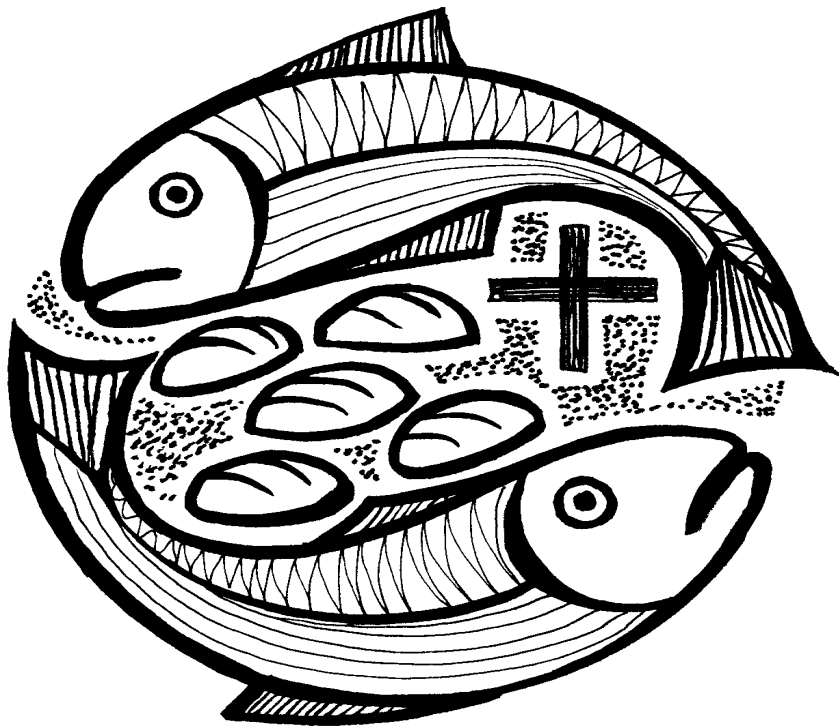


St Andrew's St Francis' St Mary's

PARISH OF FARNHAM

Annual Report and Accounts 2008



Annual Parochial Church Meeting
Sunday 26th April 2009 at 11.30am
St Andrew's Church

March 2009

Dear Fellow Member of Farnham Parish,

This letter comes with your copy of the church's Annual Report and a warm invitation to the Annual Parochial Church Meeting and Gift Day which, this year, will be held on **Sunday, 26th April at 11.30am. in St. Andrew's Church.**

The pattern of the morning will be as follows: **Holy Communion at 8.00am, followed by Parish Communion at 10.00am.** I do hope that the congregations of St Francis & St Mary will join us at St Andrew's at 10am. Everyone is welcome to stay with us for the **Annual Parochial Church Meeting at 11.30am.** Refreshments will be available between the Parish Communion and the APCM. We hope to have child-minding facilities in the church. If you can help with this for all or part of the meeting then please let the office know.

Please read the Annual Report with care. It will be most helpful, in facilitating a short and crisp meeting, to have any questions or queries which you may have prior to the meeting. These should be forwarded to the Hon Secretary, Barbara Haworth, care of the Parish Office. We shall be reviewing the past year and preparing for the coming twelve months by the election of officers and Church Council members.

This year we shall be electing a new Churchwarden following the retirement of Charles Alcock, we are also due to elect 2 new members of the PCC. This year our Deanery Synod representatives will remain the same. Nomination forms are available in the church. Please think carefully about the possibility of serving on the Church Council. The names of those standing will be displayed on a board in church.

The Annual Meeting is an important occasion - please make every effort to attend and share in the government of our church. Every effort will be made to finish the meeting by 1.00pm. I very much look forward to seeing you on the 26th April.

Yours sincerely,

Andrew Tuck
Rector

PARISH OF FARNHAM
St. Andrew's, St. Francis', St. Mary's

The Annual Vestry Meeting will be held on
Sunday, 26th April 2009 at 11.30am in St Andrew's Church

AGENDA

1. Apologies for absence
2. Secretary reads the notice convening the meeting
3. Election of Churchwardens

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting will follow The Annual Vestry Meeting

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Minutes of the Vestry Meeting and Annual Parochial Church Meeting held on Sunday, 20th April 2008 at 11.30 am in St Andrew's Church, Farnham

Present: Revd Andrew Tuck (Chairman)
Revd Joy Lievesley (Curate)
Revd Dr Tim Rose (Curate)
Malcolm Brett (Churchwarden)
Charlie Alcock (Churchwarden)
Matthew Elliott (Treasurer)

Barbara Haworth (Secretary)

and at least 46 lay members of the congregation

Apologies for Absence were received from:

Marjorie Bishop, Richard and Mary Haines, Barbara Milam and Richard Poppe,

1 Churchwardens

The Rector, Andrew Tuck, announced that Malcolm Brett, who has been Churchwarden for five years, is now standing down. Andrew thanked Malcolm for his outstanding service to the parish and praised him for his commitment, reliability and loyalty during this time; words could not express our gratitude to him.

No-one had come forward to replace Malcolm at this time and Andrew asked everyone to consider whether they, or someone they knew, could be suitable.

Charlie Alcock paid tribute to Malcolm and his full understanding of parish life and presented him with a bottle-shaped gift as a token of appreciation from the PCC and congregation. Malcolm's wife, Sandra, was presented with a plant as a thank-you for her support.

2 Minutes of 2007 Annual Parochial Church Meeting held on 25.03.07

The Minutes were signed as a correct record of the meeting. There were no matters arising.

3 Report on Electoral Roll

Pat Goffin, Electoral Roll Officer, reported that of the 203 listed on the Electoral

Roll in March 2007, six had sadly died and three new members had joined, giving us a total of 200.

Qualification for joining was either living in the parish, or if not in the parish having attended St Andrew's regularly for at least six months.

Andrew mentioned that there were several new people in the congregation who were possibly not on the Electoral Roll and encouraged them to sign up.

4 Election of new Deanery Synod and PCC Members

All members of the Deanery Synod have to be elected or re-elected this year and the Rector thanked Jenny Grant, Adam North, Lesley Whympier and Jack Wingfield for their service during the last three years. Because of our reduced electoral roll we now qualify to have only three representatives on the Deanery Synod and Elise Marlow, Adam North and Jack Wingfield were all proposed and seconded.

The Rector thanked those standing down from the PCC (Alan Behagg, Elise Marlow and Richard Pink) for all their hard work over the past three years. There were three nominations to fill the vacancies, all of whom were proposed and seconded, and thus we welcomed Jenny Grant, Mary Haines and Lesley Whympier to the PCC.

5 Election of Sidesmen and Sideswomen

Charlie Alcock thanked all the Sidespersons for their invaluable assistance over the year, and stated that we could really do with some more help: a larger pool of people to draw on would be of great help and would also ease the enormous responsibilities of the Churchwardens. He encouraged people to come forward if they could spare a few hours, usually one Sunday a month.

6 Treasurer's Report

Matthew Elliott directed us to the Treasurer's Report on pages 6-8 of the Annual Report (there was an error on the first line under "Income", where 2006 should read 2007). He said he would not go through everything line by line but highlighted the following:

The total income for the year was £195,000, of which nearly £149,000 was income we could use on general running of the church and the remainder on special works, such as the tower. Of this, £78,000 came from donations by banker's order, the envelope scheme and cash collections. There had been no legacies this year.

The Gift Day raised £7,600 which was fantastic and we plan to have another one later this year as it was a useful method for those who could not donate on a regular basis.

The Parish Fayre raised £5,300, same as in 2006, and was an important fundraiser.

Income from investments was £12,000 last year, up £3,000 on previous year, thanks to interest on a generous legacy of £60,000 in 2006.

Gift Aid recovery amounted to £22,000, although we are always in arrears with this.

Expenditure totalled £156,000 of which the Parish Share at £67,000 was the largest cost.

Other costs were heat, electricity and general running costs (on the three churches and parish rooms) totalling £34,000 (up £7,500 on previous year), governance costs (parish office, organ etc) of £23,000 (down slightly on 2006). Re-leading the roof of the church tower cost £20,000 and maintenance work on High Park Road and church drains cost a further £8,500.

Thus there was total income of £149,000 against expenditure of £156,000, as far as running expenses were concerned, which left a deficit of just over £7,000 which was much better than the anticipated £24,000. This deficit was covered by savings.

The cost of running St Andrew's in 2007 was therefore £427 per day, against £385 in 2006, the difference being largely due to replacing the tower roof and improving drains.

Although we are well off for assets, totalling £220,000, we are not allowed to use these for running expenses although we can use the interest. 6 High Park Road, in the books at £25,000 and valued at £220,000 in 1999, is now worth considerably more. If expenses exceed income regularly in the future we may have to sell this property, although we would then be without a home for the curate.

Vision 2010 involved a lot of hard work and there was a good response financially. Matthew apologised for not having responded to everyone individually but thanked them all now for their support.

In the budget for 2008 expenses appear to exceed income by about £7,500, largely due to repairs identified in the Diocesan Quinquennial Report.

The Rector thanked Matthew for preparing the accounts and Richard Haines and Harry Rice for their help. He proposed that the Treasurer's Report be accepted which was agreed by all.

7 Presentation of Financial Statements

The Financial Statements on pages 9-21 of the Annual Report were presented to the meeting.

8 Appointment of Auditors

The Accounts have again been audited by Wise and Co and the Rector reported that they had been approved by the PCC. The meeting then adopted the accounts and approved the re-appointment of the auditors.

9 Report on the proceedings of the Parochial Church Council

See pages 22-23 of the Annual Report. There were no questions.

10 Report on the proceedings of the Deanery Synod

Jenny Grant reported on page 24 of the Annual Report. The Deanery Synod links the 13 parishes in the Farnham area. Jonathan Still is Rural Dean.

11 Report on the proceeding of the Diocesan Synod

Serena Hutchinson reported on page 25 of the Annual Report: The Synod had met three times in 2007: we are one of fifty dioceses in the country.

12 Churches Together in Farnham

Andrew Partridge's report is on page 25 of the Annual Report.

13 Reports of the Sub-Committees

See pages 26-34 of the Annual Report. The Rector thanked all those who had served on these committees and prepared reports and stated how important these activities were.

Pastoral Care: The Rector drew attention to the fact that this was very stretched with so many parishioners to look after and encouraged anyone interested in training as a Pastoral Assistant or lay reader to contact the clergy.

Children and Young People: This is another area desperately needing more help. Children's Church needs helpers to come forward for Sunday rota, as does the crèche. The growth in attendance is very encouraging, but challenging!

Social: This committee is always there when we need them, for numerous events, and we are very grateful to Maureen Grew and her team.

14 Tower and Bells

See page 35 of the Annual Report for Ian Boyd-Livingston's report. The new staircase up the tower, new bell ropes and an experienced new ringer have added to a successful year for the bellringers.

15 Music

Thanks to all who make music at St Andrew's and particularly Organist and Director of Music, Stephen Lacey, and the choir, now over 30 in number, for all their hard work. See report on page 36 of the Annual Report. Choir stalls are under discussion: Jack Wingfield is liaising with the PCC.

16 Church Schools

See the headteachers' reports later in the Annual Report.

St Andrew's, which is a feeder school for Potters Gate and South Farnham, is enjoying great activity in preparation for its 150th anniversary in 2010. Potters Gate is doing very well and has all sorts of things going on. We are delighted that both schools are using the church more and more for services and events.

17 Friends of St Andrews (FoStA)

We are very grateful to FoStA for their invaluable support. The new tower staircase is a great asset and the initial plan is to open the tower for tours every second Saturday in the month. Attention will now turn to the organ project.

18 The Rector's Review

The Rector praised the tower project and the building of the new staircase: an excellent piece of work, sensitively done and already being held as a model project by the Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings.

He continued that we could be justly proud of our church: Sir Roy Strong, the eminent historian, involved in a great mission to try and preserve parish churches, had recently given a lecture at the Maltings and visited St Andrew's. He was highly complimentary of the work we had done, later stating in a letter to the Bishop that he considered it the best re-ordered English parish church he had ever seen.

We are very fortunate to have received a donation of £100,000 from Sir Ray Tindle towards the rebuilding of the church organ: the project is progressing well and it is hoped to start work at the beginning of next year.

The Rector encouraged parishioners to visit the St Andrew's website: www.standrewsfarnham.org - there is a lot of information on it including details of forthcoming events.

The Rector also mentioned Rob Thain and Adam North, both of whom are exploring vocations within the church, and asked for them to be remembered in our prayers.

There were, as always, many to thank: the magazine team, particularly Charlie Alcock, Jenny Grant, Jack Wingfield and Adam North, for all their hard and faithful work over the year; Caroline Leishman and the Parish Office team, who do such a splendid job in an often chaotic environment; Kath Squirrel who is retiring from brass cleaning after many years and Freda Totterden. Warm thanks to Joy Lievesley and Tim Rose, who are such excellent colleagues; Malcolm Brett and Charlie Alcock for all their hard work as churchwardens, to Honorary Treasurer, Matthew Elliott, and, as always, Angela and the rest of the

long-suffering Tuck family! Finally, special thanks to all those who work behind the scenes.

19 Any other Business

A few matters were raised:

A plea was made for those leading intercessions to please speak up as people in the congregation often had difficulty hearing them. The Rector said he would try and organise this.

Malcolm Brett thanked Andrew and Charlie for their generous words and presentation and everyone for their support during the five years he had been churchwarden: he was sure St Andrew's would continue to go from strength to strength.

Charlie Alcock commented on the Vision 2010 project, which had meant a lot of work for the team for nearly a year. Matthew Elliot had commented on the financial aspects but what we needed even more than money was human resources and Charlie encouraged the congregation to look at the board presentation at the back of the church and consider how they could contribute their talents for a few hours a month.

There were no further comments or questions and the Rector declared the meeting closed at 12.49 pm.

Barbara Haworth - PCC Secretary

TREASURERS REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31 DECEMBER 2008

BACKGROUND

This report covers the Financial Year ending 31 December 2008. The accounts are presented in the same format as before, as required by The Charities Act 1993. The Auditors are Wise and Co of Farnham.

As usual our income and expenditure is divided into Restricted and Unrestricted Funds. 'Restricted' means that the money can only be used for certain activities, such as for the Conservation and Development (C&D) work. 'Unrestricted' relates to our day to day working expenses that fund the General Account (our operational account) which pays for the day to day running of the ministry of St Andrew's church.

Statement of Financial Activities

Income

During 2008 total giving to St Andrew's was £260,993 (£164,897 in 2007) and

our total income was £290,775 (£195,505 in 2007). The difference is largely accounted for by a very generous donation during 2008 of £100,000 towards the restoration of the organ.

Of this total income, £156,513 was 'Unrestricted' income for the general running of the church against £148,685 in 2007. The rest could only be used for certain specified uses, such as conservation and development.

Donations by bankers order, envelopes and cash collections were £82,672, up on the 2007 figure of £77,775. This is encouraging and is mostly due to more people giving more generously by Bankers Order. As last year we have some new regular givers, which makes a real difference to our finances.

The Parish Fayre continues to be an important source of funds for the parish and last year raised a gross profit of £5,499 (£5,302 in 2007). Our one off Gift Day raised £4,555. This was down on 2007's £7,617 but remains a valuable contribution to our income.

Total income from investments was £14,278 (£12,160 in 2007). This increase is mostly due to the interest we have received on the large gift towards the restoration of the organ (see above). It is worth noting that the Church of England's Central Board of Finance (CBF) are the Trustees of most of our financial investments and we cannot access the capital for the use of St Andrews (see 'Graham Nash Will Trust' later in this report).

Expenditure

In 2008 our total expenditure was £190,469 (down from £250,490 in 2007). The main reason for this decrease in expenditure was that in 2007 we spent £94,700 on C&D works including the works on the tower and roof. Stripping out 2008's refurbishment works our general expenditure was £160,105 against £155,790 in 2007.

The underlying shortfall in our general day to day running costs (i.e. the Unrestricted rather than the Restricted income and expenditure) was £3,593. This is still a deficit but is a better result than the £7,106 deficit in 2007 and much better than we feared it might be at the start of 2008.

Our largest expenditure is our Parish Share which was £73,690 (£67,586 in 2007).

In 2009 our Parish Share is £77,270, which is a 5% increase on last year and will be another major challenge to our Parish.

Our utilities bills and general maintenance costs amounted to £30,239, down on the £34,373 cost in 2007. In 2008 our administration & governance costs were £27,034 (£27,225 in 2007).

Balance Sheet

Fixed Assets

These comprise 6 High Park Road and our investments held with and managed by the CBF.

It is an odd accounting convention that property (in this case 6 High Park Road) is held at book value of £23,712. In fact the property was last valued in December 1999 by the estate agents Andrew Lodge at £225,000 and is worth much more today. Our Curates' Stipend Fund & Curate's Residence Fund is managed by the CBF and is now worth £94,628 down £23,106 on last year. These funds are managed by CBF and this loss in value, although very unfortunate, is broadly consistent with the loss in value of many investments held by organisations and individuals in the UK over the past year.

Current Assets

At year end our net current assets amounted to £178,731 (£95,302 in 2007), greatly helped by the organ fund donation referred to above.

Restricted Funds

The PCC has responsibility for four 'Restricted' funds:

1. Grahame Nash Will Trust: The parish has for many years been the beneficiaries of one third of the income from this trust for which the Diocese has been the custodial trustee. By agreement with the Diocese one third of the capital of the trust has been divested with the PCC. At year end this amounted to £93,102 (£112,328 in 2007). We are permitted to use the income only from this.
2. Charity for an Assistant Curate and other Ecclesiastical Purposes: In 1967 the Charity Commissioners agreed that capital from the charity amount of £2,005 could be used to defray costs for clergy house improvements but with a recoupment of that capital over a period of 30 years through investment with CBF (Church Board of Finance), administered by the CCLA. At the year end this amounted to £2,575 (£6,455 in 2007).
3. Conservation & Development fund: As at the end of 2008 this fund amounted to £6,029 (£3,131 in 2007).
4. St Andrew's Organ Fund: This fund holds the £100,000 gift referred to above and will hold any other donations given specifically for this purpose.

All monies in our 'Restricted' funds and the bulk of our general 'Unrestricted' fund is held and managed by the CCLA, as required by the Diocese.

Summary

As always I would like to take this opportunity to thank each and every one of you for your continued financial support of St Andrew's. We cannot survive and thrive without this support.

In common with many organisations and charities, St Andrew's Church is relatively asset rich but income poor. We cannot sell and realise the value of our assets and so are dependant upon the generosity of the congregation for our daily running costs.

In 2009 our major challenges are the ongoing repairs required by the Diocese's recent Quinquennial (five yearly) Inspection of St Andrew's, St Mary's and St Francis's. To date, because of lack of funds we have not carried out much of the work identified in the 2006 Diocese report on the condition of our buildings. The other major challenge is the £3,580 increase in our Parish Share.

I regret that, as last year, our budget is going to show a deficit and we will be using some of our savings to survive. We estimate that in 2009 our shortfall could be as much as £13,000 although we hope that, as in 2008, the final result will be better. I hope that we can all support the fund raising initiatives during the year, in particular the Parish Fayre and the Gift Day. This year Gift Day will be in the summer.

The survival of St Andrew's over the past few years has been, in part, due to a generous legacy of £60,000 that we received in 2005. Legacies are incredibly valuable and very greatly appreciated by St Andrew's. I would encourage people to think about whether they might support our church in this way. It may well help secure the future of St Andrew's.

Finally I would again like to record my thanks to Caroline Leishman, our wonderful parish administrator and book keeper and who carries out the daily management of the accounts. I am particularly indebted to her. I also want to record my thanks to Richard Haines who has been the covenants and giving secretary and has responsibility for GiftAid collection. This is a considerable task and all our thanks should go to him.

I would like to thank Harry Rice who continues to administer the envelope scheme so well. I would encourage those people for whom giving by Bankers Order is not appropriate to contact Harry on this scheme.

I would also like to thank Lynn Hutchings for her weekly assistance with collections, as well as the many others who have assisted in counting collections over the past year and Anne Mellow for administering the monthly office payroll. As always, without the support of this group of diligent volunteers we would not have coped.

Matthew Elliott - Treasurer

**FARNHAM PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2008**

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FARNHAM PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL PCC INFORMATION

Principal Address

Parish Office
The Rectory
Upper Church Lane
Farnham
Surrey GU9 7PW

Parochial Church Council Members

Members of the PCC are either ex-officio or elected by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting in accordance with the Church Representative Rules.

During the year the following served as members of the PCC:

The Reverend Andrew Tuck
The Reverend Joy Lievesley
The Reverend Dr Tim Rose

Churchwardens :

Malcolm Brett - term ended April 2008
Charlie Alcock
Maureen Grew - elected May 2008

Diocesan Synod Representative :

Sue Habgood
Serena Hutchinson

Deanery Synod Representatives :

Adam North
Jack Wingfield
Elise Marlow - elected April 2008
Jenny Grant - term ended April 2008
Lesley Whympier - term ended April 2008

PCC Representatives :

Alan Behagg - term ended April 2008
Elise Marlow - term ended April 2008
Richard Pink - term ended April 2008
Harry Rice
Debbie Wilde
Joanna Elliott
Brian Martin
Jenny Grant - elected April 2008
Richard Poppe - elected April 2008
Malcolm Brett - elected April 2008
Mary Haines - elected April 2008
Sally Heighington - elected April 2008

Honorary Treasurer : Matthew Elliott

Honorary Secretary : Barbara Haworth

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COUNCIL MEMBERS REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2009

1. Legal Status

Farnham Parochial Church Council is registered with the Charity Commission, charity number 248245, and forms part of the Diocese of Guildford.

2. Objects of the PCC

The PCC has the responsibility of co-operating with the incumbent Rector in promoting the whole mission of the church, pastoral evangelistic, social and ecumenical within the ecclesiastical parish. The PCC also has responsibility for the clergy house at 6 High Park Road, Farnham.

3. Achievements and Performance

Our work with children and young people continues to develop. There are increasing numbers of young families becoming involved with the life of the church. The church continues to attract visitors and has been an increasingly regular venue for town events, school events and concerts. The re-ordered church has been used as an exemplary model of good practice for a town centre re-ordered church. The new tower staircase and tower roof attract many visitors for supervised tower tours. We have successfully linked with other town centre churches for services and courses. A Parish Assistant was appointed for the period October 08 - July 09.

4. Financial Review

In 2008 we received £126,731 of 'Unrestricted' income for the general running of the church (£110,390 in 2007). Total income from investments was £5,970 (£6,909 in 2007).

5. Plans for Future Periods

The Vision 2010 programme continues to be our focus for the future. We will continue to observe major festivals and wherever possible to celebrate events as a parish. The project to re-build the church organ is in the advanced planning stage and it is hoped that work will commence later in the year. We continue to develop resources needed for mission and ministry of the parish and to improve links with other town centre churches

6. Investments

The restricted fund investments are held in Central Board of Finance Church of England Funds and COIF Charity Funds, until such time as monies are required to be expended for the purposes of those funds.

7. Reserves Policy

It is the policy of the PCC to maintain unrestricted funds, which are the free reserves, at a level which equates to nine months expenditure. This provides sufficient funds to cover ongoing charitable expenditure including the Parish share payable to the Diocese. At 31 December 2008, unrestricted funds amounted to £94,366.

8. Risks

The major risks to which the PCC is exposed, as identified by the PCC members, have been reviewed and systems have been established to mitigate those risks.

9. General

The financial statements comply with current statutory requirements, the requirements of the Statement of Recommended Practice and the Charity's governing document.

10. Members Appointments and New Members Proceedings

Members of the Parochial Church Council are elected each year at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting. Each member is elected for a period of three years. A new member must be proposed and seconded to be able to serve on the council. Members are replaced as they retire. Ex-officio members of the PCC include deanery and diocesan synod members, church wardens and clergy. Following the Annual Meeting and election of Council members there is a 'Commissioning of Church Officers' at the Parish Communion.

11. Council Members Responsibilities

The council members are required to prepare for each financial year, financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the PCC and of the results for the period. In preparing the financial statement the council members are required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;

- State whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that this basis applies.

The council members are responsible for ensuring proper accounting records are kept which disclose, with reasonable accuracy at any time, the financial position of the PCC. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the PCC and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Reverend A K Tuck
Chairman

Mr C Alcock
Churchwarden

Dated : 12 March 2009

REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT AUDITORS TO THE COUNCIL MEMBERS OF FARNHAM PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

We have audited the financial statements of Farnham Parochial Church Council for the year ended 31 December 2008 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet, the Statement of Total Recognised Gains and Losses and the related notes. These financial statements have been prepared under the accounting policies set out therein.

This report is made solely to the council members, as a body, in accordance with sections 43 and 44 of the Charities Act 1993. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the council members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditors' report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the PCC and the council members as a body for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Respective responsibilities of council members and auditors

The council members responsibilities for preparing the Council Members Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards are set out in the Statement of Council Members Responsibilities on page three.

Our responsibility is to audit the financial statements in accordance with relevant legal and regulatory requirements and International Standards on Auditing (UK and Ireland).

We report to you our opinion as to whether the financial statements give a true and fair view and are properly prepared in accordance with the Charities Act 1993. We also report to you if, in our opinion, the Council Members Annual Report is not consistent with the financial statements.

In addition we report to you if, in our opinion, the charity has not kept proper accounting records, or if we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

We read the Council Members Annual Report and consider the implications for our report if we have become aware of any apparent misstatements within it.

Basis of Audit Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK and Ireland) issued by the Auditing Practices Board. An audit includes examination, on a test basis, of evidence relevant to the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. It also includes an assessment of the significant estimates and judgements made in preparation of the financial statements, and of whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the PCC's circumstances, consistently applied and adequately disclosed.

We planned and performed our audit so as to obtain all the information and explanations which we considered necessary in order to provide us with sufficient evidence to give reasonable assurance that the financial statements are free from material misstatement, whether caused by fraud or other irregularity or error. In forming our opinion we also evaluated the overall adequacy of the presentation of the information in the financial statements.

Opinion

In our opinion the financial statements give a true and fair view of the state of the PCC's affairs as at 31st December 2008 and of its incoming resources and application of resources for the year then ended and have been properly prepared in accordance with the Charities Act 1993.

Wise & Co.
Chartered Accountants
Registered Auditors
Wey Court West
Union Road
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Surrey
GU9 7PT

Dated: 18 March 2009

**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31ST DECEMBER 2008**

	Notes	2008 Restaricted Funds £	2008 Unrestricted Funds £	2008 Total Funds £	2007 Total Funds £
INCOMING RESOURCES					
Incoming Resources from Generated Funds					
Donations - giving by bankers order		1,606	58,919	60,525	54,515
Income tax recoverable via Gift Aid		453	18,008	18,461	21,977
Donations - giving by Envelope		0	4,924	4,924	5,032
Collections at all services		0	17,223	17,223	18,228
Designated collections for charities		0	1,303	1,303	1,508
Sundry donations		1,645	10,634	12,279	8,418
Legacies and trusts	3	0	0	0	25,000
Donations & appeals		102,250	0	102,250	10,442
Grants received	2	20,000	9,750	29,750	0
Investment income	5	8,308	5,970	14,278	12,160
		134,262	126,731	260,993	157,280
Incoming Resources from Charitable Activities					
Magazines		0	2,532	2,532	2,507
Church hall lettings, rent, etc.	4	0	2,614	2,614	2,883
Parish Fayre Income		0	5,499	5,499	5,302
Gift Day Donations		0	4,555	4,555	7,617
Funeral and wedding fees received		0	12,900	12,900	18,251
Flowers and sundries		0	1,684	1,684	1,665
		0	29,783	29,783	38,225
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES		134,262	156,513	290,775	195,505
RESOURCES EXPENDED					
Costs of Generating Funds					
Young peoples activities		0	40	40	113
Magazine and appeal literature		0	1,088	1,088	951
		0	0	0	4,157
		0	1,128	1,128	5,221
Charitable Activities					
Missions and outreach	6	0	11,750	11,750	5,803
Ministry costs	7	0	79,443	79,443	72,682
Funeral and wedding fees paid		0	8,434	8,434	11,812
Refurbishment and enhancement	9	30,364	0	30,364	94,700
Church running expenses and repairs	10	0	30,239	30,239	34,373
Fundraising expenses		0	268	268	652
Bookstall expenses		0	433	433	0
Flowers and sundries		0	753	753	1,555
Depreciation on assets used for charitable activities		0	624	624	624
		30,364	131,943	162,307	222,201
Governance Costs	11	0	27,034	27,034	27,225
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED		30,364	160,106	190,469	254,647
NET (OUTGOING)/INCOMING RESOURCES		103,898	-3,592	100,306	-59,142
Net Gains / (Losses) on disposal of Investments		0	0	0	0
Unrealised Gains / (Losses) on Investments		-23,106	0	-23,106	2,846
Transfer between funds		0	0	0	0
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		80,792	-3,592	77,200	-56,295
FUNDS AT 1ST JANUARY 2008		121,914	97,958	219,871	272,011
FUNDS AT 31ST DECEMBER 2008		202,706	94,366	297,072	215,715

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.
All incoming resources and resources expended derive from continuing activities.

BALANCE SHEET FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2008		2008		2007	
	Notes	£	£	£	£
Fixed Assets					
Tangible Assets	12				
High Park Road			23,712		24,336
Other			0		
Investments	13				
Curates' Stipend Graham Nash Fund			83,418		102,644
Curates' Residence Fund			<u>11,210</u>		<u>15,090</u>
Total Fixed Assets			118,340		142,070
Current Assets					
Debtors	14	16,214		17,565	
Deposits with C.B.F. (General Fund)		44,959		85,928	
Deposits with C.B.F. (Restricted Fund)		102,812		1,321	
Cash at Bank and in Hand (General Fund)		9,669		5,834	
Cash at Bank (Restricted Fund)		3,607		4,428	
COIF deposit (Restricted Fund)		3,071		2,387	
Grahame Nash Will Trust Deposit with C.B.F.		<u>8,005</u>		<u>8,005</u>	
Total Current Assets		188,336		125,468	
Current Liabilities					
Bank Overdraft (General Fund)		0		0	
Other Loan	15	5,000		7,500	
Other Creditors		0		0	
Accruals		<u>4,605</u>		<u>22,666</u>	
		9,605		30,166	
Net Current Assets			178,731		95,302
Long Term Liabilities					
Other Loan	15		0		17,500
Net Assets			<u>297,072</u>		<u>219,872</u>
Restricted Funds					
Conservation and Development Fund					
Balance as at 1st January 2008		3,131		1,010	
Net Movement in Funds for the Year		<u>2,898</u>		<u>2,121</u>	
Balance as at 31st December 2008	16		6,029		3,131
Curates' Stipend Graham Nash Fund					
Balance as at 1st January 2008		112,328		110,761	
Net Movement in Funds for the Year		<u>-19,226</u>		<u>1,567</u>	
Balance as at 31st December 2008	16		93,102		112,328
Curates' Residence Fund					
Balance as at 1st January 2008		6,455		5,176	
Net Movement in Funds for the Year		<u>-3,880</u>		<u>1,279</u>	
Balance as at 31st December 2008	16		2,575		6,455
St Andrew's Tower Staircase Fund					
Balance as at 1st January 2008		-		30,000	
Net Movement in Funds for the Year		-		<u>-30,000</u>	
Balance as at 31st December 2008	16		-		0
St Andrew's Organ Fund					
Balance as at 1st January 2008		-		0	
Net Movement in Funds for the Year		101,000		0	
Balance as at 31st December 2008	16		<u>101,000</u>		<u>0</u>
			202,706		121,914
Unrestricted Funds					
General Fund					
Balance as at 1st January 2008			97,958		125,064
Net Movement in Funds for the Year			<u>-3,592</u>		<u>-27,106</u>
Balance as at 31st December 2008			<u>94,366</u>		<u>97,958</u>
			<u>297,072</u>		<u>219,872</u>

Reverend A K Tuck
Chairman
Dated : 12 March 2009

Mr M Elliott
Treasurer

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2008

1. Accounting Policies

a) Basis of Accounting

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

The accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention of accounting except for the valuation of investment assets, which are shown at market value.

b) Funds

General funds represent the funds of the PCC that are not subject to any restrictions regarding their use and are available for application on the general purposes of the PCC. These include funds designated for a particular purpose by the PCC.

Details of the nature and purpose of restricted funds are shown in note 16 to the accounts.

c) Incoming Resources

Donations, Legacies and Similar Resources

- i) Collections are included in the financial statements when received by or on behalf of the PCC.
- ii) Planned giving receivable under covenant is included in the financial statements only when received by the PCC.
- iii) Income tax recoverable on covenanted and gift aid donations is included in the financial statements when the income is received.
- iv) Legacy income is accounted for when receivable.
- v) Grant income is accounted for when receivable.

Income from investments, including interest received, is accounted for when due.

d) Fixed Assets

Depreciation is charged in accordance with accounting standards and is calculated on a straight line basis for the following category of fixed assets.

Freehold Property	- Over 50 years
Computer Equipment	- Over 3 years
Fixtures and Fittings	- Over 3 years

e) Investments

Investments are valued at their closing mid-market value at the Balance Sheet date. Any gains or loss on revaluation is taken to the Statement of Financial Activities.

f) Taxation

As a qualifying charity, the PCC is not liable to UK taxation.

2. Grants received

	2008	2007
	£	£
The Farnham (Building Preservation) Trust Ltd	7,500	0
The Farnham (Building Preservation) Trust Ltd - loans converted to grants	20,000	0
Church Cottage Trust	2,250	0
	<u>29,750</u>	<u>0</u>

3 Legacies and Trusts

	2008	2007
	£	£
Church House Trust - Conservation and Development Fund	0	25,000
Legacies - General Fund	0	0
	<u>0</u>	<u>25,000</u>

4. Church hall lettings, rent, etc.

	2008	2007
	£	£
St. Francis Hall lettings	749	1,057
Parish room lettings	1,665	1,826
High Park Road rental	200	0
	<u>2,614</u>	<u>2,883</u>

5. Investment income

	2008	2007
	£	£
Bank interest received	1,566	1,243
Interest on CBF deposits	10,831	9,924
Interest on income tax refunds	1,880	992
	<u>14,278</u>	<u>12,160</u>

6. Missions and outreach

	2008	2007
	£	£
Church Army	386	386
USPG	650	650
Childrens' Society	386	386
Friends of Sabeel	350	350
CMS	650	650
Bishop of Guildford's Foundation	386	386
Anglican Centre Rome	0	100
Hospice	786	0
St Andrews School	186	200
Christian Aid	3,142	650
Bells Piece	386	0
Disability Challengers	386	386
Guildford Diocese Bell Appeal	386	0
Potters Gate	186	186
Designated Collections for Charities	986	1,475
Other Donations	2,500	0
	<u>11,750</u>	<u>5,803</u>

7. Ministry costs

	2008	2007
	£	£
Parish share	73,690	67,586
Working expenses	5,753	5,096
	<u>79,443</u>	<u>72,682</u>

8. PCC Representatives' Remuneration

During the year, no remuneration was paid to the PCC Representatives (£nil - 2007).

9. Refurbishment and enhancement

	2008	2007
	£	£
Refurbishment of St. Andrews Church Conservation and Development Fund	30,364	61,700
St Andrew's Tower - Staircase Fund	0	33,000
	<u>30,364</u>	<u>94,700</u>

10. Church running expenses and repairs

	2008 £	2007 £
Heating, lighting and water	10,942	12,790
Heating, lighting and water - High Park Road	637	94
Repairs and maintenance	8,075	8,322
Repairs and maintenance - High Park Road	2,722	6,536
Insurance	7,864	6,631
	<u>30,239</u>	<u>34,373</u>

11. Governance Costs

	2008 £	2007 £
Parish office expenses	3,195	3,858
Auditors' remuneration	2,734	2,666
Depreciation on assets used for governance	0	112
Courses and sundries	979	2,010
Lay salaries		
Parish assistant	4,417	2,507
Organist	4,287	4,157
Parish administrator	11,063	11,455
Honoraria	360	460
	<u>27,034</u>	<u>27,225</u>

12. Tangible Fixed Assets

	Property	Freehold Fittings £	Fixtures & Equipment £	Computer Cost £	Total £
Cost					
As at 1st January 2008		31,200	792	4,956	36,948
Additions		0	0	0	0
Disposals		0	0	0	0
As at 31st December 2008		<u>31,200</u>	<u>792</u>	<u>4,956</u>	<u>36,948</u>
Depreciation					
As at 1st January 2008		6,864	792	4,956	12,612
Charge for the year		624	0	0	624
Eliminated on disposal		0	0	0	0
As at 31st December 2008		<u>7,488</u>	<u>792</u>	<u>4,956</u>	<u>13,236</u>
Net Book Value					
As at 31st December 2008		23,712	0	0	23,712
As at 31st December 2007		24,336	0	0	24,336

The freehold property comprises one clergy house within the parish.

The freehold property at 6 High Park Road was valued at £225,000 at 31 December 1999 by Andrew Lodge FNAEA.

13. Fixed Asset Investments

	£
<u>Market Value</u>	
As at 1st January 2008	117,734
Additions	0
Disposals	<u>0</u>
	<u>117,734</u>
Change in Market Value	<u>-23,106</u>
As at 31st December 2008	<u><u>94,628</u></u>
<u>Historical Cost of Investments</u>	
As at 1st January 2008	106,475
Additions	0
Disposals	<u>0</u>
As at 31st December 2008	<u><u>106,475</u></u>
<u>Analysis of Net Investment Losses</u>	
As at 1st January 2008	11,260
Unrealised gain/(loss) in year	<u>-23,106</u>
Unrealised gains (losses) at 31st December 2008	<u><u>-11,846</u></u>

A summary of investments held by fund is as follows:

	Cost £	Market Value £
<u>Curates' Stipend Graham Nash Fund</u>		
Central Board of Finance - Fixed Interest Securities Fund	26,329	25,142
Central Board of Finance - Investment Fund	<u>67,207</u>	<u>58,276</u>
	<u>93,535</u>	<u>83,418</u>
<u>Curates' Residence Fund</u>		
CCLA Investment Management Limited- COIF Charity Funds	<u>12,939</u>	<u>11,210</u>
	<u><u>106,475</u></u>	<u><u>94,628</u></u>

14. Debtors

	2008 £	2007 £
Income tax recoverable on covenants	14,339	17,565
Accrued income - use of car park	<u>1,875</u>	<u>0</u>
	<u><u>16,214</u></u>	<u><u>17,565</u></u>

The income tax recoverable has been estimated based on gift aid donations received in the year where the tax has not yet been claimed.

15. Loan

A loan received from The Farnham (Building Preservation) Trust Ltd during 2005 was due to be repayable in four equal instalments over the next four years. It was agreed with The Farnham (Building Preservation) Trust Ltd that no repayments be made in 2006, 2007 or 2008 and these foregone repayments be converted to grants. The last instalment of £5,000 remains as an outstanding balance in these accounts.

A further loan was received from The Farnham (Building Preservation) Trust Ltd during 2007, this loan was repayable in two equal instalments over the next two years. During 2008 it was agreed with The Farnham (Building preservation) Trust Ltd that the full value of this loan be converted to a grant.

16. Restricted Funds

a) Conservation and Development Fund

The Conservation and Development Fund has been established to pay for work associated with essential repairs to the roof and the tower, and for improvements and additions to the interior of St Andrews Church.

b) Curates' Stipend Graham Nash Fund

The Curates' Stipend Fund was created to provide funds to meet or assist in meeting the incumbents' or curates' stipends.

c) Curates' Residence Fund

The Curates' Residence Fund was created to provide funds to be applied towards the provision and maintenance of a residence for a curate and for any other ecclesiastical purpose.

d) St Andrew's Tower - Staircase Fund

During 2006, a donation was received for the purpose of constructing new stairs in the Tower of St Andrew's Church. This work was carried out during 2007.

e) St Andrew's Organ Fund

During 2008, donations were received for the purpose of restoring the organ in St Andrew's Church.

**RESTRICTED FUNDS MOVEMENT SUMMARY
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2008**

	Conservation and Development Fund £	Curates' Stipend Graham Nash Fund £	Curates' Residence Fund £	St Andrew's Tower Staircase Fund £	St Andrew's Organ Fund £	Total £
INCOMING RESOURCES						
Donations, Legacies and Similar Resources						
Donations - giving by bankers order	1,606	0	0	0	0	1,606
Income tax recoverable via Gift Aid	453	0	0	0	0	453
Sundry donations	1,645	0	0	0	0	1,645
Legacies and trusts	0	0	0	0	0	0
Donations, appeals, etc.	1,250	0	0	0	101,000	102,250
	4,954	0	0	0	101,000	105,954
Other voluntary income						
Grants received	20,000	0	0	0	0	20,000
	20,000	0	0	0	0	20,000
Income from Investments						
Bank interest received	868	0	0	0	0	868
Interest on CBF deposits	7,440	0	0	0	0	7,440
Investment income	0	0	0	0	0	0
	8,308	0	0	0	0	8,308
Gross Income from Events and Activities						
Miscellaneous	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Incoming Resources	33,262	0	0	0	101,000	134,262
RESOURCES USED						
Refurbishment and Repairs	30,364	0	0	0	0	30,364
St Andrews Church maintenance	0	0	0	0	0	0
St Francis Church maintenance	0	0	0	0	0	0
St Marys Church maintenance	0	0	0	0	0	0
Parish Rooms maintenance	0	0	0	0	0	0
High Park Road maintenance	0	0	0	0	0	0
Admin and opening expenses	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Resources Used	30,364	0	0	0	0	30,364
Net (Outgoing)/Incoming Resources	2,898	0	0	0	101,000	103,89
Gains/(Losses) on Investments						
Realised	0	0	0	0	0	0
Unrealised	0	-19,226	-3,880	0	0	-23,106
Transfer between Funds	0					0
Net Movements in Funds	2,898	-19,226	-3,880	0	101,000	80,792
Balance as at 1st January 2008	3,131	112,328	6,455	0	0	121,914
Balance as at 31st December 2008	6,029	93,102	2,575	0	101,000	202,706

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PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL REPORT

We started this year with the aims of the Vision 2010 project fresh in our minds and a lovely new staircase enabling everyone reasonably fit to get to the top of the church tower!

One of the main objectives of Vision 2010 was to increase interaction between St Andrew's and the community and Saturday coffee mornings were seen as an excellent way to promote this. Mary Haines held the first one in March, which included stalls selling cakes, Traidcraft goods and second-hand books. Tower tours were also on offer and proved an instant success. Coffee mornings on the second Saturday of each month are now a regular event.

There had also been a long-standing demand for a short, non-eucharistic family service at St Andrew's which Mary Haines was also keen to facilitate. Following much discussion, the services took off in July 2008, preceded by tea and cake, and have been enthusiastically attended ever since, bringing in new families to the church, particularly from our two schools.

The rebuilding of the organ has also been high on the agenda this year, although the design of the pipes and wooden casing, together with drawings for the necessary structural work, was the only preparatory work left outstanding. This was duly completed and the project sent to the Diocese for Faculty approval, as proposed and agreed at the September PCC meeting. It is hoped to receive this very soon, following which there will be a final assessment of the project and its updated costs by the Organ Committee and the PCC, and then, assuming everything is approved, the order will be placed with the builders, Principal Pipe Organs of York. They hope to start work at the end of 2009 and it is anticipated it will take approximately one year to complete.

The PCC has encouraged ongoing developments in children's services and activities, which are dealt with in more detail in other reports. In particular, the Baby and Toddler Group has moved to the Pavilions from the Parish Rooms on Monday mornings and Tim Rose reports that these are highly successful, bursting at the seams with small children plus their parents, grandparents and minders! Adam North is also doing well with the Seven Up group which he has recently taken over. Child Protection is an important issue and the PCC is kept informed by Janet Martin, our Child Protection Officer.

The Third Sunday All-Age service is constantly under review and it is planned to change it, with the approval of the congregation, to a first Sunday service and to introduce more "child-friendly" music, instruments etc. together with more child participation.

We have hosted the usual annual events, including the ever popular Summer Fayre, St Andrew's Day celebrations plus many concerts and other activities.

One special event, with a high profile in the town and even nationally, was the Mike Hawthorn Memorial Service in January, celebrating the 50th anniversary of his death, when the church was packed with racing aficionados, including Stirling Moss, Damon Hill and quite a few PCC members!

The PCC continues to try and facilitate enjoyable and stimulating worship at St Andrew's, St Francis' and St Mary's, whilst maintaining the fabric of the churches and other aspects of parish life, within the year's budget. We are lucky to have a band of enthusiastic and dedicated members, representing a wide age range and thus supporting a variety of facilities and activities. We sadly lose Harry Rice and Debbie Wilde, who complete their three-year term this April, and look forward to welcoming two new members to take their place. Please come forward at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting on 26th April if you would like your name to go forward for election.

Barbara Haworth - PCC Secretary

DEANERY SYNOD REPORT

There have been three meetings of Synod since our last APCM.

The Deanery Synod meetings serve to establish good relationships between the parishes in the Deanery itself and at the last two meetings excellent presentations were made by Ron Wood and Jonathan Still.

In October, members were entertained to a splendid presentation by Revd Ron Wood, who is the Rector of Seale, Puttenham and Wanborough and a professional published cartoonist and writer. Ron produces the "St Gargoyle's" cartoons in the "Church Times". He bases them around real and imagined happenings in church life – such as the discovery of the remains of a horse in the churchyard of one of his parishes while excavating for a human grave! He had us all laughing heartily.

Karen Hutchinson reported on the Diocesan Synod of 18th Oct. Concerns about the budget had been heard, and the headline increase in share was to be 4.4%. The bishops had reflected on the Lambeth Conference and its structure of informal conversation.

Changes in the Marriage preliminaries were reported. Authoritative details are available on the CofE website Anglican.org under 'Marriage Measure'.

Nasir Virgi proposed our Lay Co-Chair Rob Miles for the vacant seat on Diocesan Synod – which was unanimously approved.

At the most recent meeting on February 11th, our Rural Dean Rev Jonathan Still, gave a fascinating presentation (with superb photographs) of the recent clergy

visit to Poland. He showed towns, villages, new and old churches – all with shrines, chapels, statues, pictures, and 'icons' dedicated to Pope John Paul II and the Papal 'colours' were everywhere. He also showed views of the crumbling, abandoned Nazi death camps – a 'sobering' demonstration of Man's inhumanity to Man! All in all, it was a very good evening – but we didn't have a photograph of the 'Firey Dragon' of Krakow!

The most relevant observation of your Deanery Representative is that there is insufficient inter-communication of happenings between Diocesan Synod and Deanery.

Jack Wingfield

DIOCESAN SYNOD REPORT

This year Synod has met at The University of Surrey, The Cathedral, Claygate and Woking. Inevitably in the current Financial environment most of the discussions have centred around the Diocesan budget, parish share, clergy pensions, the number of Ordinands and the restructuring of the Bishop's Council now that many of the previous committees no longer exist. At the meeting last June details were given for the Pre - Lambeth hospitality in the Diocese. We have had reports from our Representatives at General Synod as well as updates on the continued Mission & Evangelism, Education and Properties within the Diocese.

Sue Habgood

PASTORAL CARE REPORT

Pastoral Care

Pastoral care within our parish is shared by us all, we look out for one another, offer neighbourly care, transport and support during periods of difficulty or illness. Do please bring new situations to our attention so that visits and support can be arranged and particular needs met.

Home Communion

An important part of our ministry is to visit people in their homes when sickness or infirmity makes it impossible for them to be with us on Sundays. The continuing contact with St. Andrew's is much appreciated. Please make contact with us if you know of anybody who needs such support. We visit several nursing homes in the town as well and we are very grateful for the help and support of our pastoral assistant Serena Hutchinson in sharing in this and for giving us so much of her time.

Hospital Chaplaincy

I make two visits each week to Farnham Hospital, visiting in-patients and offering a communion service for those who wish to attend. I am very grateful again to Serena in helping me with this. We are always available for emergency visits too. Jenny Grant is a volunteer visitor at Frimley Park and is a very helpful link for us with patients there.

Marriage Preparation

We devote much time to meeting with couples in preparation for marriage. Clergy arrange meetings to suit each couple's needs and Stephen helps them as they choose their music.

Baptism

Baptism visiting is an important area of our pastoral care. We have many requests for baptism; it is often the first contact new families make with us. It is always a delight to visit them at home to get to know them better and to explain the baptism service to them. We give this work much of our time.

The coffee mornings for new parents and their babies/pre-school children are well established and are now held weekly in the pavilions on Monday mornings. They offer an opportunity for informal chat and making friends amidst the boxes of toys.

Baptism, of course is not just for infants, we look forward to adult baptisms and confirmations this year. Do ask the clergy if this is a step you would like to take.

Joy Lievesley

CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE

Children's Church

We have been blessed by a few new volunteers joining the team this year, but the main responsibility of leading each term has tended to fall to a small number of very hard working people with Sally Heighington leading over half of the sessions this term alone. Adam and I have each taken the older group a few times, but we will need more leaders if Children's Church is to continue to provide Christian teaching and worship for our children aged 4-14 for three sessions per month. To this effect we are considering a little re-organisation which will include forming a small Children's Church Co-ordinating Group to share the responsibilities of leadership and organisation.

Crèche

A staffed crèche has run normally three Sundays each month during term time

and the blue room has been open for young children and parents/carers to hide away in during All Age Services and the school holidays. There are currently ten CRB vetted regular helpers on the rota, although a couple of families have now moved to other churches and three helpers have decided to come off the rota for a while. The numbers of pre-school children varies each week from a handful to a room full and we are glad to be able to provide this important service on a Sunday morning.

Baby & Toddler Group

Numbers had decreased dramatically over last year and the parish rooms had proved to be a less than ideal location. Sarah and a few others decided that a few changes were necessary and since September the Baby & Toddler Group has been in the pavilions, the toys have been cleaned, broken ones thrown away, new toys (including a slide!) donated and Serena Hutchinson kindly agreed to organise a rota of church members to make refreshments. We have been very encouraged by the large increase in numbers and get 11-28 preschool children plus parents/carers each Monday during term time, including many from outside the church. So, if you find yourself at a loose end between 10am and noon on a Monday why not pop in and pay us a visit?

Tim Rose

Activities For Pre-School Children

Story time is an hour long session for Mothers, Fathers, Grandparents or Childminders and their pre school children and babies. It is held in the church on alternate Thursday afternoons (term time only) from 2 to 3pm. Leaflets with the dates on are always available at the back of the church.

Once again we have had another year of fun at story time. Babies from a year ago are now walking and talking, fully participating, and I quite often think the older pre school children are so keen and confident they are without doubt capable of running the entire session unaided! They are a joy to watch and I extend a warm invitation to you all to pop in and breathe in their energy and enthusiasm!

Our session starts with some singing accompanied with well rehearsed /favourite actions and this is followed by a very short and simple bible story. I always try to bring the story alive with extra visual aids and audience participation is very much encouraged. The children are normally clambering over one another to help or to 'have their turn'! We have a prayer, further singing and the occasional hunt around the church i.e. for the lost sheep! Finally the children love the fun and games with our colourful parachute before moving onto a craft activity always based on our story. We end with a chat over a cup of tea and a piece of cake and free play for the children. It's always lovely to meet new people and

we have such fun, if you haven't been before and you are able to come, I urge you to come and join us!

Joanna Elliott

Youth Group - 7 Up

The Church youth group 7 up has this year moved from the Haines house in to the parish rooms at St Andrews on the 2nd Friday evening of the month. The group appears to get on very well together and enjoy each others company we normally watch a DVD eat too much popcorn and drink lots of hot chocolate. Although now the better weather is arriving we can plan to do more with the teenagers. We have thought that it would be a nice idea if we encouraged the teenagers to be more socially active and to encourage some social responsibility by encouraging them to raise money for Christian aid week. And as I write this report we are currently in talks with FCCT about seeing what support guidance and nurture they can offer to the 7 up group, this is because this year sees more of our youngsters reaching school year 7 and so we need to plan ahead so that we can make the group as teenager centred as possible. However as with any group in the church we are lacking volunteers and need adults to help supervise so if you can spare even one evening a year to help supervise the teenagers we would be grateful.

Adam North

Child Protection

Janet Martin continues to be the Child Protection Officer and reviews and updates policy and advises the PCC. We are grateful to Janet for giving her time to this important task.

Children in Communion

Four of our children Jonathan Adams, Nicholas Elliott, Phoebe Heveron and Robbie Lee received communion for the first time on the 31st August 2008. They met together on several occasions to prepare for this day. We shared our understanding of the communion service, enjoyed making bread together and learnt more about each other. It is an important stage in the children's faith journey made with the support of their families and the continuing support of all of us. They are a delightful group of young people; we all enjoyed their special day very much.

Joy Lievesley

ADULT EDUCATION

Tuesday Groups

The Tuesday Groups have met as usual on the first Tuesday of the month in the pavilions. We have two quite different groups, one during the day proceeded by coffee and followed by lunch and one evening meeting where a cup of coffee and/or a glass of wine help the conversation flow. So far this year we have been reading through Mark's Gospel with a little help from the *Christianity Explored* course, an excellent introduction to being a Christian written by Rico Tice from the famous All Souls Church in Langham Place in London. I would like to thank Jack and Angela Wingfield, Elise Marlow, Maureen Grew and Evelyn O'Connell for all their hard work and constant support in making the Tuesday Groups run so smoothly again this year. Everybody is welcome and we have attracted a few people from outside of St Andrew's church. It has been a privilege to gather to read God's word, pray together and chat over some food and drink and I look forward to the groups resuming after Easter.

Tim Rose

MISSION AND OUTREACH

St Andrew's continues to be used by many groups promoting the church's work of mission and outreach. The two church schools continue to use the church building for their school services and project work and we have had an increasing number of children from other schools visiting the church for their studies.

The church is also regularly used as a venue for voluntary groups in Farnham and local charities. Many organisations have reported what an excellent facility the church is for concerts which are open to all in Farnham..

The parish has continued to support a number of charities, agreed by the PCC. The major recipients were

Open Book Project, North India (USPG)
Kiwoko Hospital, Uganda (CMS)
Land Rights in the Philippines (Christian Aid)

Please see financial notes for a full list of other charities supported by our parish.

The annual house to house collection for Christian Aid raised over £3,000, including gift aid. Thank you to all distributors, organisers and bankers. In addition a sum of just under £2500 was collected for Christian Aid projects at the Christmas services - with gift aid the total will rise to just under £3,000.

Special thanks to Kath Squirrel for her annual Coffee Morning in aid of Dr Barnardo's. Thank you also to Maureen Grew and Stella Barter for their

commitment to the Shoe Box Appeal at Christmas and of course Stella's continuing work for The Children's Society. We are delighted that Amnesty International continue to use the church for their special meetings and events.

I was privileged to visiting a number of theological colleges and universities in my capacity as a trustee of the Mylne Trust. This experience gave me a fascinating insight into theological education in East Africa. I also joined a group of clergy on a short conference in October - entitled, 'Soul in Europe'. We were able to gain an insight into the spiritual life of Poland following their terrible years under fascist and communist oppression. It was also fascinating to see our own country through the eyes of Eastern Europe.

If you feel you could help in promoting Mission and Outreach within the wider parameters of Peace, Justice and the Environment, please speak to the clergy. It would be really good to get a small group together to promote these issues. After my visits last year I can't over emphasise how valuable it was to me to make direct contact with Christians in other parts of the world and it would be a wonderful thing if individuals or groups from our parish could have a similar experience.

Andrew Tuck

SOCIAL COMMITTEE

The Social Committee has settled into a yearly routine now with most functions dictated by the Liturgical calendar. With limited committee members and the lack of mobility on my part for a great deal of 2008 other events took a back seat last year

Our year started with the very special Easter morning breakfast, a really feel good start to the Eater Day celebrations. Dedication Lunch was served to about 90 in May. The Parish Fayre in September was as usual a mammoth task, with salad lunches in the grounds and Cream Teas in the Pavilion. The lunches take quite a lot of prior preparation and having to keep food cool in the kitchen means many miles must be walked in the course of the day. The cream teas are a great fund raiser and this year were manned by a team of "extras" – so thank you for your help.

Tim continued with his Bible Study sessions on the first Tuesday of every month and the lunchtime study groups have soup with rolls served afterwards. Particular thanks go to Evelyn O'Connell and Angela Winfield for their soup skills.

In October we catered for the United Churches lunch which unfortunately was not as well supported as we had planned for. The Memorial Tea was well attended with sandwiches provided by the Committee and cakes by the Parishioners. The St Andrew's night celebration was a very lively affair with

Scottish dancing followed by the Community Voices Choir. We then sat down to a hot meal and deserts for about 100. The Darkness to Light service was followed by Gaelic Coffee and Shortbread. Mulled Wine and Mince Pies were served after the Carols by Candlelight service.

Five Lent lunches of soup and rolls are in progress after the Ecumenical group discussions.

I would like to thank Myra Alcock, Caroline Rigby, Diane Ashcroft, Millie Mound, Michelle Maher and Pam Ramsey for all their support .I would also like to thank everyone who regularly volunteers to make a cake or do the washing up etc, you certainly help to lighten our load.

In between these functions we have assisted with catering at several funerals and thanksgiving services.

Thanks also go to the stalwart bunch of people who provide a very welcome coffee etc. after the Sunday morning service. If you feel you would like to join us please contact me, more helpers mean we can put on more events.

Maureen Grew

WOMEN'S BREAKFAST

The Women's Breakfast continues to flourish by offering the chance for parishioners and visitors to come along and enjoy breakfast in the Church Pavilions on a Saturday morning at 9am. Held bi-monthly on the first Saturday of the month, the six meetings usually incorporate a short talk by either a member of the group or a visitor. During 2008 the group invited the Chief Executive of Disability Challengers who spoke about the successful opening of the project based in Farnham for children and its aims for the future. At the August meeting, Andrew and Angela kindly opened the Rectory garden for an early morning BBQ, which was enjoyed by many despite the final onset of rain! Maureen Grew, one of our Churchwardens, gave an interesting account about her most recent adventures in Honduras and at another meeting Angela Pelys-David spoke about the historical buildings in Farnham. At the Christmas meeting Sue Aston once again demonstrated her floral art skills by making and raffling her exhibits. The programme for 2009 has been circulated and the first meeting was somewhat thwarted when "snow stopped play." However not to be outdone, the meeting took place on the first Saturday in March, when the topic was "Valentine Cards" – just one month late! Other topics this year include "King Arthur", "Civil Registration" and "Operation Christmas Child". Any funds generated from the meetings are voted for by the group and put towards local charities. The breakfast is a very informal and friendly affair and everyone is invited to attend – new and old faces will be most welcome.

Diana Martin

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Objective

The objective of the Finance Group of St Andrew's parish church is to meet the needs of the ministry of the parish as defined by the Diocese and the Parochial Church Council in order to further the work of God.

Tasks

The Finance Group shall be accountable to the Parochial Church Council.

Under the direction of the Parochial Church Council, and with its authorisation, the Finance Group shall:

Have responsibility for the efficient and effective running of all financial matters relating to the parish.

Determine budgets, agree expenditure and supervise the probity of all financial matters under the authority of the Parochial Church Council.

Be responsible for all aspects of fund raising in the parish.

Composition of the Finance Committee

The Finance Group will consist of:

The Treasurer

The Rector

Any clergy nominated by the Rector

The two Church Wardens

The Secretary for Stewardship

The Secretary for Gift Aid

Any person co-opted onto the Finance Group in order to meet its objectives

Reporting

The Finance Group will, through the Treasurer, report to the Parochial Church Council.

Groups formed within the Church to raise or dispose of funds for St Andrews Parish Church will only do so under the guidance of the Finance Group. Such groups should work through the Finance Group to meet their respective objectives.

Matthew Elliott

PROPERTY MANAGEMENT

St Andrew's Church - Work continues to be carried out in line with the recommendations in the Quinquennial report for all three churches. We are also grateful to the services of Richard Pink who has maintained the gutters. Also special thanks to Adam North and to Lesley Whympier and her team who continue to keep the interior of the building spick and span. Lesley would love to recruit more people to her team - please speak to her if you are interested.

St Andrew's Churchyard - The churchyard continues to be maintained and in particular work on the Lime trees on the south side of the church will begin soon under the direction of Waverly Borough Council. There is still work to complete on the tomb restoration programme. This year the snowdrops in the churchyard bloomed, they were a welcoming sign that Spring is on it's way.

St Francis Church and Hall - Thank you to the regular worshipers at St Francis who keep the church and vestry clean and tidy. We are very grateful to Mr & Mrs Peerman for all their help with the maintenance of St Francis Hall.

St Mary's Church - The wall in St Mary's was repaired at Christmas and the outside foliage was cut back as part of our Quinquennial requirements. Our continued thanks to the faithful group at St Mary's who maintain the interior of the church in preparation for the monthly service and to Revd James Anderson who continues to preside over services at St Mary's.

6 High Park Road – During the past year work has been carried out within the property due to a small flood. The fence in the garden was repaired and replaced due to wind damage during 2007. During the coming year we will have to replace the boiler which is not working efficiently due to age. We continue to maintain the property as required.

Church Cottages - The two cottages in Church Passage are the responsibility of the Church Cottage Trust, the trustees being the incumbent and churchwardens. They are maintained by PJB Estate Management.

The Rectory and Parish Rooms

We continue to set an interior maintenance programme for the Rectory and Parish Rooms. This year we may face additional expense due to a damp problem in both the rectory and parish rooms, we will be liaising with the Diocese on this matter.

Andrew Tuck

TOWER AND BELLS

I usually end my report with an invitation to join us. This year though let me begin by saying that, if you're curious to learn more about the art, science and enjoyment of ringing church bells, you'll be very welcome in our tower. We're a happy and remarkably normal bunch and we do need two more people to ensure we can ring all the bells at St. Andrew's. The core band is Peter Felton, Richard and Robert Moyse, John Basher, David Latter, Dick Crowther, Paul Whewell and myself. Eight ringers for ten bells is less than ideal, as you might imagine. The fact that the band is entirely male is not intentional . bell-ringing is not a matter of great strength, in fact brawn is the least of the qualities required. You do not need to be a musician, but if you appreciate music you'll certainly enjoy good ringing. You can come along on a Tuesday evening at 7:30pm . entry is via the door on the northern side of the tower. Equally you can telephone me on 07765 258458 to arrange a visit.

Looking back over the past twelve months, the highlight is surely the installation of ten new bell ropes which have made the process of ringing that much more enjoyable. We are grateful to the PCC for their invaluable help in this. The rope is what makes ringing possible - as a rope is to a bell-ringer so a bow is to a violinist. The similarities end there though as we don't have to try and tuck the bell under our chin. A badly worn rope makes ringing the bells difficult and also introduces an unwanted element of risk, so ropes in good order are vital. The new ropes are made to a very old, very high standard from flax yarn. Modern technology allows that the upper length, which has to pass through the hole in the ringing chamber ceiling, up through another floor and then around the wheel that holds the bell, can be made from polyester. This means less wear over time, so the ropes stay at their best for much longer. This is very good news. The basics of bell-ringing can be learned quickly, but bell-ringing itself is a continuous path of discovery. Even the most experienced ringers are learning new things and we have a broad range of experience within the band, regularly making progress. I am as ever indebted to Peter Felton for this . his teaching is a major reason why people continue to come to practice and to learn on Tuesday evenings and to apply their skills for Sunday service ringing. In summary I would say that it has been a steady year for the bells and for the bell-ringing at St. Andrew's. We're not where we want to be in terms of numbers but what we have, we make the best use of. Looking forward as always to the coming year.

Ian Boyd-Livingston

MUSIC

This choir and music report will be brief, as our activities remain fundamentally the same. However, our numbers of both adults and children alike continue to grow, as does, I feel the standard of music at St Andrews. If you have any views

regarding the music here, please let me know, it will be good to have your input - constructive of course!

Stephen Lacey

POTTERS GATE PRIMARY SCHOOL

We have enjoyed another busy and successful year at Potters Gate. The hard work of children, staff, parents and governors was acknowledged when in July 2008 we were visited by Ofsted. We were all delighted that they recognised us as a good school and regarded several aspects of our school life as excellent. Our church inspection in September 2008 assessed us to be an outstanding church school. We are grateful to all who contribute towards the life of the school; staff, volunteers, parents and friends.

Since September we have made some changes to the way that we deliver the curriculum. The children have enjoyed spending more time on subjects and the inclusion of more practical activities in their learning. This term each class has learned about a continent, this will culminate in a Global Day when we will have our special passport stamped as we visit other counties to admire each other's work. We have been awarded our bronze eco schools award and are working towards our silver award. We now have a vegetable garden and are enthusiastic composters and recyclers.

The children have taken part in several community projects this year. The choir and children in Year 6 have sung to elderly residents of Farnham at residential homes and Brightwells Day Centre. On a very hot afternoon in June the choir took part in the Festival of Transport. Our harvest festival was held in St Andrews church and food and toiletry items were donated to the Hampshire Youth Bureau for distribution to young people in need. The school dance clubs performed in a spectacular dance show to raise a significant sum of money for the Help for Heroes charity. At Christmas the children filled 73 shoe boxes with gifts for the Operation Christmas Child project. In the spring term the children held a monkey day to raise money for a primate sanctuary in South Africa. In the summer the Farnham carnival was again a highlight. Over 200 adults and children took part in our float when we celebrated "Carnivalia" a celebration of Brazilian carnival. Our 2009 float is already under construction!

The construction of our Children's Centre building was very delayed but it is now finished and the first activities have begun. A computer course, parenting course and a group for parents of children with special needs have started. Stay and play sessions for children under 5 and their parents start in April. The official opening will be on the afternoon of Friday 12th June at 2.30pm. Do come along and see what is on offer or visit our website.

The enthusiastic Friends of Potters Gate arranged yet another spectacular

fireworks display in November which was a real success. They also organised a magical Christmas fair, with a winter wonderland leading to Santa's grotto. The spring Fair will be held on Saturday 9th May 2.00-4.00pm. You are all welcome to come along and meet us and see the school.

Thank you for the support that the congregation and clergy of St Andrews give to our school.

Jane Whittington - Headteacher

ST ANDREW'S INFANT SCHOOL

St Andrew's School has had another busy and very successful year, rounding off with an Ofsted inspection in early March and an Anglican Church School inspection to come before the end of term. We are looking forward to good reports when they are published in a few weeks.

Thanks to the ongoing fund raising efforts of our parents, led by the Project 2010 committee and many local charities, we were able to begin work on our long awaited mezzanine floor last July. We expect it to be completed in this year's summer holidays and are looking forward to utilising the extra space which two extra group teaching areas and a new staff/meeting room will provide. Once this first phase of our building project is completed we will focus on plans for 2010, our 150th anniversary year. We are looking forward to welcoming many past pupils, staff and friends to the events being planned for the celebration.

The children and their families have enjoyed celebrating special days with assemblies in the church and it was a full house for our nativity play at Christmas. The Rector has been very supportive to the parents by allowing them to use the church for fund raising events such as our recent quiz night, and a coffee morning, last September, which formed part of the 'Biggest Coffee Morning in the World' raising money for McMillan Cancer Support. He is also helping the school meet the standards for Healthy School's accreditation by composting the remains of the children's daily free fruit; something that can't be done at school because the site is too small.

Although it is a long walk to our allotment on West Street the children are developing into keen gardeners and are looking forward to this year being the most productive so far. In working towards achieving Healthy School status much enrichment work has been going on about healthy eating and last year we joined forces with Juiced, the smoothie shop on Downing Street, to create healthy smoothies. A competition was held and the winner from each class had their recipes put on the menu for a month.

Unfortunately this year got off to a bad start for me with a fall that resulted in me breaking my hip. In my absence the staff, governors and parents all pulled together to ensure the smooth running of the school. We are very grateful to

Jayne Whittington, headteacher of Pottersgate School who proved to be a good neighbour by being on standby to offer advice if needed. Thankfully I am on the road to recovery and hope to return full time after Easter.

Mary McGrath - Headteacher

FRIENDS OF ST ANDREW'S

This year has seen the usual blend of things that worked out well - and things that did not. Our greatest achievement was undoubtedly the help we gave towards the staircase up to the top of the tower. We funded a feasibility study by Ptolemy Dean, and this showed that a staircase could be made to fit into the space available - just! So the stair case was built and it has proved of increasing popularity; more and more people want to 'go up the tower'. It should be noted that FoStA could not of course pay for the staircase itself; the construction was rendered possible by a generous gift from the Nash family. But from our own funds and from various donations received, FoStA helped to push the project along towards fruition.

Our activity in this regard shows clearly the role that FoStA can play in furthering our aims of supporting the maintenance and development of the church fabric, and of encouraging its use by the whole community.

Little space remains; but (for the record) the outing to Canterbury, and the Autumn concert did not take place - but this will be rectified this year. The Summer luncheon was, as always, greatly enjoyed. The AGM provided more matter of interest than most AGM's - thanks to the talk on St Thomas a Beckett given by our Rector.

With attention being given to a further project - of which more anon - and with various activities 'under construction', we look forward to the year 2009.

David Latter

RECTORS REVIEW

How does one measure the vitality of a Parish Church? Is it the number of baptisms, weddings and funerals that take place each year? Is it the depth of the engagement with the local community? Is it the way in which people in need are supported? Is it the teaching and preaching, the quality of worship? Is it the work with young people? Is it the depth of the spirituality of the prayer life of the parish? Is it the success of parish events? Or the welcome that visitors receive? Is it the support that the church gives to overseas projects? Is it the financial commitment that parishioners make? None of these things stand alone but together they can, or they should, represent a community of real people living in the real world attempting to follow the example of Jesus, the Word of God made flesh.

In the past year the parish has been engaged to a greater or lesser extent in all aspects of church life. We have achieved more in some areas than others but overall this report reflects the deep commitment and hard work of many people. What has been achieved is impressive.

This year has been challenging for the whole church worldwide on two fronts. The fallout from the 2008 Lambeth Conference which so dominated the news could have split the church and the collapse of financial security after many years of stability has hit us all. In all this uncertainty the church of God is called to be faithful. As someone or somebody said 'when the going gets tough, the tough get going' but then don't let's forget that it's only by the grace of God that we get going at all.

New Activities

Turning to our parish affairs it's good to report a number of new initiative this year; Saturday morning Coffee and Tower Tours, Sunday afternoon Service and Tea for Families, St Andrew's Book Club, - our thanks to Mary Haines who has taken the lead with these events.

Use of Church

The church is increasingly being used by local organisations including; Farnham Arts Festival, Farnham Festival, Phyllis Tuckwell Hospice, Choral Societies, FCCT, CTF, local schools and educational events for the Deanery and Diocese.

Art Students

Students from UCCA regularly use the church and grounds for films, documentaries, it is a joy to see their enthusiasm for their studies and their appreciation of being made welcome.

Friends of St Andrew's

FoStA are now actively seeking funding for the new organ case. Work to the re-building is due to begin towards the latter part of this year.

Ministry Team

This year the PCC has supported Adam North while he explores his future vocation. Adam was appointed as a Parish Assistant with part funding by the parish and part funding by a church trust. Adam has a weekly placement at Frimley Park Hospital, a weekly placement at Potters Gate School, and he is also attending a Guildford Diocesan Ministerial Course each week. Adam's overall progress is supervised by me personally, it is refreshing to have the opportunity to be able to supervise a young person exploring ministry.

The parish has recently offered a three month placement to Jutta Johnson. Jutta is training to become a Reader in her home parish of Seale, Sands, Wanborough and Puttenham. Her time in the parish has enabled her to have an insight into the life of a parish which is different from her own.

We would greatly benefit from more pastoral assistants. If you are interested in finding out more about this role please speak to me as soon as possible. A new course begins in September but applications need to be in soon.

Worship

During major festivals such as Advent, Christmas, Lent, Holy week and Easter heavy demands are made on the clergy, choir, servers, sidespersons, and the parish office.

Good links have been maintained with the local churches, in particular the URC, the Methodist church and St Thomas on the Bourne. The clergy have appreciated worshipping together on Monday mornings and Thursday mornings for morning prayer and have shared together Monday morning breakfast.

Groups

Small groups are a great way to enjoy fellowship and to explore in a safe environment the Christian faith and it's relevance for today. During the past year there have been groups on Tuesday lunchtimes and evenings and during lent on three different days at three different venues. During Lent the dialogues on Sunday mornings during the 10am Parish Communion have continued with discussions over coffee. There are plenty of good courses available for small groups, hopefully others may be able to start during the coming year.

Young People

Children and young peoples work is a very important part of our parish life and this year our Archbishop in his new year message stressed just how important it was. We must all be very grateful that we have a team of people at St Andrew's committed to working with children and young people, it is a challenging but very important task.

Important Events

The church year provides a great opportunity for services and celebrations. During the year we have observed Epiphany, Candlemas, the great festivals of Christmas and Easter, Pentecost, St Andrew's Day and Advent. We have also enjoyed joint services with the URC and Methodist churches followed by a shared lunch. We have also celebrated The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, Christian Aid Week and One World Week.

Church Schools

Our two church school, St Andrew's and Potters Gate have both had very successful years. Potters Gate continues to flourish in all aspects of it's life under the leadership of Jane Whittington and St Andrew's is making excellent progress with their 2010 building project which the parish has supported by making available the church for a number of fundraising activities. The head teacher Mary McGrath is now back part time following her recent accident.

Communication

Our church website is greatly appreciated and is often held up as a model church site. It is kept up to date weekly so do make use of it: www.standrewsfarnham.org There are many aspects of communication in our parish, weekly newsletter, parish magazine, noticeboards, leaflet drops, all of which are important and much appreciated.

Like all organisations we strive to get the balance right between good communication and being conservative with paper production. This year the annual report has been reduced to an A5 format which will take less ink and paper to reproduce. The report will also be available online on our website and all parishioners who have submitted an e-mail address will be notified when it is available, a hard copy will only be printed for them on request. We will of course continue to accommodate parishioners who do not have access to the internet as we would not want to exclude anyone.

Parish Re-ordering

Many churches in our own diocese some from further away, including Winchester, Portsmouth, Southampton and Northampton, are embarking on re-ordering their churches. St Andrew's is being held up as a good place to visit following the success of our own re-ordering and the diverse use of the church.

During the past year we have had a number of layouts for services. This has enabled us to find ways in which our worship can be enriched during different seasons of the year.

Remembering

Sadly this year a number of faithful members of the church and others associated with the parish have died including: Abigail Cleaver, Gillian Cloughley, Bill Donaldson, Tim Ealand, Alan Elphick, Walter Goodwin, Gordon Harris, Robin Vega, Peter Thomas, Jean Toop and Tony Porter.

We give thanks to God for all that they have contributed to the life of the parish of Farnham and the wider community and we offer our sympathy to their families and friends.

Thank You

There really are too many people to thank individually for the ongoing life of our parish, which in itself is a tribute to its vitality, so I'd just like to say to each and every person who has taken on tasks and responsibilities in the past year - **a very big thank you.**

However, it would be remiss of me not to mention my gratitude for the support of my clergy colleagues, the ministry team, the churchwardens, church officers, office staff and my wife, Angela, and family.