGE'S CHURCH – ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2010

Background

St George's Church has the responsibility of cooperating with the incumbent (The Reverend Mike Sheffield) in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. It also has maintenance responsibilities for the churchyard and church hall. During 2010 St George's held two services every Sunday (a said Eucharist at 8.00 am and a sung Eucharist at 10.00 am). Normally there has been an evening service at least twice a month with one being traditional evensong sung by the Church choir. Other services have included Taize services, special festival services and a healing Eucharist. Our partnership churches were invited to the Taize services and there was a good response with refreshments after the service. The Sunday School and Youth Club were actively involved in the monthly Family Eucharists. During the seasons of Lent and Easter, St George's ran an educational programme together with the full range of traditional services and during the summer holidays, invited families and children to involve themselves in the special August Eucharists explaining Anglican ceremonial.

Membership

Members of the PCC are elected by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) in accordance with the Church Representation Rules. The following served as members of the PCC:

Incumbent: The Reverend Mike Sheffield Chairman
Fr Timon Singh, Assistant Curate

Ex Officio: Mrs Jane Cook (Secretary)
Mrs Dawn Trimby (Treasurer)

Wardens: Mr Richard Spurgeon
Mr Dick Handy

Representatives on the Deanery Synod:

Lindsay Chalk
Linda Wainwright

Elected Members:

Mrs Sheilah Hall
Mrs Marian Haughton
Mrs Sandra Hewett
Mr David Hodgins
Mrs Dawn Hyett
Mrs Barbie Lloyd
Mr Colin Monk
Mrs Anne Morgan
Mrs Candy Williams

Co-opted Members:

Mr Tony Rice-Oxley

Deanery Finance Chairman

Committees

The PCC operates through a number of committees/groups, which meet between full meetings of the PCC.

Church Attendance

There are 187 parishioners on the Electoral Roll, 85 of these are outside the parish, 19 new members and 5 sadly removed through death. The average weekly attendance, counted during October 2010, was 110 adults and 20 children including weekday attendances, but this number increased at festivals.

Review of the Year

The full PCC met 10 times during the year, with an average attendance of 81%. Fabric & Finance & Quinquennial, Pastoral, Social, Fundraising and Hall sub-committees continued to meet in the interim, to enable items to be discussed in more detail, and reported back to the full PCC. The PCC will continue to invite outgoing Churchwardens to remain on the PCC for a further year to provide continuity.

Comprehensive budget accounts continue to be e-mailed to PCC members before the meeting to give people a chance to send any questions to Dawn so they can be answered at the meeting and save time.

We have supported over 17 wide-ranging charities, both at home and overseas, in particular £417.55 to the Children's Society (a large part of which came from a very successful Christingle Service on Christmas Eve) and continued support of four children under the African Child Trust Scheme. Other benefiting charities included Breast Cancer Care, Haiti Christian Aid, Hannah's Holiday Home, Bishop's Lent Appeal, Mercy Ships, Christian Aid, PSP, The Rosemary Foundation, DEC Pakistan, CRY, Water Aid, Whizz Kidz, YMCA, Havant Portage, The Leprosy Mission, Naomi House and FRRME. These were all retiring collections. Money was constantly being raised for church funds over the year, in particular £2507 at the Summer Fete, £1357 at the Christmas Bazaar, £1622 from the St George's Auction and £2124 from the sale of plants, bulbs and votives throughout the year.

The giving through envelopes and banker's orders has increased to £32,047, excluding tax. The tax recovered on all Gift Aid donations for the year was £11,504. £6,789, excluding tax, was raised on the St George's Day Gift Day. Contributions on the collection plate raised £2,016. £20,466 was raised over the year towards the Tower Appeal including £10,000 from the Hall Committee.

£134,029 was spent to provide the Christian Ministry from St. George's Church, including the full contribution to the parish share of £49,802. The Largest outlay during the year was £54,214 which related to the Quinquennial expenditure. Our remaining fund balances are invested with the CBF Church of England Investment.

Mr Gordon Beer MA (Cantab) FCA, has again kindly agreed to examine the Accounts and the PCC are very grateful to him for the time he has spent on this.

The following has happened during the course of the year and most will be written about in more detail in the following reports:

The roof on the church tower has been replaced and fundraising is ongoing.

The Parish breakfasts are still very popular and will continue.

Taize services took place during the year.

Waterlooville Music Festival – for the fifth year another very successful festival was held in June

Two school Christmas concerts were held in December with local schools taking part. This was again very popular with many people attending.

The Travelling Nativity again went round the parish during advent and was very popular

The 40th Anniversary Committee was set up to organise events to celebrate the 40th anniversary year since St George's was reconstructed and a report is included.

The Mothers Union also celebrated their 100th anniversary of St George's branch and more information is available in the MU report.

On behalf of the PCC

Dawn Trimby, Treasurer

Jane Cook, Secretary

Signed: 
The Reverend Mike Sheffield

April 2011

Treasurer's Report 2010

Incorporating all the Church group finances with the main Church and Hall Accounts, the final figures initially show a deficit of £32,105. If depreciation of the Church Hall at 2% amounts to £3,060, the surplus increases to £35,165.

£25,000 was withdrawn from Investment funds initially to pay for work resulting from the Quinquennial inspection.

For another year St George's hosted the Waterloo Music Festival and the PCC received a generous donation of £1,000 from that source. Other major donations received included £567.74 from the 100 Club, £1,200 from the Social & Fundraising Committee (including Friday Coffee Funds) and £500 from the Bonus Ball. Also donated to the General Account was £750 from the Charities Aid Foundation.

Donations from Planned Giving exceeded the budget by over £2,467 for which we received £11,504 in Gift Aid tax recovery, an increase on 2009 of £1,419.

Interest on bank and building society accounts amounted to £67 and the value of PCC investments increased by £2,754. Taking into account the withdrawal of £25,000, the Investment fund is currently valued at £26,308. Throughout 2010 £1,288 was received as dividends.

After withdrawing £10,000 to help pay for Quinquennial work, dividends earned on the Hall Deposit Account were re-invested and the current value of that account stands at £2,256. Over the year we were unable to transfer any monies to the Hall deposit account due to increased hall running costs. This was mainly due to the cost of a cleaning company and increased heating fuel costs.

Fundraising again exceeded expectations by over £564. This was achieved by the dedication and commitment of all St. George's fundraisers, together with a very successful auction. Costs for fundraising mostly covered the purchase of bulbs, for which the PCC earned £1,633 in bulb and plant sales, bringing a very good return on the initial outlay.

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Dawn Trimby
Honorary Treasurer to the PCC

**ST GEORGE THE MARTYR, WATERLOOVILLE
COMBINED ACCOUNTS OVERVIEW FOR 2010**

	UNRESTRICTED	RESTRICTED	2010 YEAR TOTAL	YEAR'S BUDGET For PCC Account	2009 YEAR TOTAL
INCOME					
Planned Giving S/Orders	26,678.02		26,678.02	24,500.00	24,929.00
Planned Giving Green Env	6,121.50		6,121.50	5,600.00	5,589.62
Gift Aided Pink Envelopes	5,369.25		5,369.25	5,900.00	6,494.00
Gift Aid Tax	11,503.79		11,503.79	9,000.00	10,084.82
General Collections	2,016.01		2,016.01	2,000.00	2,267.57
Gift Days	6,789.00		6,789.00	600.00	803.00
Donations & Appeals	12,499.85	1,411.00	13,910.85	4,700.00	6,765.29
Liturgical Donations	123.74	1,126.72	1,250.46	1,180.00	710.62
Bookstall	414.87		414.87	300.00	413.78
Parish Magazine Advertising	871.66		871.66	900.00	662.50
Parish Magazine Sales	343.19		343.19	500.00	494.29
Fees received (PCC)	3,562.00		3,562.00	3,500.00	5,178.00
Fete, Bazaar, Fund Raising	7,177.92	1,147.22	8,325.14	8,000.00	13,047.79
Sales	1,431.20		1,431.20	2,500.00	3,040.37
Photocopying Income	283.30		283.30	500.00	401.20
Income from Investments/Bank	1,353.18	1.71	1,354.89	1,000.00	2,447.84
Unbudgetted items:					
Fees received (Assigned)	1,884.00		1,884.00		3,339.00
Other Funds (Charities)		5,074.55	5,074.55		3,954.32
Hall Lettings	12,113.87		12,113.87		12,576.84
Youth Group Activities		799.68	799.68		1,331.88
Social Committee		605.00	605.00		593.88
Ex.ord Income		0.00	0.00		2,150.52
Corrections and Adjustments					
TOTALS	100,536.35	10,165.88	110,702.23	70,680.00	107,276.13

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COMBINED ACCOUNTS OVERVIEW FOR 2010**

	UNRESTRICTED	RESTRICTED	2010 YEAR TOTAL	YEAR'S BUDGET For PCC Account	2009 YEAR TOTAL
EXPENDITURE					
Parish Share	49,802.00		49,802.00	50,000.00	49,541.00
Gas/Elec/Water Insurance	2,488.95		2,488.95	3,050.00	2,861.09
Church and Grounds Maintenance	1,289.68		1,289.68	2,000.00	1,599.74
Clergy Expenses	2,778.71		2,778.71	3,000.00	2,976.06
Asst Clergy Expenses	1,300.55		1,300.55	1,700.00	1,856.68
Liturgical Costs		1,924.98	1,924.98	900.00	1,528.21
Magazine, Bookstall & Bulletin	708.52		708.52	600.00	721.89
Piano and Organ tune	333.76		333.76	500.00	304.90
Honoraria and Salaries	2,700.00		2,700.00	2,800.00	3,044.00
Administration	1,863.12		1,863/12	2,300.00	1,738.36
Photocopier Costs	1,343.65		1,343.65	1,500.00	1,854.44
Fees paid out	1,190.00		1,190.00	1,000.00	885.00
Capitation Fee	80.00		80.00	80.00	80.00
Fundraising & Sales costs	896.50		896.50	1,000.00	1,486.24
Unbudgetted items:					
Assigned Fees	1,954.00		1,954.00		3,339.00
Ex.Ord. Outgoing	54,087.18	269.45	54,356.63		2,573.94
Hall Running Costs	9,218.55	100.00	9,318.55		8,737.00
Hall Depreciation @ 2%	3,060.00		3,060.00		3,123.00
Youth Group Activities		976.18	976.18		1,142.18
Social Committee	80.00	883.40	963.40		969.36
Giving to Charities		3,477.86	3,477.86		5,273.48
Bank Interest and charges					
Corrections/Adjustments					0.50
TOTALS	135,175.17	7,631.87	142,807.04	70,430.00	95,636.07

Churchwardens Report

It would appear that it is customary for the Churchwarden's report to open with a view on the lighter side of life. These sentences actually appeared in church bulletins around the country or were announced in a church service....

- Don't let worry kill you off - let the Church help
- "Ladies, don't forget the rummage sale. It's a chance to get rid of those things not worth keeping around the house. Don't forget your husbands."
- Low Self Esteem Support Group will meet Thursday at 7pm. Please use the back door.
- The eighth-graders will be presenting Shakespeare's Hamlet in the Church basement Friday at 7pm. The congregation is invited to attend this tragedy.
- Weight Watchers will meet at 7pm at the First Presbyterian Church. Please use large double door at the side entrance.
- For those of you who have children and don't know it, we have a nursery downstairs.

I am Richard Handy, one of your Churchwardens and have prepared this report on behalf of myself and Richard Spurgeon, your other Churchwarden. We have both had a full and busy year in the management of our church and grounds and upkeep of our worship.

Our life and services within St George's would never be the same without the support and help of so many people at St George's. Your churchwardens are forever grateful.

We continue to be blessed with a full dedicated and active Clergy and Serving Team lead by Fr Mike and supported by Fr Timon, Fr Ray and Bishop Godfrey. Also to David Palmer and his team of servers who provide full cover and support to all our services. In addition we have a full team of Lay Assistants for the distribution of communion wine during our services. They are also available for the distribution of holy communion to the sick within home visits. Our organ and piano music is led by Cecil Wilman and Julia Spurgeon supports and leads our dedicated Choir. Our continued thanks go to June Bradley who maintains our Sacristy and to the flower ladies who beautify our church so well. To meet all our congregation and visitors for our services we have a small but committed team of Sidespersons and Meet & Great who not only hand out service sheets, books etc. but contribute significantly to making our church the welcoming place that it is to all who attend.

Our services are enhanced by our regular Readers, and also those who prepare and lead our intercessions. The younger members of our

congregation attend regular Sunday School which is led by a small team, providing teaching and guidance, following recognised programmes.

Although we have seen changes over the past year, our Youth Club continues to thrive under the leadership of Fr Timon but our wholehearted thanks must go to Tony and Jane Rice-Oxley who led our Youth Club for so many years but have now taken a more back-seat role.

No church can flourish without a team in the background running our day to day business and providing direction and support to all. We are therefore blessed with a fully dedicated PCC and sub-committees covering Pastoral, Finance & Fabric and Hall. We continue to be represented at Synod by an additional small group from our church.

We should all be proud and thankful of these teams supporting St George's Church which not only goes to creating such a welcoming spiritual atmosphere to all, but also providing such a sound outreach into communities through our services both inside our church but also our public worship in our town through our processions, remembrances and open services etc.

We continue to provide a wide and varied focus to our worship at St George's with our regular weekly and week day Eucharist Services, Family Eucharist Services, Services of Healing, Taize style services to name but a few. Throughout all of these services we continue to maintain our Catholic traditions within the focus of worship.

Our Waterloo Music Festival continues to go from strength to strength to the point where St George's has now become recognised as a regular venue for music within the town and has expanded to provide concerts and events throughout the year. Again our warmest thanks to the dedicated team under the leadership of Fr Mike, who make this all possible.

Following our Quinquennial Inspection late in 2008, we have seen 2010 being a year of different major repair projects to our church. Much of the smaller repairs have gone unnoticed but you would not have missed our major works to our tower, windows and guttering which saw large portions of our church covered in scaffolding for so many months. To summarise these works, we have completely replaced our tower roof, re-secured many of the cladding panels on the tower, re-secured and painted all our windows and re-aligned and resealed our guttering.

Unfortunately the work does not stop there. We are currently repairing the main nave roof which sees water leaking through during severe weather but we must also address issues relating to the Gallery Rails, floor cracks and

the flat roofs across the rear of the church. We will therefore continue to be a church under repair for some time yet.

To cover these repair works, we have had to put a major focus into our fundraising and 2010 saw a substantial increase in donations. For this, your churchwardens are eternally grateful however we are not out of the woods yet. We must maintain a high level of focus on planned giving, fundraising and donations to fund the repair works we have yet to undertake. We know this is always a very difficult and sensitive subject to address however we must continue to pray for guidance and support to maintain a focus on the costs of running and maintaining our church until such times as we feel we have things on a sound footing.

It is with great sadness that we look over the past year to those within our congregation and others known to us who have died. Notably we think of our sister in Christ, Jules Shepherd. She touched the lives of so many of us that her passing was so difficult. Please continue to keep Tony, Amy and Catherine in your prayers.

Sadly we have also seen the passing of Bishop Kenneth. Bishop Kenneth provided such sound leadership and direction to the Diocese of Portsmouth for so many years that the announcement of his retirement was seen with some sadness, but understandable given his long battle with illness. It was therefore with great loss that we heard of his death so soon after retirement, robbing him of the long and welcomed retirement he so richly deserved.

As we look to the future, we will continue to strive to enrich the quality of our worship at St George's and pray for Our Lord's guidance and support to do so.

Yours in Christ
Richard Handy and Richard Spurgeon.

St George's Church Hall Report

As the Hall approaches its 100th birthday there appears to be a never ending need for TLC.

This year we have had to concentrate our efforts on making repairs to the main hall roof. These have now been carried out and we are hopefully water tight. Our next endeavours will be concentrated on repair works to the outside of the windows. In addition to the above, there are always minor repair works which need to be undertaken on a day to day basis.

In view of the economic climate, the Committee took the view that we would not increase hire charges for 2010 but would advise hirers that we anticipated an increase in 2011. This increase proved necessary due to increased cleaning and energy costs. Hirers were appreciative of this move and have now accepted an increase for 2011.

You will see from the PCC accounts that this year the hall has transferred £10,000 from its reserves to the Church accounts to help pay for the roof repairs. All of these funds are in fact PCC monies albeit that they are held in different accounts.

During 2010 our longstanding cleaner, Viv, decided it was time to retire. I would like to record the Committee's thanks for all the work she has done over many years. We were not able to find a replacement cleaner so employed a cleaning company. They are doing a very good job but this comes at an increased cost.

I would like to record my thanks to David Cavey for all his work in sending out accounts and looking after the books and generally keeping a good financial eye on the hall.

I would also like to record my thanks to Anne Willoughby who has been looking after the hall bookings for some years. She has done a marvellous job. Sadly, from the hall's perspective, Anne will shortly be moving to the Isle of Wight and will now have to relinquish this role. At the time of writing we have been unable to find anyone to undertake this role so would ask for a volunteer to come forward. Anne tells me that this is not an onerous role – you simply need a telephone and a diary.

One problem that we continually face as a Committee is the waste of gas and electricity where users leave the hall and do not turn off fires or lights. Could I please ask all users to make somebody responsible for checking these so that we do not get nasty shocks when the bills arrive.

Colin Monk
Chair, Hall Committee

The 40th Committee, celebrating St George's Anniversary Year

January 2010 saw the birth of a new committee named the 40th Committee. The name 40th was borrowed from the task it was assigned to carry out. The 40th was to focus and plan a year of events to celebrate the 40 years at St George's since the opening of the new building, primarily to reach out to the local community.

The members of the 40th were Margaret Symonds, Candy Williams, Dawn Hyett, Sandra Hewett, Jane Cook, John Towns and Fr. Timon Singh (The Chairman). The 40th also co-opted Rosemary Monk, from the Social Committee, Barbie Lloyd as extra support and Linda Wainwright who stood in as the treasurer instead of John Towns who was unable to carry on because of health problems. The agenda for the entire year was extensive as can be seen below. The year was to run from April 2010 to April 2011.

2010

- Easter Day 4th Apr - Cake, wine and photo
- Saturday 22nd May - Family Fun Day
- Saturday 18th Sept - Barn Dance (Social Committee)
- Sunday 21st Nov - Mothers' Union Service
followed by cake and wine
- Thursday 25th Nov - Mothers' Union - light lunch (soup, rolls and
puds) followed by non Eucharistic service
at 2.15 pm with The Rev Barry Smith
- Thursday 2nd Dec - Christmas Tree Festival
to Tuesday 7th Dec - Opening ceremony Thursday 2nd December
at 7:00 pm with refreshments
- Saturday 4th Dec - Highbury Area Band Concert
- Sunday 5th Dec - Sing-A-Christmas
- Monday 6th Dec - School Christmas Concert
- Tuesday 7th Dec - School Christmas Concert

2011

- Saturday 12th Feb - 70s evening
- Tuesday 8th Mar - Pancake Party
- Sunday 3rd Apr - Mothering Sunday with Mothers' Union
and 40th Anniversary Committee input

The aims and objectives of the 40th were to organise events for the church and the local community, which I am happy to report we did and they were very well received, both by the church and the local people.

The Fun Day in May was hailed by glorious sunshine and in contrast to that the Christmas Tree Festival in December 2010 was dampened by the snowy winter of discontent.

As Chairman of the committee I wish to acknowledge all the individuals and groups of people who helped us throughout the year. This would not have been possible without the support of the PCC and particularly Fr Mike. On a personal note I wish to highly acknowledge one individual who without

knowing what he was getting himself into sorted all the electrics for the lighting of the Christmas trees for the Festival. We could not have managed this without him. So, John thank you very much for your much appreciated hard work.

Mother's Union – who also celebrated the 100th anniversary of the Branch at St George's this year - thank you very much, for your input and help for the Family Fun Day in May and for paying for the Clown, Rev Roly Bain. The 40th Committee also wishes to thank Lynda Sheffield too who took on the organisation of the 70's Night in February and produced it as a fantastic show.

The 40th was loaned £200 by the PCC to set up and start, and this has now been returned back to the PCC. The 40th was not set up to raise lots of money. The real agenda for them was to reach out to the local community and through our efforts we have not only seen hundreds of people coming into the church over the course of the year but we also have a balance of £605.05. With the sale of the 40th mugs which now have Easter eggs in them, we hope to raise another £120 approximately.

As a chairman of the 40th I wish to say that the committee has done a remarkable job over the year and they are worthy of appreciation and applause.

Fr. Timon Singh
Chairman, 40th Committee

The Mothers' Union Branch Report

Since the MU Branch at St George's Church has reached its 100th Anniversary this has been a year of celebration, combined of course with the events of the 40th Anniversary since the church was reconstructed.

The year started with an Epiphany Party to which guests from neighbouring MU Branches and women's groups at the Sacred Heart and Baptist Churches were invited. This was an appropriate ecumenical event as it occurred in the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity.

In May 16 of us visited the newly reopened Old Alresford Place, which now contains the Diocesan Offices for the Winchester Diocese (for 35 years it had been the home of our founder Mary Sumner). We listened to an interesting talk on the history of the Place before having a conducted tour of the ground floor and admiring the newly built conservatory. Midday Prayers were

conducted in the neighbouring parish church of St Mary's after which we enjoyed our lunches at the Hinton Arms.

Also in May The Family Fun Day was held to which we had invited and paid for the main attraction, Revd Roly Bain, whose ministry is expressed through clowning. The children enjoyed trying their skills with his equipment. Sue Andrews had knitted beautiful clowns for sale and we provided teas, coffee and squash for free. Many people passing by expressed their enjoyment and appreciation of the day.

Our outing in June was to Stansted House where we had lunch and visited the grounds and Garden Centre. Sadly the House and church were closed.

November was the month of our main 100th Anniversary celebrations. The first at the Family Eucharist, we shared with the whole congregation. A short sketch was performed which depicted the meeting of Mary Sumner, aged 82, and the young vicar's wife, Mrs Suffrin, after which event a branch was opened at St George's (34 years since the first meeting was held at Old Alresford Place). Candles were lit and the children placed them on a large map of the world, to illustrate the world wide spread of the MU to 81 countries. A large Birthday Cake, made by Margot Farrell, was shared, with wine, with the whole congregation.

On Thursday 25th November the Branch provided a lunch to which were invited the MU Diocesan Trustees and other friends of the branch, before attending a non Eucharistic Service, led by the Revd Barry Smith, MU Diocesan Chaplain. Members from local branches and ladies from the Union of Catholic Mother's and Baptist church had been invited. The sketch was performed again and we ended the day with tea and homemade biscuits in the church. A beautiful candle was presented to the branch by the members of the Union of Catholic Mother's.

Speakers at our monthly meetings included Fr Ray Chapman, who led our Lenten Meditation, Mrs Sue Smith, Deanery Coordinator, who introduced a discussion on 'Divorce and Further Marriage', and Mrs Jennifer Dalmeny from 'Save the Children', Fr Timon spoke of his visit to the Holy Land.

Other activities included two coffee mornings (money was raised for the 100th anniversary and for the Wheels Appeal for MU overseas workers).

The Wave of Prayer Service in June was led by Jennefer Higginbottom, who kindly invited us to use her garden, in July, for our Garden Party for Overseas work. £133 was raised. Guests once again were welcomed.

We joined with Deanery members in May for the Diocesan Festival Service and the Lady Day Service which was held at Blendworth Church. We also enjoyed the Deanery outing to Christchurch, the Service and Strawberry Tea held at St Wilfrid's Cowplain .

The Mary Sumner Day Service was replaced by a meeting led by Canon Andrew White 'Vicar of Baghdad.' He was accompanied by two Iraqi teenagers. The meeting took place on August 17^h at St Nicolas Church, Bedhampton. It was very moving and the girls sang for us. Over £600 was raised to help towards the work of the MU at St George's Church, Baghdad

Two unusual events at which we contributed were St George's Christmas Tree Festival and a Deanery Meeting called 'Home Grown. The later was planned by the Bedhampton Branch and was recorded and broadcast by Angel Radio, at the end of November. Pam Dinneen represented this branch. She chose to explain the significance of 'The Crib', at Christmas.

We continued our financial support of our Parish Church by holding Cake Stalls at the Fete (£189) and the Bazaar (£129).

Besides our organisation we support the Havant Women's Aid with clothing, toiletries and bedding. We also help with child care, for the children of visitors, at Kingston Prison and at the ' Away From It All' annual Holiday for families, who are in need of a break.

We look forward to April 2011 when Rosemary Kempzell, the World Wide President, will be visiting Portsmouth Diocese. We hope to meet her both at Catherington and at the Diocesan Festival Service.

Though few in number we are an active branch. **We all need to invite our friends to join us.** Our success is achieved by prayer and the active involvement and support of all the members - a truly united team.

Margaret Symonds
Branch Leader

Pastoral Committee
Report not received

Richard Spurgeon
Chair of Pastoral Committee

Vulnerable Adults

I have now incorporated this new responsibility into my current role. It is important to keep our vulnerable adults safe. For those who are not sure about the definition, a vulnerable adult is a person who is, or may be in need of community care services by reason of mental or other disability, age or illness and who is, or may be unable to take care of him or herself or unable to protect him or herself against significant harm or exploitation. This role has been easy to incorporate, although there are specific differences between children and vulnerable adults, the procedures in dealing with concerns are broadly similar. It is my role to make sure all pastoral visitors who visit vulnerable adults are CRB checked.

Child Protection

As you are all aware there is a legal requirement that all volunteers who work with young people are checked by the Criminal Records Bureau (CRB). Since my last report the forms that are used for this have changed, the new CRB application form was designed to allow individuals to apply for a CRB check and ISA registration on one form. However, the Government has put a halt on the launch of the Independent Safeguarding Authority (ISA), so the new forms are just used to apply for a CRB check for now. I have continued to be very busy renewing applications that have run out and for people in new roles. This process is still running smoothly, I hope to continue this role with the support of the PCC and Pastoral Committee.

Youth Coordinator

Since my last report nothing has much changed. I will continue with my visits to Youth Group, parents are aware of who I am and everything is going fine with no problems. If any matters arise, I will take them to the Pastoral Committee and non pastoral items being further carried to full PCC. I hope to continue with this role to keep our children and young people happy and safe.

Sandra Hewett

Vulnerable adults / Child Protection and Youth Co-ordinator

St George's Ladies' Group

We had two meetings in January, the first was cancelled due to the bad weather, the second was a Charity Auction and cheese and wine. In February we had a talk by the Street Pastors and a talk entitled "A bite on the side – Colmans Mustard" by Steve Harris. March saw talks by Sandra Simmonds on "A Housewife in Iran" and Liessa Mallinson on "Victim Support". In April we had a skittles evening in Southwick and a talk by Brian Barrett on "Scenery of Southern England". In May Jim Bettley came along and talked on "USA Wild West on 2 Wheels" and Andrew Whitmarsh on

“Overlord Embroidery”. On 10th June we held our AGM and bring and buy and held a charity cheque presentation supper on 24th June. On the 8th July we held our end of season meal.

We were back in September with a bring and buy and a charity speaker in aid of the St George’s Restoration Fund and a talk by Mrs Mitchell on the Poems of Pam Ayres. In October we had a talk on a Journey to Rome by Nigel Hearnden and one by Elsie from Flowers by Allison. In November Daphne gave a talk on Treloggan Wigs and there was an Open Evening with The Phoenix Singers. Our Christmas dinner which was due to be held in December was delayed because of the snow and took place in January at the Red Lion at Horndean.

Mrs Anne Brown
Chairperson

George’s Men

George’s men meet throughout the year, usually once a month for an extremely varied programme of events, including talks from invited guests, and our annual events.

Last year, Audrey Mentor gave a talk about her experience with Save The Children in Famine Struck Ethiopia, and Bishop Godfrey talked about Episcopal life in South Africa.

Our annual events are always well supported, and thanks go to David and Sue Hodgens for hosting our croquet evening, John and Janet Johnson for our alternative brewery tour (beer tasting), and to Colin Monk for organising our Christmas skittles. We also have a cribbage tournament complete with extremely tasty sausages, mash and beans, and we assisted the Tweenies in preparing pickles for selling at the Bazaar.

Thanks also extend to Tony Rice-Oxley for hosting our cricket evening, and to Tony Shepherd and John Williams for allowing us back to re-live our childhood at The Fareham and District Society of Model Engineers Club. We also visited the Bird in Hand to try our hand at Boules.

During Lent, we regularly met to examine some themes found in the Old Testament, and also cleaned all the windows inside the church, with some help from the Tweenies.

If you have not yet attended one of the Georges Mens’ events, why not come along and share in the fellowship and enjoyment of the evening. If there is

anything you would like to see in the programme, please let Fr Mike know, and he will try and fit it in.

Our thanks to Fr Mike for producing the programme, and to those who have hosted events over the last 6 years.

David Palmer
George's Men

Tweenies

The year started with an Indian evening with Noreen. Lots of the Tweenies dressed up in traditional dress and looked fabulous. During Lent, some of the members went to the course that was available to everyone and thoroughly enjoyed it.

Then we did what ladies do best - pampering! Tweenies had their nails done, their feet cosseted, their backs massaged and sat quietly or noisily in various rooms in Lesley's house. Sheet bliss! Dawn Hyett got the group into shape the following month and we made an-hundredfold of saleable items for the summer fete. This was all aided with a glass of wine, which no doubt helped.

Jane Rice-Oxley hosted a BBQ at her house, which was slightly wet unfortunately, but the brilliant news of the year is that in June, we managed the evening walk and treasure hunt in Emsworth. This was for the third time of asking - the two previous years had been rained off, so we celebrated by walking and eating, eating and walking. Yet another successful evening at Glendene was the Stansted 'replacement'. This seems to be an annual event inviting anyone (not just Tweenies) to choose and listen to classical music.

A new venue in November was the home of Marian Haughton. We had a great time showing photos and eating her husband, Barry's food. An excellent time! A month later, we trudged in the snow to Candy's for a Christmas party. A cold but enjoyable time planning the annual Christmas dinner the following month.

Lynda Sheffield

Walsingham Cell Report

It was with great excitement that 18 pilgrims set out for Walsingham in April. This included 2 new pilgrims - David Palmer and Marion Hookins. The latter is a friend of David and Margaret Cavey. We travelled with our friends from

St Alban's, West Leigh and St Faith's, Havant. Neither of these two churches had a priest with them. This meant that Fr. Mike and Fr. Timon were responsible for the whole party and so we were altogether for the Eucharists.

We are always lucky with the weather and yet again, the sun shone on us. The outdoor processions were enhanced by St George's enormous contribution - that of the numerous and dignified serving team. On the Saturday evening, the usual party took place and each group had been asked to provide a game, one of which was 'Play your cards right'. Lots of us were shouting 'Higher, higher', but unfortunately not very many people could remember how to play the game. But this didn't seem to deteriorate from the enjoyment!

The saddest part of the weekend was not having Cora Martindale with us. She had been a loyal pilgrim for many years. We miss her. As well as going away, the Walsingham prayer cell meets several times throughout the year. More information from Lynda Sheffield.

Lynda Sheffield

Holy Dusters

We have a small, keen band of Holy Dusters' but could do with at least one more to help for 1-2 hours, once a month please. It is light dusting/vacuuming and sweeping mainly.

We are anxious to keep the church looking clean and welcoming - perhaps someone would be willing to go on a reserve list?

Adina Burton

Church Flower Fund

With thanks to the small band of people who keep the Fund afloat, for donated artificial flowers and for the invaluable help of the flower arrangers.

June Diaper and Lynn Winter

Bible Reading Fellowship

Sixteen people continue to subscribe to the Bible Reading Fellowship New Daylight notes – a printed passage from scripture with explanation, comment and prayer for each day of the year from a variety of writers and clerics.

Published 3 times a year the group discount subscription rate from May 2011 is £3.90 per copy. I have some free sample copies for anyone thinking of subscribing, just contact me anytime.

Linda Wainwright

Deanery Synod Report

There have been 4 meetings since the last APCM.

Synod was welcomed to Hart Plain Church on 5th July 2010 by the Revd Tim Jessiman who mentioned the beautiful restoration of the church after a fire and pointed out their link with the Methodists is the last remaining local ecumenical partnership in the Diocese. Neil Pugmuire, Diocesan Communications Adviser and Pompey Chimes editor, spoke about all the means of communication these days – blogs, podcasts, texts, social networking etc. Ideas for logos, noticeboards, parish magazines and websites were suggested.

On 29th September the meeting was held at the Church of the Good Shepherd, Crookhorn and the Revd John Naude explained they were a busy church with a weekly footfall of 600 and a varied programme of social and church events taking place every day. The speakers were the Revds Peter Kelly, Senior Vocations Chaplain and Robin Coutts, Diocesan Director of Ordinands about “vocations” defined as a 3 way agreement between God, the individual and the church. The training process was explained and Synod reminded it is everyone’s responsibility to find both clergy and lay candidates and that we are all called by God.

St Alban’s West Leigh hosted the meeting on 23rd November and the Churchwardens thanked clergy, retired and active, for help during the current interregnum and highlighted the church’s links with the local community. Stephen Collyer, the Director of Finance for Portsmouth, Winchester and Guildford gave a presentation on the budget. He delivered numerous facts and figures covering options and current financial position. The final budget approved by Diocesan Synod reduces clergy numbers by 5 stipendiary posts by July 2011 and results in a parish share increase of 2.9% (not one of the 4 options put forward originally for debate).

The last meeting at St Wilfred’s Cowplain on 24th February was introduced by the recently ordained Adam Webber and he reminded us of their involvement with Lucy Moore’s Messy Church Project, the link with Westbrook Church and the “Beacon of Blessing” which serve the community directive.

Lucy Docherty, Lay Chair of Diocesan Synod gave a talk on the workings of Synod – a council for debates or government – which dates from 1970 and is a coming together, common mind and lay involvement. Structure was explained and any matter of religious or public interest can be put forward for discussion.

Recurrent agenda items during the year included Strategy for Ministry for Mission – managing the reduction in clergy numbers – awaiting direction from Bishop Christopher (there will be a roadshow about this at the Cathedral on 19th May).

Regarding finance, capitation fees were paid in full (and remain at £20 per delegate) as were all the parish shares from Havant Deanery. Some minor office improvements were funded but there was no movement in the IDWAL account. The Deanery Kairos Buildings Plan was passed to the Diocese and the project closed.

Held in October, the General Synod Election results were Lay: Sue Rodgers, Lucy Docherty and Debbie Sutton and Clergy: Bob White, Phil Cochrane and Tim Jessiman.

Havant Deanery is now included on the Diocesan website and “A Church Near You” website includes an entry for St George’s. “Pompey Chimes” magazine often contains informative articles about Synod business.

New Deanery Synod representatives will be elected at the APCM this year.

Linda Wainwright and Lindsay Chalk

St George’s News and Website – www.stgeorgesnews.org

The Church magazine has continued with little changing during 2010. However we are now finding some real problems with distribution and over this coming year the time may be right to reappraise the function of the magazine as St George's means of outreach to the community, and the extent to which the current format and content is fit for purpose. If you have an interest in the magazine and views upon its future your help is needed in helping to improve and refocus the magazine; perhaps by helping to gather or write relevant material, or assist in editing, or by joining the magazine committee and influencing the way the magazine moves forward. Please speak to Tony Rice-Oxley or John Johnson.

As far as the website is concerned, over the year it received in excess of 200,000 page hits from around 26,000 visitors. The website had a major

revamp at the beginning of 2010, and one feature then introduced that has had little attention so far is the message board, which provides a means whereby anyone easily can post an announcement on the website. It is a sophisticated facility that has many uses; for example, post a rota on the message board and it is there for everyone to see, and for anyone on the rota to update; select the RSS feed and new messages get sent to your computer automatically.

The website calendar is another place worth keeping an eye on; this is updated with latest events and any late changes to the diary/calendar in the magazine. An appeal please if you are organising anything to notify any dates and date changes so the calendar is always up to date and correct - just send an email to feedback@stgeorgesnews.org

There's lots to see on the website; as well as past magazines (in colour) and the latest and recent Sunday Bulletins, there are photogalleries, video clips of this year's Revue, and much more.

A final further request; if you have email please register with us so that you can be on the St George's email list to receive important messages. Again all you need to do is send a message to feedback@stgeorgesnews.org and we will set you up.

John Johnson

St George's Servers

St George's remains fortunate to have a large number of servers prepared to assist the clergy at the Eucharist, and other services when called upon to do so. Our preparation for worship is no different to that of the congregation. After checking that everything is in place for the service, we say our prayers both before and after the service, and are invariably joined by the clergy for these before the service.

We welcomed Lindsay Chalk to the serving team and were fortunate enough not to have lost any servers from the team. Lindsay was also admitted as a probationer to The Guild of Servants of the Sanctuary at the June meeting at Racton, and then promptly went on to win at skittles later on in the evening! In September last year, Dick Handy and Richard Spurgeon were admitted as full members of the Guild at the Portsmouth Chapter's 107th Anniversary Mass.

St George's servers are by far and away the largest contingent of the Portsmouth Chapter of The GSS, and regularly assist at the various services, either serving, or reading the intercessions.

I am extremely grateful for the patience extended by the various thurifers to the children who have undertaken the duty of boat boy/girl. My thanks to Lauren, Amy, Katherine, Francesca, Augustine and Daniel for enhancing the Eucharist in their own individual ways. If any other children would like to be part of the "smoke team" please let me know, and I will arrange it.

The serving team also meet socially at least twice a year, and after the evensong service dedicated to the servers, we went back to Lesley and Dick Handy's for an evening BBQ. It was during the evening that Fr Ray challenged me to a bowls match, which we hope to keep as a fun annual event.

I am grateful to Adrienne who prepares the rota for the Wednesday services, and to Anne & Abi who assist me in preparing the rota's for the other services. If anyone would like to join the serving team, please let me know. You will receive all the training you need to assist at the altar.

As ever, I am extremely grateful for the support of all the servers and clergy over the last year.

David Palmer
Head Server

Sunday School

Sunday School has had a busy year. The children took part in the Family Fun Day in May, which they thoroughly enjoyed. On 18th July four of our children, Jacob, Yolande, Kat and Courtney were confirmed. As a change from the usual end of term 'Sports Day' and picnic, a group of children, their parents and leaders visited Staunton Country Park for an outing, kindly funded by a youth race night. The sun shone and though the wind blew, it put a rosy glow on all our faces. We ate our picnic near the horses and had ice creams by the park. The children fed the animals and had great fun in the maze.

The children were also involved in decorating a Christmas tree for the Christmas Tree Festival. The children were asked for their ideas and thoughts for colour schemes and decorations and their tree reflected these suggestions. The Nativity Play was very different last year – a very modern

version of the traditional story but enthusiastically approached and enacted by the children.

For most of the year, we have continued with the Scripture Union Books, covering, amongst other subjects, Joshua and how God equipped him for the tasks He called him to do, a series of teaching from St John's Gospel and looking at Jesus the Healer. Sunday School numbers have dropped through children moving away, and/or no longer able to attend and so we found there had not been sufficient numbers to work in separate age groups. Consequently, we have been working all together. Partly because of the drop in numbers and partly because the Scripture Union Books do not follow the Christian Year, we decided not to buy any more but to rework some of the material from previous books appropriate to the season.

Our year was marred with huge sadness with the tragic news of Jules Shepherd's death. Jules was one of our leaders and a committed member of the Church. Jules was an adventurer, a very positive person who always had bright ideas and great enthusiasm for life. She brought this "zest" with her to Sunday School and was well loved and respected by us all. We miss her presence greatly and mourn the loss of our friend.

The Sunday School Team

Youth Club

I was appointed in September 2010 to take on the Leadership of St George's Youth Club.

1. The Youth Club meets on the first and the third Friday of the month.
2. The age of joining the Youth Club has been lowered to encourage more young people.
3. The timing has also been altered to accommodate younger age children participating. It now runs from 7:30 to 9:15pm.
4. The subs, subsequently have also come down from £7 per term to £5.

Presently there are 18 young people on the register. Eleven of the eighteen are regular church goers and the other seven attend the church on special occasions and on every third Sunday of the month they attend the family Eucharist which is a requirement of being a member of St George's youth club.

The names of the young people are: Phoebe Burt, Lucy Burt, Emily Burt, Natasha Jones, Bethany Sadler, Emma Taylor, Olivia Cox, Maisie Durrant, Tilly Durrant, Amy Shepherd, Kat Shepherd, Zane Bergman, Darian Bergman, Yolande Muzondo, Jacob Clarke, Ben Trimby, Francesca Chalk and Chloe Gisby.

I have a team of volunteers to support me and they are: Candy and John Williams, Jane Cook, Alan Andrews, Noreen Singh, Lynn Winter.

The Youth Club is flourishing and doing well. We continue to hold hall games, quizzes and outdoor activities. This year some young children have also been encouraged to participate in joining Fr Timon with Indian singing and his daughter Tabitha will lead them in a Bollywood dance routine for the Waterlooville Music Festival.

Fr Timon Singh
Youth Club Leader

St George's Choir
Report not received.

Julia Spurgeon
Junior Choir Trainer

St George's Band

Since March 2010 the church band has held its numbers, but I am a little concerned as Matt and Kerry Bergman leave the UK in the summer and we will suddenly lose four band members. New members include Olivia (Flute), Dan (Cornet) and Ben (Guitar). On a full day we can put out a band of 10 musicians.

We have not held regular rehearsals this past year, this is partly due to the workload from my own job, I would like to begin rehearsals soon, which may generate more musicians. At the moment we rehearse at 9am on the mornings of Family Services only. I would like to recruit at least another six musicians, so if anyone has an instrument and can play to a standard where you can read and play a part, we'd love to include you.

Julia Spurgeon has been an invaluable member not only in playing, but also supporting me and giving extremely valuable guidance, and I would like to thank her for all of the work that she does for the church band.

I have not made any requests to purchase anything since taking on the church band, but have recently asked for an update to Sibelius 6, which was approved.

Don Lloyd

St George's Social and Fundraising Committee

- The year started with the traditional show; St George's got Talent....and it certainly had! Many talents were on show and a great evening was had by all.
- At the end of January came the now traditional Burns Night which shared its proceeds between St George's and the Waterlooville Twinning Association, our share being £282. Many thanks to the Twinning organisers.
- In April we held our St George's Day Parish Lunch with soup, jacket potatoes salad and cold meats. We were served an aperitif and had wine with our meal which then ended with coffee and mints! What a feast (book your seats early for this year).
- Most of the social occasions this year were suggested by the St George's Church 40th Anniversary committee with our social committee giving help and support. The Family Fun Day took place in May and Roly the Clown amused everyone.
- The Summer Fete was on the opening day of the Waterlooville Music Festival in June and raised £2,506. A grand total!
- Our coach trip at the end of June was a very special event to Westminster Abbey. Fr Mike had arranged with Canon Jane Hedges that she would show us around the Abbey. We were shown parts that others don't see in a fascinating private viewing. To cap that experience Fr Mike then preached at Evensong and we were all given special seats in the choir stalls. We then made our way to a trip down the river to Greenwich before boarding the coach for the trip home.
- In July we had the Glendene Proms which have now taken the place of the Stansted Proms. A much warmer night this year and a large number of 'promenaders' ended up in the swimming pool at the end of the musical extravaganza.
- In September we had a 40th Anniversary Barn Dance which was well attended the proceeds of which went into social funds.
- In October there was The Auction which raised £1,622. A good effort by givers and bidders!
- In November we had our Firework Party and a donation of £106 was sent to Naomi House, the children's hospice.
- The Christmas Bazaar in December raised £1456 which was amazing as everywhere was shrouded in snow and ice!

- Our traditional trip to the Pantomime, 'Jack and the Beanstalk', took place in December.
- We provided punch for the Christmas Carol service.
- Ongoing fundraising events during the year include the 100 club and the bonus ball club which raised over £1,067 .
- Each Friday the social team run a coffee shop in the hall and over the year this has contributed a further £880 to church funds.
- Regular table top sales were started during the year and raised £535.
- Many other events have provided funds for St George's through the year - Coffee mornings, Smarties collection tubes, Table Top sales, Plant sales and I'm sure there are others I have missed.
- Overall our fundraising efforts in 2010 made £8,564 for church funds. A fantastic effort all round. Many a Mickle makes a Muckle (I think!) and we can all take heart and gather ourselves and our mickles for another great year in 2011.

Jane Rice-Oxley

St George's 100 Club and Accounts

As you will see from the accounts below, the 100 club has been able to make a donation of £567.74 to Church funds this year. Unfortunately this is slightly below our potential of £600 plus interest as we have sadly lost a few of our long standing members this year. We currently have spare numbers so if anyone would like to join please let me know. To those of you who are members, thank you for your continued support and yes, I know, your number never comes up, but maybe this year you will be lucky!

Colin Monk

ST GEORGE'S 100 CLUB			
ACCOUNTS			
1 JANUARY 2010 TO 31			
DECEMBER 2010			
EXPENDITURE		INCOME	
PRIZE MONEY PAID			
OUT	£570.00	BALANCE AT 1.1.10	£357.00
DONATION TO PCC	£567.74	SUBSCRIPTIONS PAID	£1,117.00
BANK AT 31.12.10	£337.00	BANK INTEREST	£0.74
CASH AT 31.12.10	£0.00		
	£1,474.74		£1,474.74

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

MONTHLY MEMBERSHIP

JANUARY	98
FEBRUARY	94
MARCH	95
APRIL	94
MAY	94
JUNE	94
JULY	94
AUGUST	93
SEPTEMBER	93
OCTOBER	96
NOVEMBER	96
DECEMBER	96

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LIST OF WINNERS

JANUARY	50	M.SHEFFIELD	£10.00
	69	S.ALLISON	£5.00
FEBRUARY	65	N.COOK	£10.00
	34	K.CLARK	£5.00
		J.RICE-	
MARCH	22	OXLEY	£75.00
	31	J.SYMONDS	£15.00
APRIL	34	K.CLARK	£10.00
	50	M.SHEFFIELD	£5.00
MAY	2	K.BELL	£10.00
	8	S.ANDREWS	£5.00
JUNE	6	L.PALMER	£75.00
	55	C.WILMAN	£10.00
JULY	37	J.PEARCE	£10.00
	39	R.SPURGEON	£5.00
AUGUST	74	L.TOFT	£10.00
	71	M.ANDERSON	£5.00
SEPTEMBER	61	ROOF FUND	£75.00
	7	YOUTH CLUB	£10.00
OCTOBER	73	A.MORGAN	£10.00
	96	D.PALMER	£5.00
NOVEMBER	27	M.GREGORY	£10.00
	52	P.DINEEN	£5.00
DECEMBER	20	R.MONK	£100.00
	35	A.CLARK	£60.00
	12	D.TRIMBY	£30.00

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